



All-Ohio State Fair Band

2017

Final Instructions

Dear Parents & Band Members,

I am looking forward to seeing you all in a few short weeks as we start a very exciting time at the Ohio State Fair. You are all encouraged to spend time with the enclosed pages so you are fully prepared for your time with the All-Ohio State Fair Band.

Check in on July 22

Report to the Rhodes Center at the Ohio Expo Center & Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 22 between 8:30-10:30 am. If you live within 60 miles you are asked to check in by 9:30 am. Please see the enclosed map for directions. Staff will be on hand to assist with parking.

Please leave all belongings in your vehicle until the check in process is complete. After all steps of registration are complete you will move your belongings to your bunk area.

The first rehearsal takes place at 11:00 am and family and friends are invited to attend.

A meeting for ALL parents/families will take place from 11:55-12:15 in the cafeteria. After the meeting concludes you are free to depart for home. Band members will go to lunch and begin placement auditions.

You may write for approval to arrive on Friday, July 21st between the hours of 6:30-8:00 pm only. Early arrival is for extreme conflicts only.

Special Concerts

The AOSFB will be performing away from the fairgrounds at Whetstone Park of Roses on Sunday, July 30 at 7:00 pm. These concerts are free and open to the public. Directions for both venues will be posted on aosfb.com after July 15.



Ohio State Fair Sale of Champions

This year the AOSFB will have the honor of playing at the 50th Annual Ohio State Fair Sale of Champions on Sunday, August 6. The event begins at 2:00 pm and usually ends by 4:30 pm, although the end time is flexible. This means we are in need of AOSFB members to remain at the Fair one extra night for this important concert. To be part of this event you must complete the online form. [Click here to go to the registration page.](#) Families will be provided with two tickets for gate admission to pick up your band member.

Other Information

A checklist is enclosed to guide you as to what to bring. Please review the information and visit aosfb.com for more packing tips.

The State of Ohio, the Ohio State Fair, and the All-Ohio State Fair Band cannot assume responsibility for your instrument or other possessions. We make every effort to protect your property, but you must be responsible yourself. We strongly advise locking all luggage with a combination lock and consulting your homeowners insurance to be sure you are covered for loss or damage for anything valuable. Finally, you are advised to not bring more cash than you feel will be absolutely necessary. Serious thought should be given to the amount of cash you have on you at any given time. During the Fair, you will be able to cash traveler's checks, money orders, and personal checks at the AOSFB office. There are several ATMs on the Fairgrounds.

The Band will be excused on Saturday, August 5th. The Parents' Concert will be at 1:15 pm in the Rhodes Center - followed by the daily parade at 4:00 pm. The Band will be dismissed after the parade at approximately 4:30 pm. NO ONE will be excused to leave before this time. Please DO NOT ASK and thus save us both the embarrassment. Band members, family and friends are invited to stay and enjoy the Fair after the concert.

Please let me know immediately if your plans have changed.

I look forward to the pleasure and excitement of working with another great All-Ohio State Fair Band.

Sincerely,

Brian W. Dodd, Director
All-Ohio State Fair Band