



## 2026 Bands of America Honor Band in the Rose Parade Final Packet

### **BANDS OF AMERICA HONOR BAND CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### **HOTEL AND HEADQUARTERS**

**Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92840**  
**Do not contact the hotel directly.**

**BANDS OF AMERICA EVENT HOTLINE – 877.643.6043 - begins on 12/25/2025**

## **EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

- **EMERGENCY CONTACT:** In the event of an emergency, Music for All will contact the "Primary Contact" listed in your student's registration. This contact will be verified at check-in.
- **ISSUES:** If a student has an issue, they should speak with their chaperone first. The chaperones will then communicate with our nurses or Bands of America staff. Parents/Guardian will be contacted if necessary. To ensure timely help, students should not contact parents before involving camp staff.

## **ARRIVAL INFORMATION**

- **AIRPORT ARRIVALS:** Music for All will meet participants upon arrival to SNA LGB, and LAX. ALL STUDENTS MUST DEPART THE GATE AREA AND COME TO BAGGAGE CLAIM. Shuttle service to/from the hotel will be provided by Music for All at no additional cost. Advanced reservations are required, but physical tickets are not needed.
  - **Specific shuttle information will be provided in an additional email prior to your arrival in California.**
- **DRIVING INFORMATION:** Students driving themselves are required to check in their car keys with BOA Staff upon arrival - no student is allowed to drive once they arrive.  
Students will pick up their keys following check-out with staff on January 3rd.  
**PARKING:** Parking your car is the responsibility of the participant. Music for All will not cover the cost of parking at the hotel or surrounding areas.
- **TRIP TIMELINE:** Members are required to arrive at the hotel no later than 1 p.m. December 27, 2025. Events and activities begin at 3 p.m. December 27 and continue until 10 p.m. January 2, 2026. Students may depart at any time on January 3, 2026.
- **GETTING AROUND:** Once you check-in, bus transportation will be provided for all Honor Band students to get to all rehearsals and activities. Students are not allowed to independently leave the hotel after they check-in to the experience.

## **HOTEL INFORMATION**

**Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92840**

Music for All has handled hotel reservations for participants as part of your package price, including adjusting for early arrivals.

**Direct all hotel questions to Music for All - DO NOT contact the hotel directly.**

Students are housed with other students in a quad package (4 students per room) unless a dual occupancy upgrade has been previously submitted. All rooms have two double beds.

## **REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN - Saturday, December 27, 2025**

When you enter the hotel, **BYPASS THE FRONT DESK** and proceed to the Honor Band Check-in Area. Every student will visit every BOA check-in station for the full registration process.

- Bands of America staff will check you in and issue your name badge and room key, if available.
  - Room keys are magnetic cards, and each student will receive their own card. Do not lose your room key. Remember to place it in a safe area, away from your cell phone, and for security purposes, **DO NOT** write your room number on your key.
  - If your hotel room is not ready, we will have a luggage storage area available.
- Students will pick up their provided instrument or collect their instrument luggage tag.
- Our nurse and lead chaperone will be on site for medication drop-off and confirming any dietary restrictions.
- BOA Staff will distribute the under-uniform package and shoes prior to uniform fittings.
- Uniform fittings will take place at an assigned time per a timed entry ticket handed out at registration.

## **SAFETY & SECURITY**

- **HEALTH:** Music for All prioritizes the health, safety, and well-being of all members. Our on-site team includes a medical professional who can assess and care for students who become sick or injured while in California. If further care is needed, students will be transported with official supervision to a local urgent care facility or the emergency room.
- **COUNSELORS:** The chaperone team serves as counselors, mentors, and role models. These individuals, selected through a rigorous application process, include young professionals and alumni of the Bands of America programs. All chaperones undergo a background check and participate in on-site training, which includes ethics, behavior standards, and collaboration with the medical team.
- **ATTENDANCE:** Your child's safety is our utmost priority. Members are required to attend all scheduled rehearsals, meals, and activities where attendance is closely monitored to ensure accountability and engagement.
- **FOOD ALLERGIES:** Food allergies have been submitted to all of our meal vendors, **but participants with food allergies must self-identify at mealtimes** to claim their meal. Should students have any questions during camp, they must talk to their chaperone, our nurse, or any Bands of America staff member.

