



GRAND NATIONALS - INDIANAPOLIS

Monday, November 5th

Chaperone Meeting

Wednesday, November 7th

6:00 AM

Check In

All students arrive at this time.

Campus police recommends that you have someone bring you to the band room. If you have to leave your vehicle here, do not leave anything of value in your vehicle and give further cause for break in or theft.

- **Medicine Check In** – Wind Symphony Room.
- **Student Check In** – Students sign in at the band room with a director. This is how we know that you are here.
- **Load Luggage & Uniforms** – One normal sized suitcase should include all the clothes you will need for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday as well as all the items needed for your show performance uniform. All students are to take their travel and show shirt on this trip. Students should check the forecast for Indianapolis in order to be prepared for the weather. Uniforms are to be stored in the front bays of the bus, suitcases in the middle storage bays, and band parent supplies/instruments that do not go on the semi in the back bays of the bus.
- **Load Semi and Box Trucks** – Instruments and equipment are loaded in normal places on semi and box trucks.
- **Water Jugs** – all students should bring their Trojan Pride Water Jugs filled to begin this trip. Opportunities to refill jugs will be made available throughout the trip.

7:30 AM

Depart for Indianapolis

Lunch, driver switches, and designated stops with snacks en route. Pizza given to students at the hotel.

8:30 PM

Estimated Arrival in Indianapolis, Check in at Hotel

*Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport
2501 S. High School Road
Indianapolis, IN 46261
(317) 244-6861*

Various meetings with staff, drivers, and chaperones to make sure everything is properly coordinated for the next day.

10:00 PM

Estimated Curfew, Students in Room

10:30 PM

Lights Out, TV Off, No Video Games, Go to Sleep

Thursday, November 8th

7:00 AM **Wake Up**

7:30 AM **Breakfast at Hotel**
Director Check In.
Pick Up Will Call Tickets.
Pick Up Oboes

8:30 AM **Depart for Lucas Oil Stadium**
Students must take everything needed for the entire day, including the afternoon rehearsal. We will not return to the hotel until the end of the day.
All students are required to wear travel shirt today. Travel shirts, shorts and/or sweats, and Tennis shoes (not marching shoes - floor is slippery) needed for afternoon rehearsal. Students may wear jeans throughout the day except at rehearsal.
All equipment trucks may be left at hotel or parked at EZ parking lot. All equipment trucks are to be at the convention center at 2:30 to begin unloading for afternoon rehearsal.
Bring uniform on bus to put in storage room for tomorrow.

9:00 AM	Arrive at Convention Center	Lucas Oil Stadium
	100 S. Capitol Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46225 (317) 262-3400	500 S. Capitol Ave Indianapolis, IN 46225

Determine and Designate drop off and pick up area for buses

Determine place for group to sit together and watch bands.

Watch Bands – only chance to see and hear what Lucas Oil Stadium is like before we perform.

**Have a Storage room rented. Room #239. Plan to store uniforms on Thursday. Use room to change into uniforms on Friday. Use of room on Saturday depends on semi-finals and finals schedule.*

11:30 PM **Load Buses**

11:45 PM **Depart for Lunch**

12:00 PM **Lunch and Talk Time**
McGowan Hall
1305 North Delaware Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

2:00 PM **Load Buses**

2:15 PM **Depart for Convention Center**

- 2:30 PM** **Arrive at Convention Center**
*Begin assembling props for rehearsal.
Unload instruments and equipment off semi and box truck.
Equipment trucks may stay at convention center during rehearsal and loading. Buses will need to stay at EZ Parking Lot
Uniforms (performance top, pants, black socks & shoes) taken off bus and put in storage room.*
- 4:00 PM** **Afternoon Rehearsal**
Rehearsal in Halls "F & G"
- 6:00 PM** **End of Rehearsal**
Load equipment trucks. Semi can remain at convention center until after supper. All equipment trucks will need to return to hotel after dinner.

Begin disassembly of props. Prop crew will need food later.
- 7:00 PM** **Depart for Dinner**
- 7:30 PM** **Dinner & Talk Time**
*McGowan Hall
Talk through the Friday morning routine with students.*
- 9:00 PM** **Load Buses**
- 9:30 PM** **Arrive at Hotel**
Various meetings with staff, drivers, and chaperones as necessary to make sure everything is properly coordinated for the next day.
- 10:00 PM** **Estimated Curfew, Students in Room**
- 10:30 PM** **Lights Out, TV Off, No Video Games, Go to Sleep**
Imperative the students get good rest tonight. Big day tomorrow.

