

Dear Booster President,

Music for All is extremely honored to have your marching band participate in the **Bands of America West Texas Regional Championship, presented by Yamaha on October 14, 2017**. Bands of America programs are dedicated to providing the highest quality educational experiences possible for students and teachers across the nation. These programs emphasize the value of creativity, teamwork, and discipline in scholastic music settings, principles that our participants carry with them as they pursue their personal and professional goals.

At Music for All, we believe that every student in America should have access to high-quality educational experiences like these, but we know that barriers exist in several important communities. By investing in new initiatives to increase accessibility for urban schools, small and rural schools, and students with special needs, we are dedicating ourselves to the creation of a world where music truly is *for all*.

Your director should have received a final event communication via email regarding the trip to Midland. We have posted important documents on our website that will help you prepare and make the most of your experience. It is crucial to read through this entire packet.

The following important event documents can be accessed by the link below.

<http://www.musicforall.org/resources/directors-lounge/midland-tx-final-packet>

- **Important Event Procedures**
- **Prelim Schedule**
- **Daily Schedule**
- **Site Overview Map and Stadium Map**
- **Driving Directions/Area Map**
- **Judge Bios**

Additional information relating to all Bands of America Fall Championship events can be accessed at:

<http://www.musicforall.org/resources/directors-lounge/important-reminders>

BUS/EQUIPMENT TRUCK PARKING PASSES

At the West Texas Regional Championship, bus/truck parking passes are complimentary. If you have not submitted a parking pass request, please complete the form immediately in order to receive your passes in time.

Bands will receive the number of parking passes indicated on your parking pass request form. These passes will be emailed to directors no later than the Tuesday prior to each event. Passes are required to enter the bus/truck unload and parking lots at the Regional. Only ONE complimentary staff vehicle pass will be provided per band. All other personal vehicles will need to park in a spectator lot.

SPECTATOR PARKING

There is no charge for spectator parking at the West Texas Regional. Please advise your parents and boosters to arrive early and allow extra time to get to the stadium, especially during peak times. Refer to the Important Event Procedures document for further details.

COOPERATIVE TICKETS

All credentials and tickets (name badges, field passes, bus driver wristbands) are the director's responsibility to distribute. Your cooperative tickets (20 day passes) will be mailed to your director at least two weeks prior to the event. These tickets allow general admission to both prelims and finals. As there are no reserved seats at

this venue, your cooperative tickets **cannot** be upgraded. Please communicate with your Director as to whom from your band will receive credentials and tickets. The only way an “adult/chaperone” can be at field level with performing students is with a name badge or field pass. Otherwise, all other “adults/chaperones” must purchase a ticket. Ticketed patrons are not allowed at field level.

ADULT CREDENTIALS: Each Band will receive 25 field passes plus six name badges as part of their Participation Cooperative Fee.

UPDATED FOR 2017: A band may purchase up to 10 additional credentials. **All credentials must be purchased prior to the event by credit card only.** The combination of additional name badges and field passes may not exceed 10. Of those 10, a maximum of four may be name badges. (Sections 6, 9, 14, 17 of the Handbook)

Cost of additional Name Badges per badge:

Regionals \$25 per badge

Super Regionals \$55 per badge

Grand Nationals \$75 per badge

Cost of additional Field Passes per pass:

Regionals \$15 per pass

Super Regionals \$25 per pass

Grand Nationals \$36 per pass

COPYRIGHT INFORMATION

Copyright Report and approvals are due now, and must be received by Music for All prior to your band’s performance. **If your band has not submitted their Copyright Report and/or permissions to arrange, they will not be allowed to take the field until ALL of their copyright paperwork has been received.**

CONNECT WITH MUSIC FOR ALL AND BANDS OF AMERICA ONLINE

Music for All will be posting photos, videos, and updates from each show this fall and we would love for you, your students, and your band's fans to join the conversation. Use #boa2017 all season long.

We encourage you to follow Music for All and Bands of America on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat so they don't miss any of the action.

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/musicforallnetwork

www.facebook.com/bandsofamerica

Twitter:

www.twitter.com/musicforall

www.twitter.com/bandsofamerica

Instagram:

www.instagram.com/officialmusicforall

Snapchat:

www.snapchat.com/officialmfa

LIVE STREAM on FloMarching.com

All Bands of America Championships, including this one, will be Live Streamed. Music for All has partnered with FloMarching, a website dedicated to covering the world of competitive marching bands and the

marching arts. If you have band parents, alumni, administrators, and supporters who cannot come to the event, the live stream offers a way they can watch all of the performances, for this and all 21 Bands of America Championships. Visit FloMarching.com to see the monthly and annual subscription options. Please share this opportunity and link with your band family. An annual FloMarching subscription provides access to year round coverage of Marching Arts including Bands of America, Drum Corps International, and Winter Guard International events, all for a single subscription.

VOLUNTEER

Music for All has a number of opportunities to get involved, stay involved and give back to your community and your music programs. Show your support for Music for All in person by volunteering at our Grand National Championships held November 8-11 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN. Information about this opportunity will be available in October. For more information on this opportunity and other ways to get involved, visit musicforall.org/volunteer or email volunteer@musicforall.org.

MUSIC FOR ALL NATIONAL FESTIVAL

Opportunities to be part of the 2018 Music for All National Festival honor ensembles are still available. For more information please contact festival@musicforall.org. Applications for Honor Ensembles are due October 1, 2017.

Dr. Scott Weiss, Director of Bands, University of South Carolina, will conduct the 2018 Honor Band of America. The Honor Orchestra of America will be conducted by Larry J. Livingston, Chair, Conducting Department, Thornton School of Music, University of Southern California. The Jazz Band of America will be conducted by Jeff Rupert, Director of the Jazz Studies, University of Central Florida, and Yamaha Performing Artist.

We hope to make your band's experience in Midland an enjoyable and memorable one. If you have any additional questions after reading through this packet, please do not hesitate to contact us during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at **800-848-2263**. We look forward to seeing you in just a few weeks. You will see our passion and mission come to life from the moment your buses arrive at Grande Communications Stadium.

Have a safe trip to Midland!

Music for All Staff