- **CLOSED REHEARSALS:** To keep our members safe, and facilitate the band member bonding experience, all hotel rehearsals will be closed to the public. Only faculty, staff and band members will be permitted into the rehearsal rooms inside the hotel.

## **HONOR BAND RULES**

- Students are expected to attend all rehearsals and scheduled events. Attendance will be taken at the start of each rehearsal and at the nightly floor check. If you are not present or are not with a nurse, an immediate search of the hotel will commence.
- You are expected to follow the rules and expectations regarding appropriate behavior, room assignments, and curfew timelines.
- All medication must be registered with the nurse during the check-in process.
- Every Music for All Event observes a TOBACCO FREE policy. Tobacco includes but is not limited to cigarettes, vape pens, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, and chewing tobacco are not to be consumed or possessed by any student camper throughout the duration of camp.
- The possession or use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs is STRICTLY PROHIBITED and will result in immediate dismissal at the student/family's expense.
- You may not leave the hotel for any reason without having made prior, specific arrangements with the Music for All Staff.
- Students that drive to the hotel must turn in their keys at Check-In and will not be allowed to drive anywhere during their stay.
- Honor Band members assume all financial responsibility for damage occurring in their assigned hotel room due to their own negligence.
- Cell phones must be silenced during rehearsals, concerts, and performances.
- No one other than the assigned Honor Band Members are allowed in hotel rooms.

## **CHECK-OUT – Saturday, January 3, 2026**

- All students are housed in packages that include a Friday night hotel stay. Check-out time for the Honor Band students is before 11:00am. Every student must check-out with the Music for All staff in the main lobby before their departure. Students driving home may pick up their car keys following their check-out.
- You will be provided with shuttle instructions at room checks on the last night.

- Students will meet in the hotel lobby before your scheduled shuttle departure.
- Transportation from the hotel is typically scheduled at least three hours before your flight's departure time. Your shuttle time may be earlier to accommodate shuttle groups.
- The last shuttle will depart for the airport at 11:30am, regardless of any afternoon flight departure time.

**EARLY DEPARTURES:** Please use the below form to indicate that you would like to pick up your Honor Band student prior to January 3, 2026. This includes pick-up on January 3rd for students not using the airport shuttle. Students will not be released at any theme parks. You must check your student out at the Hyatt Regency Orange County at one of the times listed below.

**[EARLY DEPARTURE FORM](#). FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 12:00 PM PACIFIC TIME ON DECEMBER 31.**

**Early Departure options will be as follows:**

- **4:00pm January 1st** - ONLY if your student is not attending banquet or the Disney Afterhours Party
- **8:00pm January 1st** - ONLY if your student is not attending the Disney Afterhours Party
- **1:00am January 2nd** - AFTER returning to the student hotel from the Disney Afterhours Party. Families are responsible for airport transportation.
- **7:00am January 2nd** - PRIOR to departing the student hotel for Universal Studios. Families are responsible for transportation.
- **10:00pm January 2nd** - After returning to the student hotel from Universal Studios. Families are responsible for transportation.
- **6:00am-12:00pm January 3rd** - Families are responsible for airport transportation.

Families must complete the form and the person picking up your student must be listed on the form and show valid photo identification. Students will only be released at the times listed above. **Students who depart prior to January 3rd will not be refunded any nights of stay or any portion of the trip.**

A check-out table will be located at the Hyatt Regency Orange County Outside of Garden Ballroom 1 at the times listed above for 1 hour for the January 1st and 2nd times, and from 6am-12pm on January 3rd.

## **PACKING LIST**

**WEATHER IN CALIFORNIA:** Weather in southern California varies during the winter. Temperatures range from 40-70 degrees and rain is often in the weather forecast. Please bring appropriate attire in case of inclement weather - there will be outside rehearsals and activities. We suggest you check [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) before leaving home.

