

## Blue Ridge Festival of Bands Itinerary: 9/23/17

Weather forecast for Saturday is upper 80s, sunny—sunscreen & lots of water!!!

*The morning performance will NOT be in uniform. Winds & percussion will perform wearing their band t-shirt, khaki shorts, and their marching band shoes (WITH BLACK SOCKS). Guard members will perform wearing white t-shirt, red shorts, & jazz shoes. We will perform in FULL uniform for the evening performance (except for guard—their uniforms will not be delivered by this weekend.)*

Students should be prepared to eat lunch at the concessions area at LU & an early dinner at the mall food court—have enough money to cover a couple of meals--\$20 should be more than enough.

- 9:30 AM Arrive at JF. We will load the truck and trailer on Friday after band practice—all instruments larger than flute/clarinet MUST go on the truck.
- 10:00 AM Board buses by seniority.
- 10:15 AM Buses depart for Liberty University
- 10:45 AM Arrive at LU. Get equipment from band truck & go to warm-up.
- 11:45 AM Move to field entry area.
- 12:00 PM Clinic performance (B field). Some of the judges will work with the band as part of the clinic.
- 1:10 PM Clinic ends. Return to band truck, put equipment away, & go to concession area for lunch. Have \$\$.
- 1:20 PM Bassett HS clinic begins. We will watch while we eat.
- 2:30 PM Return to buses; go to River Ridge Mall (It's going to be in the upper 80s Saturday afternoon—we want to get into an AC environment for at least a little while, and we will need to eat an early dinner—mall food court, here we come! Again, have a few \$\$s). Students will be permitted to walk around the mall in **groups of 3 or more** while we are there. Students may **NOT** leave the mall for any reason. River Ridge Mall has a strict code of conduct that we will adhere to—it is not unlike the rules we generally state on every trip, so as long as you live up to the standards of the band program, we should not have any problems. Remember—if it isn't yours, don't touch it and if you wouldn't tell your mother, don't do it!
- 4:15 PM Return to buses & return to LU.
- 5:00 PM Scheduled Dress time. That looks like a tight time-frame—we will have plenty of time.
- 5:30 PM Warm-up.
- 6:15 PM Scheduled Gate arrival time.
- 6:30 PM Scheduled Performance time. After performance, we will enter the stands to watch LU's exhibition performance.
- 6:55 PM Liberty University "Spirit of the Mountain" Marching Band exhibition performance.
- 7:20 PM Awards (this is NOT a competition—no scores or ratings will be given, recorded, or announced—all participating bands will receive a participation award.)
- 8:00 PM Return to buses. Change out of uniform.
- 8:45 PM Depart LU for JF.
- 9:00 PM Arrive at JF. **WE WILL UNLOAD THE BAND TRUCK WHEN WE GET BACK—EVERYONE MUST STAY TO HELP**—uniforms will come off the trailer and go into the uniform closet. All instruments that do not normally stay on the band truck/trailer must be retrieved by the owner and either taken home or to the band storage room.

***Spectator tickets are \$5 for everyone (under 5 yrs free)***

Band members, staff, & pit crew are admitted free—no ticket necessary. They provide 1 chaperone pass for every 10 performers.

***Admission is good for clinic performance and evening performance.***

\*\*\*The official schedule for the event, which some of you may find online, has our clinic listed as 11:00 AM on the A field (stadium). In order to accommodate a few of our performers auditioning for Regional Orchestra in Charlottesville early Saturday morning, I traded clinic times with Brookville. Their clinic time is *incorrectly* listed as 11:00-1:10—that is a typo. The clinic on field B that we will participate in will be from 12:00-1:10.