

ITINERARY
BOA Performance in San Antonio
November 4th – 5th

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:30 PM Mandatory parent meeting (in conjunction with the monthly Band Booster Meeting). One parent/guardian of each student must attend to discuss trip itinerary and overnight trip expectations. Please sign by your child's name. There will be several clipboards passed around. Please note: a student may not travel on the trip without a parent meeting with the directors prior to the trip. Also, please bring any medication that may need to be checked in and administered on the trip at this time.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – (Departure/Rehearsal/ Prelims Performance)

WHAT TO WEAR: Run-thru uniform: black marching shoes, black socks, light shorts that will not bulge under uniform and **black performance** shirt.

WHAT TO BRING: WATER BOTTLE, instrument, extra reeds, one small overnight bag to take on the bus, uniform hanging bag, snacks, DVD movies (G, PG, or PG-13 ONLY), iPods, other fun (safe) things to do on the bus.

7:30 AM Arrive at school. Attend class until 9:00.

9:00 AM Report to the Band Hall. Check out your uniform and put it in your hanging bag. Bring EVERYTHING that you are taking on the trip. You are responsible for loading your own equipment and overnight bag.

9:30 AM Buses leave for Vandergrift High School (rehearsal site). Bring snack/breakfast food on the bus. There will be no stops and lunch will be late.

12:00 PM Arrive at **Vandergrift High School**
9500 McNeil Dr.
Austin, TX 78750
(512) 570-2365

Unload for stadium rehearsal at Vandergrift High School. You should be in run-thru uniform with your instrument, hat box, instrument, and FULL water jug.

Lunch will be served AFTER our rehearsal.

12:30 PM Stadium rehearsal begins.

2:30 PM Stadium rehearsal ends. Load trailer. Everyone will pick up boxed lunch and load bus.

3:00 PM Depart for Alamodome. Eat NEATLY on the bus. Be sure to clean up your trash.

5:00 PM Arrive at Alamodome. Stay on the bus and wait for further instructions.

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5:15 PM Unload all non-front ensemble equipment

5:45 PM Trailer moves to front ensemble unload area

6:00 PM Front ensemble equipment unload

6:20 PM Official Warm-Up

7:05 PM Front ensemble report time to the gate

7:20 PM Band report time to the gate

7:30 PM **Prelims Performance**

8:00 PM Back at buses. Load everything, hang up uniform. Eat dinner in the parking lot. Everything you are taking in to the hotel needs to be with you at your seat on the bus, not stored in the bays.

9:00 PM Check in to hotel.
Marriott Riverwalk
889 E. Market St.
San Antonio, TX 78205

Room keys will be distributed on the buses. You are responsible for all equipment. Don't leave anything in the cabin of the bus. When instructed, get off the bus; quickly grab your bag and move up to your room quietly.

10:00 PM In your room, doors taped ó get some sleep.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5– Day 2 of Prelims/Finals

8:00 AM Chaperones wake up all students

WHAT TO WEAR: Death and Transfiguration Show Shirt OR Blue Performance Shirt, jeans or shorts, tennis shoes. You will be walking a lot today. Do not wear flip flops, slippers, etc. Wear the same shoes you wear to marching rehearsal.

WHAT TO BRING: Money for lunch and dinner, \$10 - \$12 each meal. These are the only meals you must buy on your own during the trip. Optional Items - Money for souvenirs, cell phone and camera.

9:00 AM Check out of hotel with all belongings. You will be carrying all of your belongings back to the bus about a mile away, so be sure to pack carefully.

9:15 AM Walk next door to eating area and pick up breakfast.

9:30 AM Walk to Alamodome. Drop bags off at buses. Go into Alamodome to watch the rest of prelims.

12:00 PM Around this time, eat lunch on your own in the Alamodome. Remember to always walk with at least one other person (of the same gender) at all times.

4:00 PM Prelims end. Awards presentation. Drum Major retreat in full uniform.

4:30 PM Meet back at buses for further instructions.

If we DO NOT make finals:

5:00 PM Load buses and depart for North Star Mall for dinner.

5:30 PM Arrive at North Star Mall, eat dinner, on your own. Remember to stay with at least one other person (of the same gender).

7:00 PM Load buses, depart for THS.

9:30 PM Back at THS. Unload all equipment. Check in uniform. Go home and get some rest.

If we DO make finals:

4:30 PM Report to buses for evening's game plan. This time will be flexible depending on finals performance time. If we make finals, we will have dinner delivered.

6:00 PM Earliest finals band warm-up time.

