



Initial Mailing - General Information

Bands of America Honor Band

December 28, 2016-January 4, 2017 • Southern California



BOA HONOR BAND IN THE 2017 ROSE PARADE®

Congratulations once again on being selected as a member of the Bands of America Honor Band in the 2017 Tournament of Roses® Parade! We have posted many documents on our website regarding your participation in the parade. It is important that you read through this information and submit all documents to us by the deadlines indicated on each form and the schedule of deadlines. The information below is an overview of some of the documents that are posted online, as well as additional tips and information that will aid you in preparing for the parade over the course of the next several months.

Student Member Housing Information

Student member and chaperone housing will be at the:

Hilton Long Beach
701 W. Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90831

Music for All will handle all hotel reservations for participants. At no time will a participant or parent need to contact the hotel directly. Please direct all hotel questions to Music for All.

Travel & Arrival to Los Angeles

Members are required to arrive in Los Angeles no later than 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28. Events and activities begin at 3:00 p.m. on December 28th and continue through 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Wednesday, January 4th is a return home travel day.

We strongly recommend flying into **Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) or Long Beach Airport (LGB)**. Music for All will meet and greet participants upon arrival to LAX and LGB, and shuttle service to/from the hotel will be available for purchase through Music for All. If you choose to fly into another area airport, you must provide your own transportation between the airport and hotel. A shuttle reservation form and resources for finding shuttles from other airports will be sent to participants in early September.

Family & Friends Packages

Family & Friends packages will be available for the Rose Parade® trip and will be emailed separately to parents the week of April 4. Please note that accommodations are in a different hotel than the band members and chaperones, and will not include meals with the band. Detailed information will be included in the upcoming emailing.

Schedule of Deadlines

A Schedule of Deadlines is available to assist you in planning your participation. This information is for your personal use and includes deadlines for all required information. Note that many forms listed on the Schedule of Deadlines will be available on our website for download in early September.

Participant Confirmation and Consent Form

All participants in the Honor Band must sign and return the Confirmation and Consent Form along with the first payment by April 1st. Upon your registration in CVENT you will receive two email notifications. One email will be an overview of your submit registration, please keep that email for your records. The second email will contain the Confirmation and Consent form that needs to be printed off, signed, and return to Music for All by April 1st.

Additional Percussion Rehearsal Information/Agreement

Percussion members are **required** to attend a percussion camp in Indianapolis on November 11-13, 2016, during the Bands of America Grand National Championships. Detailed information will be available by June 1.

Drum Major Application

In order to audition, you must be confirmed as a member of the Honor Band (e.g. have received the acceptance letter and returned the confirmation and consent form. Although full participation in the DMI track at the Music for All Summer Symposium is not required, it is highly recommended. Candidates attending an entire DMI track will have a better opportunity to spend time with the adjudicators and demonstrate their full potential for this position.

Uniform Measurement Form

Information from our Official Uniform Sponsor, Fred J. Miller, Inc., has been posted online. Please read this information carefully, as you are asked to provide measurements for your uniform. Return the form to our office **by May 1st**. Drum Major candidates must also complete this form.

Physical Development Website

Five and one-half miles...That's 9,680 yards, or 15,488 – 8 to 5 steps. You have to be physically ready to do this and more. We encourage you to begin a routine of healthy diet and regular walking and/or jogging to start building your stamina. A physical fitness website link was included in each participant's email. If you need us to resend the link, or if you cannot access the website, please email us at tournament@musicforall.org. Please practice these techniques and prepare yourself so that we can be at our best on January 2nd.

Musical Development & Preparation

We will provide you with the ability to download the musical parts as soon as musical pieces are solidified. For auxiliary members, we will provide you with a video routine and movement by the end of August. Additionally, you will be asked to submit a musical preparedness “sign off” from your band director, which will be due in our office by December 1, 2016. Please continue to take your musical development seriously. We promise, you will be challenged individually and as an ensemble in December.

News Release

We have posted a sample news release announcing your selection to the Honor Band that you may distribute to your local media. Please download the word document and fill in your personal information. We suggest that you make copies and send them to every newspaper, television and radio station in your area.

Fundraising Information

Music for All is pleased to offer you a Fundraising Toolkit to help you raise funds for your participation in the Honor Band at the 2017 Tournament of Roses® Parade. The Fundraising Toolkit will allow you to generate support for yourself and the Music for All family. You can also elect to offer donors a commemorative pin as an incentive for their gift, the link to the order form is included on the website. Please see the enclosed packet for donation information and tips for successful fundraising.

Chaperone Application

We have a limited number of chaperone openings available! Chaperones must be at least 25 years of age and available on a 24-hours-a-day basis during the entire experience. Chaperones will receive the same experience as Honor Band members, and they will pay a reduced rate for double occupancy housing and meals. Please see the enclosed Chaperone Application and related information. Chaperone Applications must be returned by May 1st.