### **ATTIRE:**

- Comfortable clothes
- Lace-up, closed-toed athletic shoes with proper arch support for rehearsals (2 pairs recommended)
- Sweatshirt or light jacket for cooler weather
- Rain gear for inclement weather (jacket, poncho, or umbrella)
- Casual clothes for sight-seeing and other non-rehearsal activities
- **Business casual/semi-formal attire for the banquet and closing session**
  - no jeans, shorts, athletic wear/sweatpants or pajama pants
- Personal toiletries (bath soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- Sunglasses, hat, water bottle, and SUNSCREEN
- Backpack, a spiral notebook, and pencils
- OPTIONAL: Swimsuit and Beach towel for beach visit. Pool time is not allowed.
- OPTIONAL: money or debit card for incidental purchases such as souvenirs, snacks, etc. \$50-\$80 recommended.

### **EQUIPMENT:**

- Any necessary supplies or accessories, such as reeds, neck straps, slide grease, valve oil, etc.
- Brass: please bring a hand towel to place instruments on when on concrete
- OPTIONAL: Smart phone for use during rehearsals for digital access to the sheet music and drill charts (more information below)

| STUDENTS BRING   | PROVIDED UNIFORM PARTS  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tan or grey colored Undergarments – NOT WHITE</li> </ul> <p>Color Guard Hair and makeup items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your own makeup: mascara, foundation/concealer, eyeliner</li> <li>Provided makeup: eyeshadow, lipstick</li> <li>Hairspray/hair gel, ponytail holders, bobby pins</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compression shirt and shorts</li> <li>White socks</li> <li>White marching shows</li> <li>White bibbers, uniform jacket</li> <li>Hip cape, colored sleeve undershirt</li> <li>Shako and colored wrap; plume</li> <li>Color guard Body tights</li> <li>Color Guard bun maker</li> <li>Color guard hair clip</li> </ul> |

### TAKING CARE OF YOUR UNIFORM

You will be issued your entire uniform at your fitting unless a part requires alterations. All parts will be labeled. If you lose a piece of your uniform, you will be responsible for the cost of replacing the part.

| NON-PROVIDED INSTRUMENTS                     | PROVIDED INSTRUMENTS   |
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| (Students bring instruments and accessories) | <p><b>(Yamaha/BOA will provide instruments;</b><br/>Students should still bring mouthpieces and accessories)</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Piccolos</li> <li>Flutes</li> <li>Bb Clarinets</li> <li>Alto Saxophones</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bass Clarinet – YCL-221</li> <li>Tenor Sax – YTS-480EY</li> <li>Baritone Sax – YBS-480</li> <li>Trumpet - YTR-4335GSIIC</li> <li>Mellophones – YMP-204MS (horn mouthpiece adaptors are provided)</li> <li>Baritones – YBH-301MS (larger bore instruments)</li> <li>Trombones</li> <li>Sousaphones – YSH-411</li> <li>Color Guard: Practice flag/pole and performance flag/pole</li> </ul> |
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## **DIGITAL APPS: BAND, UDB, BEAM**

Bands of America is proud to partner with incredible companies that support music education. UDB and BEAM are just two of these that have partnered with us to facilitate a great learning environment for our students.

We are encouraging students to bring their smartphones to rehearsal and use them appropriately, with the following apps, to help them learn their music and drill while in California.

### **Ultimate Drill Book Instructions**

#### **→ 2-3 drill sets for Parent Preview Show & Bandfest Performance**

1. Download UDBapp Pro from the app store.
2. Tap "Sign-up" at the bottom of the screen
3. Enter Ensemble Code - **boab25g158**
4. Enter Ensemble Password - **boab25g325pe**
5. Create a new account profile to use with UDBapp

### **BEAM**

1. Download Beam from the app store.
2. Tap "New User Sign-up"
3. Enter Ensemble Code - **boab25g158**
4. Enter Ensemble Password - **boab25g346be**
5. Create a new account profile to use with Beam

*NOTE: there is nothing loaded in currently. Content will be loaded on December 26.*

## **MERCHANDISE INFORMATION**

Bands of America is operating a merchandise stand at the hotel for students and parents to purchase items through the week. **Merchandise sales are cashless.**

