At most Regionals, Bands of America will secure an on-site “picnic location” for use by bands during the event. The picnic areas are typically a large grassy area away from the bus and truck parking area for bands to use as an alternative eating location outside of the stadium. Additionally, your students may certainly utilize the concessions available at the stadium, though take into consideration that concession lines at some stadiums may be very long at peak times.

REMINDERS FOR ALL REGIONALS:

• BOA prohibits students and parents from eating in **ALL parking lots**. Our main concern is the safety and security of our participants – serving, sitting and eating in a parking lot or on the surrounding curbs while buses and trucks are moving in and out of the area creates a major safety issue.

• BOA and stadium regulations **prohibit bringing in outside food and beverage** into the stadium seating areas/concourse, both by bands and spectators.

• BOA **prohibits the use of grills**, even within designated picnic areas.

• The stadium concourse and seating areas will be cleared and concessions will be closed during the dinner break between prelims and finals.

• Designated picnic areas will not be monitored by BOA staff, and as such, bands are not recommended to leave any unattended items in the area. Additionally, we ask that bands help keep the area clean by collecting and disposing of any trash after using the picnic area.

**Directors:** please share this information with your parent-boosters as well to help prepare them as spectators.

Below is a list of the 2018 Regional Championships and indication if a picnic area will be available, or alternative off-site locations that your band may contact to make arrangements:

**September 22**
McAllen, TX: On-site picnic area available
Midland, TX: On-site picnic area available
Oxford, OH: On-site picnic area available

**September 29**
Austin, TX: LIMITED On-site picnic area available*
Bowling Green, OH: On-site picnic area available
Clarksville, TN: On-site picnic area available

**October 6**
Dallas, TX: LIMITED On-site picnic area available*
Houston, TX: LIMITED On-site picnic area available*
Jacksonville, AL: On-site picnic area available

**October 13**
Canton, OH: On-site picnic area available
Gaffney, SC: On-site picnic area available
Orlando, FL: LIMITED On-site picnic area available
Waco, TX: LIMITED On-site picnic area available*

**October 19-20**
Newark, DE: On-site picnic area available
Northern California: On-site picnic area available
Indianapolis, IN Super Regional: Indianapolis has many parks by the stadium, or groups use concessions, a downtown restaurant, or the food court at the Circle Centre mall.

**October 26-27**
Powder Springs, GA: On-site picnic area available
St. George, UT: On-site picnic area available
St. Louis, MO Super Regional: NO On-site picnic area available. Arrangements can be made at Forest Park, which is approximately 10 minutes from the stadium. Visit forestparkforever.org for contact info and details.

**November 2-3**
Southern California: LIMITED On-site picnic area available*
San Antonio, TX Super Regional: Nearby picnic areas may be available. Additionally, the Alamodome will have options available for in-stadium group catering. More information forthcoming.

*Limited picnic areas are smaller or may be offsite. More details will be included in that Regionals’ final packet.