

UNIVERSITY BAND



Some thoughts from Mr. Brown

Our students have been working *extremely hard* for the past several weeks. We have been pushing them, and they have been consistently rising to the occasion. Through the frustration of rainouts (I think this has been Florida's second-wettest October in my memory), "production rehearsals" where changes are being made rapidly and repeatedly, blocks where the focus is on one particular element that may not affect everyone, and even one rehearsal where more than half the band had no instruments (long story), this group has remained focused, patient, and goal-oriented, and has delivered two exceptionally strong regional performances. All of this has set the stage well for our first-ever out-of-state Bands of America regional.

The goal for all this hard work, however, is not BOA, or FFCC, or any other particular performance. The goal is that some day, years from now, when things seem *extremely hard*, our students will be able to think back to this time in their lives, look forward to whatever goals they have set, and realize they know how to keep going.

This week and next week are going to be very busy, and then lighten up a bit for the end of the month. I am looking forward to that as much as (dare I say more than) anyone, but I am also looking forward to living in the present and enjoying every moment of the next two weeks. I think they're going to be great.

FFCC LAKE HOWELL

The band had yet another strong performance at the FFCC Lake Howell regional, and I think we can say with certainty that this group really knows how to turn up the energy for performances! The show is exciting, the crowd goes wild, and the judges are enjoying themselves as well. Here are some of my favorite comments from the judges this Saturday:

"Wow, what visual power!"

"I am musically pleased with your achievement level."

"Man, I enjoyed your show! I'm really speaking as a fan."

"Fun stuff, University!"



UPCOMING EVENTS

📅 **Monday, October 12**
Columbus Day Holiday
Rehearsal | 10 AM - 8 PM

📅 **Tuesday, October 13**
Rehearsal | 3-8 PM

📅 **Thursday, October 15**
Rehearsal | 3-8 PM

📅 **Friday, October 16**
Depart for Tennessee
Overnight Trip | 8 AM
Day Trip | 5 PM

📅 **Saturday, October 17**
BOA East Tennessee

📅 **Sunday, October 18**
Overnight Trip | Charleston

Day Trip | Return to
Orlando

📅 **Monday, October 19**
Overnight Trip | Return to
Orlando

TENNESSEE!

After months of planning, the Tennessee trip is finally here! Please read on for details.

DAY 1 | DEPARTURE & TRAVEL

We will spend Friday working our way up up the Atlantic Coast into South Carolina before turning west and head across the Appalachian Mountains to Tennessee.

Overnight Trip

8:00 AM | Depart UHS
 11:00 AM | Buc-ee's (Brunswick, GA)
 12:00 PM | Resume journey
 5:00 PM | Westgate Mall (Spartanburg, SC)
 6:00 PM | Resume journey
 8:00 PM | Check into hotel
 10:00 PM | Lights Out

Day Trip

5:00 PM | Depart UHS
 8:30 PM | Buc-ee's (Brunswick, GA)
 9:30 PM | Resume journey
 3:30 AM | NC Welcome Center (Mars Hill, NC)
 4:30 AM | Resume journey
 5:30 AM | Arrive in Johnson City, TN
Rest on the bus until report time.

DAY 2 | BOA EAST TENNESSEE

The Bands of America East Tennessee Regional takes place in the Ballad Health Athletic Center.

Sat 17



9%

Partly Cloudy

37°



60°

9 mph

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4:30 AM | Rise and Shine!
 4:45 AM | Breakfast
 5:30 AM | Depart Hotel
 6:00 AM | Arrive / Prop Assembly
 8:00 AM | Report Time (Full Uniform)
 8:35 AM | Warm Up
 9:05 AM | Pit Transit
 9:20 AM | Transit / Pit Gate
 9:35 AM | Gate
 9:45 AM | Prelims Performance
 10:00 AM | Partial Re-load
 4:30 PM | Prelims Awards
 5:50 PM | Earliest Finals Warm Up
 10:45 PM | Full Retreat and Awards
 12:00 AM | Load and Depart