Friday, November 9th

- 6:00 AM** **Wake Up**
Students dressed in maroons and grays, socks, and tennis shoes for morning rehearsal. (Uniform already at convention center). Show performance hair done and ready to go. Students wear layers on outside to stay warm.
- 6:15 AM** **Semi & Equipment Trucks Depart**
Trucks leave early in order to begin unloading process in time for rehearsal. No props used for this rehearsal. Trucks not needed for morning rehearsal and buses have to be at Lucas Oil Stadium Parking Lot by 10:45 to unload for prelim performance.
- 6:45 AM** **Breakfast & Load Buses**
Students given Chick-Fil-A breakfast as they load the bus.
- 7:00 AM** **Depart for Convention Center & Morning Rehearsal**
100 S. Capitol Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46225
(317) 262-3400

- 7:30 AM** **Arrive at Convention Center**
Rehearsal is in Halls "D & E"
Get instruments out. All cases and covers are to be put back on equipment trucks before rehearsal begins. No props this morning.
- 8:00 AM** **Morning Rehearsal.**
Light morning rehearsal in order to be ready for this afternoon's performance.
- Rehearsal may end early.*
- 10:00 AM** **End of Rehearsal**
Instruments not in cases – but kept together in a safe area. Students change into uniform – storage room 239. Band travels together from convention center to stadium south lot. Wear coat or layers over uniform to stay warm for transit. Coats will be left on bus as we enter the tunnel.
- Front Ensemble will push equipment from convention center to Stadium South Parking Lot. Wear coat or layers over uniform to stay warm for transit. Coats will be left on bus as we enter the tunnel.*
- Box lunches given to everyone upon arrival at south parking lot. Lunch eaten on bus.*
- 10:45 AM** **All Vehicles Arrive at Competition Site**
Enter Lucas Oil Stadium South Parking Lot
All students meet the bus with all performance items. Students that need to get equipment from box truck & semi go immediately to where they are parked.
- We are restricted to the time scheduled. Delays in load/unloading times may result in penalties - we must be ready to move at the appropriate time.*
- 11:25 PM** **In Fundamental Block Ready to Transit**
- 11:35 PM** **Enter South West Tunnel**
Be advised - the ramp is very long and steep going down into the dome.
- Front Ensemble Enters First, then Band, then Guard, then Props.*
Props do not have to enter the same time as the rest of the group, but must enter soon enough to be there for report time and before the next band is scheduled to enter.
- 11:45 – 12:15 PM** **Front Ensemble Warm Up – Area A**
Jam blocks or wood blocks are ARE allowed in the Pit Percussion Warm-Up Area. Metronomes, or megaphone amplification devices are not.
- 11:45 – 12:00 PM** **Physical Warm Up – Area A**
This will be everyone except front ensemble. Jam blocks, metronomes, or megaphone amplification devices ARE NOT allowed in the Band Physical Warm-Up Area. Only clapping is allowed.
- Be ready to concentrate in a very small area, and very loud area. Only a curtain separates the physical warm up area from the music warm up*

area. We will utilize a compact performance block. Tubas and Battery may not be able to dismount during this warm up time due to small space.

12:00 – 12:30 PM Music Warm Up – Area A

Jam blocks or wood blocks are ARE allowed in this Area. Metronomes, or megaphone amplification devices are not.

There is no pause between physical warm up and music warm up. It is basically go on the other side of the curtain and get started.

There are two designated warm up areas for each band. The brass, woodwinds, and guard will use the large room (separated by the curtain) and the battery will use the optional warm up area located across the hall.

12:20 PM Pit & Prop Report Time

12:35 PM Band Report Time

12:45 PM Prelim Performance

Remember - there are three sets of hash marks – HS, College, and NFL. The HS are the outside hashes - use them. Tick marks are with the NFL and high school hashes – not the college hashes. Numbers are in a different place on the field. Do not use them as a reference point.

No outside video or audio equipment is allowed in the stadium. Still camera photography may be used from stadium seating but not on the field - even by personnel with field passes. Tripods and other similar equipment are not allowed as they may obstruct the view or path of others.

1:00 PM Photo with Jolesch Photography

After performance, take group photo with Jolesch Photography. Need this to look professional.

Return to Parking Lot. Load Semi, Box Truck, and Buses. All equipment must be loaded and band departing parking lot by 2:00.

All equipment trucks return to hotel. Semi and box trucks can park at EZ Lot, but logistics for tomorrow will not be known until late Friday night.

2:00 PM Depart for Hotel

Snack on bus.

2:30 PM Arrive at Hotel

Downtime. Chance to shower, change, rest for a little bit.

4:15 PM Load Buses

Drum Majors take uniforms. Travel shirt already been worn. No required attire, but everyone is encouraged to wear Jenks attire.

4:30 PM Depart for Dinner

Box Trucks remain at hotel

5:00 PM Arrive at McGowan Hall for Dinner

Eat Dinner

Brief Talk Time

- 6:30 PM** **Load Buses**
- 6:45 PM** **Depart for Lucas Oil Stadium**
- 7:00 PM** **Arrive at Lucas Oil Stadium**
*Buses parked in EZ Lot.
 Watch bands perform in the evening. Bands perform until 8:15 pm.
 Students are to be seated and watch bands while we are there – that is the main focus during this time. It is okay to go to the restroom and booths, but students should not be just wandering around in the walkways, hallways, parking lot, etc. Everyone needs to be together in the stands for semi-finals announcement. After announcement of semi-finalist bands. Band returns to hotel. Drum Majors remain at stadium with Mr. Hillock for director's meeting.*
- May be necessary to pick up clothing items from storage room.*
- 9:00 PM** **Load Buses**
- 9:15 PM** **Depart for Hotel**
- 9:45 PM** **Arrive at Hotel**
Itinerary for Saturday's schedule will be set after the announcement of semi-finalist bands and performance draws. Information will be communicated through directors to chaperones and then to students. We will plan for the worst scenario and hope for the best.
- 10:15 PM** **Estimated Curfew, Students in Room**
Various meetings with staff, drivers, and chaperones as necessary to make sure everything is properly coordinated for the next day.
- 10:30 PM** **Lights Out, TV Off, No Video Games, Go to Sleep**
Imperative the students get good rest again tonight.

