

Subject: Spirit BOA Trip Information + Meal Fee Due Monday 10/2

Attachment: [BOA Meal Payment Form 2017](#)

Please **CAREFULLY** review this important information about the Spirit of Jupiter Bands of America trip on October 5-8 and note the deadline of **Monday, October 2 (end of rehearsal) for the \$30 BOA MEAL fee.**

We will have a BOA Trip Meeting for parents on **Monday, October 2 at 6:30 pm.** ALL CHAPERONES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND. Bring your questions!

A suggested packing list will be provided closer to the date of the trip.

We need families to get current with their Fair Share payments so we can pay our trip expenses. The buses alone cost almost \$20,000.00!! Financial statements were emailed Wednesday. Please check Charms to determine if you are behind on payments or not. Click on Finances icon once you are logged in.

More info in this email:

- Tentative BOA Trip Itinerary
- Meal Plan / Trip Cash Needed
- Hotels – Limited rooms available for parents
- BOA Tickets – Information coming soon
- Connect Online With Music for All and Bands of America
- About BOA

Look for a separate email SOON for families who will be attending BOA to support Spirit!

TENTATIVE BOA TRIP ITINERARY

**** Note that we cross into the CENTRAL time zone when we cross the Georgia/Alabama border into Alabama. LOCAL times listed below.**

Thursday, October 5

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Spirit rehearsal at JHS

9:00 pm: Load trucks; Shower at JHS; Do last minute check of uniforms, equipment, etc.; Load buses

~11:00 pm: Depart for Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama

Stop for bathroom breaks along the way (Florida Turnpike Service Plazas & Walmart Supercenters)

Friday, October 6

~ 7:00 am: Breakfast on the road in Southern Georgia at McDonald's or similar fast food restaurant - **CASH NEEDED**

Possible stop at hotels to drop off luggage

~ 9:30 am CST: Arrive at Jacksonville State University

We are rehearsing on their NEW TURF practice field on Carolina Dr NW!

Watch this video about the practice field: <https://youtu.be/aFEjvREZXj0>

TIME TBD: Lunch at the JSU Food Court - **CASH NEEDED**

REHEARSE on practice field

5:30 pm: Buffet Dinner at JSU - covered by \$30 BOA Meal Fee

More Rehearsal

TIME TBD Head to the hotel

Saturday, October 7

8:00 am: Breakfast at the hotel (included with hotel stay)

9:00 am: Stretch / Visual Warm up at hotel

11:00 am: Publix Sub lunch - covered by \$30 BOA Meal Fee

11:45 am: Depart for Jacksonville State University

ALL BOA SCHEDULE TIMES ARE TENTATIVE:

12:15 pm: Arrive at Jacksonville State University

1:40pm: Warm Up

2:20 pm: Pit Report Time (Gate)

2:35 pm: Band Report Time (Gate)

2:45 pm: PERFORM

4:15 pm: Jacksonville State University Exhibition performance

4:30 pm: Presentation of Awards

The top 10 bands will be announced at retreat, and they will perform in the FINALS Saturday evening. Performance times are determined after retreat. The JHS Band will stay and perform at or watch the Finals depending upon the Prelims results.

TIME TBD Buffet Dinner at JSU - covered by \$30 BOA Meal Fee

6:45 pm: Gates open for Finals

7:45 pm: First performing Finalist Band

10:30 pm: Finale - Presentation of Awards

AFTER FINALS RETREAT ~ 11:30 pm: Return to hotel

12:00 am: Arrive at hotel / Lights out

Sunday, October 8

Breakfast at the hotel (included with hotel stay)

TIME TBD Depart Oxford, AL

TIME TBD Lunch on the road - **CASH NEEDED**

TIME TBD Dinner on the road - **CASH NEEDED**

~ 9:00 pm EST: Arrive at Jupiter High School; unload trucks

~ 9:30 pm: Dismissed

MEAL PLAN / TRIP CASH NEEDED

We are collecting \$30 from each student to pre-purchase dinner on Friday night and lunch and dinner on Saturday. This fee is **DUE MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT END OF REHEARSAL.**

