

The Brigade will be staying overnight on Thursday October 24th in Indianapolis, IN. The trip was approved at the school board meeting on Monday evening. We participate in the Bands of America (BOA) Super Regional at Lucas Oil Stadium at 8:30 a.m. on Friday October 25th. Our report time is 6:30 a.m. at Lucas Oil Stadium. Without staying overnight, we would have to arrive at school at 2:30 - 3:00 a.m. Friday morning. For safety and convenience, we have elected to go up the night before. We have secured a block of rooms for the students and essential adults needed to perform. The cost of the stay will be funded by the band department. We just ask all students have at least \$25 of their Fair Share raised by Friday October 25th.

Rooms paid by the band department available for the following individuals:

Brigade Students - 4 or 5 students per room (rooms grouped by gender)
Student prop helpers - 4 or 5 students per room (rooms grouped by gender)
Staircase Crew that have attended at least two contests - 4 per room
Bus Drivers (2) - 1 room
Semi Driver and White truck/trailer (2) - 1 room
Instructional Staff - 4 per room
Box Parents - 4 per room
Chaperones - 4 per room

Adult Information

Transportation to and from the BOA Super Regional will be the same as a regular contest. We will not have extra room for adults on the bus. Only students, drivers, and weekly chaperones will ride the bus.

If any of the individuals on the list above cannot attend, we will open spots up to other adults that can perform their duties.

If an adult on the list wishes to have their own personal private room, they must book and pay for it themselves. This will need to be handled independently. We can't guarantee space at the same hotel when booking individually. However, you could stay in the same area. We will have specifics on location soon.

Adults could conceivably stay in French Lick Thursday evening and travel up and meet the Brigade at Lucas Oil early Friday morning if they want to avoid staying the night. However, all transportation would be the responsibility of the adult. Paid parking spots are available at Lucas Oil and the surrounding area.

If you plan on reserving your own private room, please notify the band department as soon as possible. If you are a chaperone or staircase crew member and are unable to attend, please notify Mr. Aylsworth immediately (aylsworth@svalley.k12.in.us).

October 24th - 26th Details

The band will practice as scheduled on Thursday October 24th from 2:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. At that time, we will load the semi trailer and feed the students dinner. Once that is completed, we will leave French Lick and travel to Indianapolis. BOA requires us to use the Bands of America Housing Bureau to secure the rooms. As soon as we have more details, we will make them available.

After performing at the BOA Super Regional at 8:30 a.m., the Brigade will load up and return to French Lick. We will stop after the performance in Greenwood to change out of uniforms and eat lunch. Students will need some money for lunch on Friday, October 25th. There is a sectional football game on Friday October 25th. We will return in time for those students to participate fully in that event.

If we make finals at the BOA Super Regional, we will perform at Lucas Oil again on Saturday October 26th. If we don't make BOA Super Regional Finals, we will perform at the Whiteland Invitational on Saturday October 26th.

This is a unique opportunity for the Brigade. While we have attended the BOA Super Regional before in Indianapolis, we have never been selected to perform this early. Also, in the past this event has been on our Fall Break. Students will miss the regular school day on Friday October 25th. This has already been approved and will count as a field trip.

Student Information

There will be a sign-up for rooms available soon. Please make sure you follow the rules when signing up. The rules are listed below. Remember, we are only staying overnight to make things easier and safer for the performance on October 25th. That is our main goal. We are also trying to be as conservative as possible on cost.

Room Sign Up Rules

1. Only sign up for yourself. Have a discussion with individuals before signing up. Understand that Mr. Aylsworth may have to move things around to make it work. We are traveling with over 100 people. Someone has to coordinate it and that takes a great deal of organization and work.
2. Rooms are divided up by gender. This is non-negotiable.
3. There will be four or five students per room. Everyone will have a place to sleep. If the rooms have a pullout sofa, we will have five to a room. This would mean three beds for five people. You can figure it out.
4. The only reason we are coordinating this trip is to make things easier for the October 25th BOA performance. It is not a vacation. It is a business trip. The purpose is to be in Indianapolis the night before, get more rest, increase safety and convenience, and produce a more enjoyable experience. The goal is to perform the best we can.