7:15 PM Finals begin

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- 10:45 PM Finals end
- 11:00 PM Awards ceremony. Full retreat. Everyone in uniform on the field.
- 11:45 PM Load buses and depart for THS.
- 2:30 AM Arrive back at THS. Make certain you get EVERYTHING off the buses. Check-in your uniform. Organize and put away all your equipment.
Go home, get some rest. Celebrate and WONDERFUL marching season!

HOW MUCH MONEY SHOULD I BRING?

- Here are the things you have to buy: Two meals on Saturday ó about \$10 to \$12 each
- Here are the things you might want to buy: This could cost as little or as much as you want:
Souvenirs, extra snacks and drinks at Alamodome

WHAT TO PACK

- _____ Cell phone (this is very important)
- _____ Uniform parts
- _____ Black and blue JET Band performance shirt and show shirt if you bought one
- _____ Toiletries, make-up, shave kit, etc.
- _____ Snacks for late night munchies and bus rides
- _____ Camera
- _____ iPods[®] / Portable Music Devices
- _____ G, PG, and PG-13 VHS tapes and DVDs for bus trip

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GENERAL TRIP GUIDELINES

Luggage ó Be sure all your belongings and instrument cases are clearly marked with your name, address and phone number. Only small bags will be allowed. No suitcases on this quick, overnight trip.

Schedule – Keep a copy of the itinerary with you at all times. Be punctual! Wear a watch. It is not fair to the rest of the group to ever have to wait for you.

Security ó Most of you will be carrying money and valuables. Be aware that these things can disappear at any time. Be careful! Don't leave luggage, purses, cameras, bags, horn cases, etc. in an unsecured area.

Shoplifting ó Everywhere you go and whatever you do, be sure to handle all merchandise in an open, straightforward manner. Do not give anyone the slightest impression that you could be doing something that could get you thrown in jail

Authority of Adults ó Directors, chaperones, hotel personnel, and many other adults are always in charge. These adults are present to help you have a fun and safe trip. They ARE NOT present to wait on you. Be polite and respectful at all times. Cheerfully follow instructions the first time they are given.

Boy-Girl relationships ó "Public Displays of Affection" are strictly prohibited at all times, in all places, when traveling with the Taylor Band. Repeated violations may result in serious disciplinary action.

Stay in a Group – Everywhere you go, have at least one "Taylor Band Buddy" with you of the same gender. This includes the hotel property and all sightseeing trips. NEVER go off alone!! Any student found alone by an adult will be disciplined.

Hotel Guidelines -

- a. Keep your room reasonably neat and clean at all times
- b. All pay items (movies, room service, etc) will not be available
- c. Chaperones can and will enter rooms at any time for inspections
- d. Any suspicious activity will be investigated immediately
- e. Curfew will be strictly adhered to ó your door will be taped
- f. The hotel will have many other guests, so be courteous and quiet
- g. Never congregate in the hallways

Citizenship ó Always be a great citizen! Remember that all future band trips depend upon what happens on this trip.

Illness ó Please report to a chaperone quickly if you ever start to feel ill.

Medicine ó If you take prescription medication, it must be kept with our traveling nurse. Let us know well in advance of the trip departure if you will need our nurse to assist you during the trip.

Get some sleep - On a busy trip like this, it is crucial for you to get as much rest as possible. At "lights out," try to get to sleep quickly.

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OVERNIGHT STUDENT TRIP RULES

1. There will be no boys in girls' rooms or girls in boys' rooms for any reason, unless in the presence of a band director or principal. Any student violating this rule will be sent home.
2. Students will not be out of their rooms after curfew unless accompanied by an adult chaperone or designated school sponsor. Students will be given a chaperone's phone number to call in case of emergency. Any student in violation of this policy will be sent home.
3. The possession or use of any tobacco product, alcohol product, chemicals, inhalants, or any intoxicants or mood-altering drugs is prohibited. Any student violating this policy will be sent home and referred to his/her campus administrator.
4. Any property damage will be paid for by the student(s) responsible for the damage.
5. Students are not to leave an assigned area for any reason or get into any vehicle other than school designated transportation.
6. Any student in violation of local, state or federal laws will be turned over to law enforcement authorities. If the student returns to the group, he/she will be sent home.
7. Any student who excessively violates any trip guidelines may be sent home.
8. Students will follow all policies set forth in the Taylor Band Handbook.
9. If a student is sent home for any reason, the parent/guardian agrees to pay the full cost of the student's return trip to Katy. The parent/guardian will provide appropriate information (credit card number, etc) to school district personnel in order that appropriate return transportation may be purchased.
10. Violation of any of these rules may result in permanent removal from the Taylor Band Program.