- Honor Band Metal Magnet – \$10
- BOA Seat Cushion - \$16 → *perfect for parents sitting in the bleachers at the performances!*
- BOA Logo Red-on-Red T-Shirt - \$18
- BOA Ringer Tee - \$20
- Honor Band Soccer Scarf - \$20
- Honor Band Winter Hat - \$27
- Honor Band Grey Pull-over Sweatshirt – \$30

- Souvenir Rose Parade Drum Head – \$30
- Honor Band Blue Long Sleeve - \$43
- Honor Black Soft-shell Jacket – \$63

## **JOLESCH PANORAMIC PHOTO PACKAGE ORDERING INFO**

Use this page to pre-order your official Rose Parade panoramic photo package for Bands of America – Honor Band. This package includes two 8 x 24" images: a formal group photograph of the band in front of the Rose Bowl Stadium and a parade photograph of the band marching on Colorado Blvd. Special pricing is available for pre-orders placed on or before January 1, 2026. After this date, orders may still be available through the Jolesch Enterprises website at standard pricing.

<https://joleschphoto.com/rose-parade-2026-boa-honor-band/>

## **SOCIAL MEDIA IMAGES**

We have created 3 [social media images](#) for you to use to promote your participation to your followers. They're sized for your social media stories.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Share the experience with all of your family and friends! Make sure you let them know that Music for All will be highlighting the trip and sharing photos and videos through social media to promote this incredible experience. To keep up with all of the action, make sure you are following us on these networks!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bandsofamerica/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/officialmusicforall/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/musicforallorg>

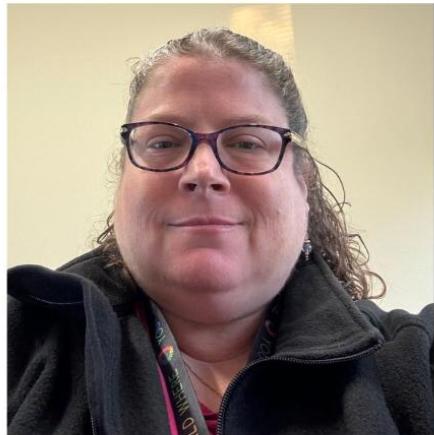
Use **#BOATOR26** in your own posts so we can see all of your updates regarding this journey!



# Chaperone Team



Matt - Lead Chaperone



Nurse Erin



Patrick



Brandon



Trevor



Jenn



Rachel



Jess

## **INSTRUMENT PRICING LIST**

Would you like to own the instrument that you'll play on in the 2026 Rose Parade? You can!

To arrange purchase in advance of the NEW Yamaha instrument you'll play in the 2026 Rose Parade, please contact **Steven Christman** - [steven@carolinacrown.org](mailto:steven@carolinacrown.org) or 803-547-2270, ext. 102

| <b>Instruments</b> | <b>Model</b>  | <b>Qty</b> | <b>Sales Price</b> |
|--------------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|
| Piccolo            | YPC-32        | 2          | \$775.00           |
| Flute              | YFL-462HY     | 2          | \$1,700.00         |
| Clarinet           | YCL-450IINMY  | 2          | \$1,165.00         |
| Bass Clarinet      | YCL-221       | 4          | \$2,275.00         |
| Alto Saxophone     | YAS-480Y      | 2          | \$2,125.00         |
| Tenor Saxophone    | YTS-480EY     | 10         | \$2,415.00         |
| Baritone Saxophone | YBS-480       | 7          | \$5,445.00         |
| Trumpet            | YTR-4335GSIIC | 32         | \$1,380.00         |
| Mellophone         | YMP-204MS     | 19         | \$1,795.00         |
| Baritone           | YBH-301MS     | 19         | \$2,395.00         |
| Sousaphone         | YSH-411S      | 20         | \$9,275.00         |
| Sousaphone Case    | YAC SHC-43    | 20         | \$465.00           |

*\*All instruments will be returned to Yamaha, regardless of purchase status, and Yamaha representatives will contact you about shipping the instrument to you upon your return from California.*