DAY 3 | CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Sun 18



8%

Partly Cloudy

59°



70°

15 mph

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Overnight Trip

5:30 AM | Wake Up
 6:15 AM | Breakfast at Hotel
 7:30 AM | Depart
 2:15 PM | Arrive in Charleston, SC
 2:45 PM | Sightseeing Boat Tour / Fort Sumter
 5:30 PM | Stars & Strikes Summerville
 9:15 PM | Check into hotel
 11:00 PM | Lights Out

DAY 4 | RETURN TRIP

Overnight Trip

7:30 AM | Wake Up
 8:15 AM | Breakfast at Hotel
 9:30 AM | Depart
 10:00 AM | Patriot Point Naval Museum
 12:00 PM | Resume journey
 8:00 PM | Arrive @ University High School

Remember that at every moment of this trip – on the bus, at the stadium, in the hotel – you are representing the University Band. You will act at all times with the dignity and class expected of our organization.

Day Trip

6:00 AM | Cracker Barrel (Henderson, GA)
 8:00 AM | Resume journey
 12:00 PM | Arrive @ University High School

PACKING LIST

Performance Equipment

- Instrument
- Mouthpiece, Ligature/Reed, Valve Oil, etc.
- Uniform (shirt, shorts, socks, Dinkles)
- Water Jug

Bus Bag

- Snacks
- Water/Gatorade
- Book/Games
- Homework
- Money for meals, stadium, souvenirs, etc.
- Jacket/blanket/pillow
- Phone charger

Overnight Bag

- Pajamas
- Shirts
- Underwear (at least five pairs)
- Socks (at least five pairs)
- Toiletries
 - Toothbrush
 - Toothpaste
 - Deodorant
 - Feminine Products
- Medications/Inhaler

[Click here for the full packing list.](#)

UHS Band Vision

The University Band is a comprehensive musical arts program that develops students as musicians, performers, and leaders. We believe in the importance of each student's personal dedication to excellence in every endeavor, in the concert hall, on the performance field, and in the classroom. Our members strive to put in the time, effort, and energy to achieve greatness in whatever we do.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Here are the answers to some questions I've been asked in the last few days.

Can I leave items on the bus during this trip?

We will be using the same buses throughout the trip, so items can be left on the bus. However, the buses may leave at particular times for the drivers to go rest, refuel, etc., and so you'll want to make sure you have everything you need with you in between bus rides. And of course, please do not leave valuables on the bus.

For how many meals will I need to pay?

Both the *Overnight Trip* and the *Day Trip* will need to pay for a total of six meals. The Overnight Trip will need to do lunch and dinner on the way up, dinner at the stadium, lunch on the way to Charleston, and lunch and dinner on the way back down. The Day Trip will need to do dinner and breakfast on the way up, lunch and dinner at the stadium, and breakfast and lunch on the way back.

Are there any other costs during the trip?

There will be no other necessary costs, but you may want to bring some extra money for souvenirs, games at Stars & Strikes, etc.

How will discipline be handled on the trip?

As always, the OCPS Code of Student Conduct and the Natural Moral Law still apply. Of course, from our band students, I do not expect any disciplinary issues.

What are the duties for chaperones?

Mr. Brown and Mr. Willis are the designated faculty members for the Overnight Trip and the stadium day; Mrs. DeLeon-Cabral is the designated faculty member for the Day Trip. All chaperones are requested to monitor attendance and student behavior and report any issues to the band directors, and to assist with props and equipment on the day of the show. Additionally, chaperones on the Overnight Trip will need to enforce curfew for their block of rooms, tape doors at Lights Out, and issue wake-up calls in the morning.

I see there's a gap from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM on the show day. What are we doing during that time?

We will return to the stadium to watch the rest of the preliminary competition. In the event we do not make finals, we will watch it. If we do, the schedule will be determined that afternoon and sent to staff on Slack and students via push notification (subscribe by following the instructions at www.uhsband.com/app.)