Saturday, November 10th

Saturday's schedule is first contingent on the band making semi-finals/finals and then contingent upon seeding and draw for placement.

Semi Finals General Schedule

- 6:30 AM** **Gates Open**
- 7:00 AM** **Semi-Finals Competition Begins**
- 4:45 PM** **End of Semi-Finals Competition**
- 5:00 PM** **Awards Ceremony**

Early Semi Final Draw Possible Scenario

5:15 AM	Wake Up
6:00 AM	Depart <i>Breakfast on Bus.</i>
6:30 AM	Arrive at South Lot
7:20 PM	Enter SW Tunnel
7:30 AM	Warm Up
8:30 AM	Performance
8:45 AM	Return to Hotel <i>Store or load equipment as necessary for the day. Get some rest. Talk time.</i>
12:00 PM	Lunch <i>Return to Dome, Watch bands perform.</i>
5:00 PM	Semi-Finalist Awards Ceremony <i>Awards – will need to find out DM Report time. Announcement of Finalist Bands. Dinner. Finals. Massing. Awards.</i>

Late Morning Semi Final Draw Possible Scenario

6:00 AM	Wake Up
6:30 AM	Breakfast
7:30 AM	Depart <i>Breakfast on Bus.</i>
8:00 AM	Arrive at South Lot
8:50 PM	Enter SW Tunnel
9:00 AM	Warm Up
10:00 AM	Performance
10:30 AM	Return to Hotel <i>Store or load equipment as necessary for the day. Return to Hotel Lunch – McGowan Hall Watch Bands Perform</i>
5:00 PM	Semi-Finalist Awards Ceremony <i>Awards – will need to find out DM Report time. Announcement of Finalist Bands. Dinner. Finals. Massing. Awards.</i>

Afternoon Semi Final Draw Possible Scenario

6:00 AM	Wake Up
7:00 AM	Breakfast <i>Possible brief video session of prelim performance, morning rehearsal at Convention Center.</i>
8:00 AM	Possible Light Morning Rehearsal
10:00 AM	Depart for Lunch
10:30 AM	Lunch
11:30 AM	Depart for Convention Center
12:00 PM	Arrive in South Lot
12:50 PM	Enter SW Tunnel
1:00 PM	Warm Up
2:00 PM	Performance
3:30 PM	Return to Convention Center <i>Store or load equipment as necessary for the day.</i>
4:30 PM	Dinner <i>Watch bands perform, Lunch, Watch bands perform.</i>
5:00 PM	Semi-Finalist Awards Ceremony <i>Awards – will need to find out DM Report time. Announcement of Finalist Bands. Finals. Massing. Awards.</i>

If Jenks makes finals, there will most likely be a quick turn around for warm up and dinner. Group needs to be together and ready to communicate & move efficiently at a moment's notice.

Finals General Schedule

6:30 PM	Gates Open
7:00 PM	Grand Finale Opening Ceremonies
8:00 PM	Finals Begin
11:00 PM	End of Finals Competition <i>Massing. Awards. New National Grand Champion.</i>
11:30 PM	Stadium Cleared
12:30 AM	Return to Hotel

Sunday, November 11th

- 7:30 AM** **Wake Up, Breakfast, Room Check Out & Load Buses**
- 9:00 AM** **Depart for Jenks**
Actual departure time is contingent on when driver's availability.
- Lunch, dinner, and driver switches en route to Jenks*
Students will be given \$20 cash to cover both lunch and dinner
- 9:00 PM** **Estimated Arrival Home**
Update on website, Facebook
Put away instruments, uniforms & equipment.
Medicine picked up by student.

Monday, November 12th

- 9:15 AM** **1st Hour Band**
We will all be tired, but we all need to be at school. Monday's rehearsal will start at 9:15, when school begins. Tuesday's rehearsal and all subsequent rehearsals will be at the regular time, see concert band information page for details.
- The Kiwanis Christmas Parade is Saturday, November 17th, so we will be preparing for that throughout the week regardless of whether we are in one large group or separated into concert bands.*
- There are no scheduled sectionals for the remainder of the semester for the Symphonic and Concert Bands. Wind Symphony will have a picture taken ASAP and have sectionals through the end of the semester.*
- Two Potential Football Games Remaining – state semi-finals and state championships. We will not march at either of these games but will attend and play in the stands.*