Lunch menu: Publix 6" Sub, Chips, Fruit, and Water

Dinner menu to include: Lasagna, Baked Chicken, Hamburgers and Hotdogs, Pizza, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn on the Cob, Green Beans, Potato Salad, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread/Buns, Assorted Cookies, Sweet Tea, Lemonade and Water

Please use the attached payment form to make your sub selection and turn in your payment.

Payment methods:

- **Make checks payable to “Jupiter High School” or “JHS Band.”** Write your student’s name and “BOA MEALS” in the memo.
- **SchoolCashOnline** – please attach a copy of your receipt to the payment form.
- **CASH is strongly discouraged.** The JHS Band cannot be held responsible for cash payments unless you have a receipt from JHS Band.

**** Parents or Staff members traveling with the band on the bus can take advantage of this offer. Please use the attached payment form to submit your payment.**

Students will need to **BRING CASH ON THE TRIP** for these 4 meals (\$50-60 suggested):

Friday: Breakfast / Lunch

Sunday: Lunch / Dinner

Students may want additional money for t-shirts, patches, souvenirs, photos, etc. (See sample souvenirs at <https://shop.musicforall.org/>.)

HOTELS

The band is staying at two adjacent hotels in Oxford, AL:

[La Quinta Inn & Suites Oxford-Anniston](#)

100 Colonial Drive
Oxford, AL 36203
256-241-0950

[Sleep Inn](#)

88 Colonial Drive
Oxford, AL 36203
256-831-2191

We have a limited number of rooms for parents traveling to BOA at the [Comfort Suites](#) located at 125 Davis Loop in Oxford, AL, adjacent to the La Quinta Inn & Suites. We have:

5 rooms with 1 King bed at \$114/night plus taxes

5 rooms with 2 Queen beds at \$119/night plus taxes

If you are interested in any of these rooms, please contact Andrea Holtz BY TEXT at (561) 313-2674. You will pay by credit card for the room upon arrival.

This is additional helpful travel information from band parent Linda Agnant:

Airport choices are Atlanta, Huntsville, and Birmingham. Birmingham seems to have the least expensive flights with the most choices out of West Palm Beach.

Delta had a good selection of flights leaving the morning of Friday, Oct 6 and returning Sunday Oct 8, many of which were under \$300 round trip.

We reserved a car from Hertz for \$24 per day.

BOA TICKETS

We have a limited number of general admission DAY PASSES available at the face value cost of \$27 each. This saves you a \$7 online processing fee if ordering ahead online. These passes are good for both prelims and finals.

Tickets will be sold at a first come, first served basis on reply to this email and receipt of payment.

There is no reserved seating at this event.

For more information about BOA tickets, visit this link: <http://www.musicforall.org/what-we-do/boa-marching-championships/bands-of-america-regional-tickets-order-form>. Tickets can also be purchased on site.

CONNECT ONLINE WITH MUSIC FOR ALL AND BANDS OF AMERICA

Music for All will be posting photos, videos, and updates from each show this fall. You can join the conversation by using **#boa2017** all season long.

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About Bands of America (BOA) Alabama Regional Championship

For more information about this competition, visit www.musicforall.org/11-regionals/jacksonville-al-regional-2. For more information about regional BOA events in general, visit www.musicforall.org/what-we-do/boa-marching-championships/regionals.

Bands of America is a program of Music for All. For more information about Music for All, visit www.musicforall.org/who-we-are/who-we-are.

Bands of America was created in 1976 as "Marching Bands of America" (MBA), renamed Bands of America (BOA) in 1984 and merged with the Music for All Foundation in 2006 to create Music for All. MFA's marching band events continue to carry the name of "Bands of America."