

All State Band Clinic Information
Thursday, March 8 – Sunday, March 11, 2012
Furman University, Greenville, SC

Thursday, March 8

4:00pm Depart from Wando HS
6:00pm Eat at Columbiana Mall in Columbia
9:00pm Arrive at La Quinta Inn and Suites, Greenville, SC (864-233-8018)

Friday, March 9

9:00am Rehearsal at Furman University
12:00pm Lunch, fast food
1:30pm Rehearsal
5:00pm Rehearsal Ends
6:30pm Eat at Mall Food Court
8:00pm Furman University Concert, possible movie to follow

Saturday, March 10

9:00am Rehearsal
12:00pm Lunch, fast food
1:30pm Rehearsal
5:00pm Rehearsal Ends
6:30pm Eat at the Mall Food Court
8:00pm Evening Activity (usually bowling)

Sunday, March 11

11:30a Brunch
12:45p Warm up at Furman University
1:30p All State Band Concert
4:00p Depart Greenville
6:00p Eat at Fuddruckers in Columbia
9:00p Arrive at Wando HS, get picked up and GO HOME!

What To Bring

- Instrument (and all supplies such as reeds, mouthpieces, oils, and tuning grease)
- Full Band Uniform (including black socks, shoes and bow tie). **Alternates bring uniform as well.**
- Money for SEVEN meals (mostly fast food and food court locations). Students will eat two lunches on Furman campus (cost: \$20.00) Money will be collected by Mr. Scott prior to the trip.
- Money for TWO evening activities such as movies or bowling
- Casual clothing for Friday, Saturday and the bus on Sunday.
- All toiletries and hygiene items needed for the trip.
- A jacket or sweater in case the evenings are cool.
- A pencil for rehearsal.
- Mutes for brass, esp. trumpets
- Snacks for the room at night.

(see reverse side for more information)

Important Information for Parents

Parents,

Please refer to the band handbook for all policies concerning travel. All students at this event are under the direct authority of the Cario band staff, the Wando band staff and the attending chaperones. We will operate on a zero tolerance policy for any discipline issues which involve our students. Any student who creates a discipline issue or violates band policy WILL be removed from the All State Band Clinic immediately. This is the state's highest honor for school musicians and we expect our students to behave accordingly. I am sure that we will not have any problems, but I want the students to understand what our policies will be.

Very Important!!!

No student will be allowed to ride home with anyone, including their own parents, unless we have a note of permission BEFORE we leave Wando HS on Thursday. It is too confusing and too risky to ASSUME that a student has left with a parent when we are notified at the clinic. Please follow this procedure. We will not allow students to ride home with a parent if we do not have a note in hand prior to departure. I don't want to have to tell a parent that it is not allowed at the clinic, but I am responsible for their safety during the trip. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Final Thoughts for parents about the All State clinic:

Parents,

We have such great parents here at Cario, so I am sure this is more like preaching to the choir. But, I am going to say it anyway.

Being named to the All State band is the highest honor our students can achieve musically in South Carolina. To get to this level, your children have spent countless hours practicing, rehearsing, and most likely paying for lessons. It is a great honor. With that in mind, I STRONGLY encourage you to attend the concert on Sunday. Your children may tell you it is not important, but I assure you IT IS. When I was a child, my father never saw me play. I never forgot that he didn't find it important to be there. I am (somewhat older) now, but I never forgot it. Years ago, I had the privilege to teach the 1st chair clarinetist in this band. She gave the speech and the conductor's award in front of that huge crowd. Neither of her parents came. She told me afterwards how grateful she was that I was there for her. It mattered to her. I am betting it matters to each of these kids too. I hope to see you there.

Jeff Scott
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