

**Walled Lake Central  
Vikings Marching Band  
Grand Nationals Championship**  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
November 12 - 16, 2014

Walled Lake Central Viking Marching Band will be traveling to Indianapolis, Indiana for the Grand Nationals Championship at the Lucas Oil Stadium on November 12-16, 2014. This is a three-day premier marching band event with 100 competing bands from across the nation. For more Grand Nationals information visit the website [www.musicforall.org](http://www.musicforall.org). Following is some information that will briefly detail the trip.

**Lodging**

The students will once again be participating in a **Home Stay** with the **Carmel High School Marching Band Boosters** from Carmel Indiana. This will not only be a great opportunity to work with a top marching band, but we will also be saving the expense of staying at a camp or another facility. (Visit Carmel Band's website at [www.carmelbands.org](http://www.carmelbands.org) to get more acquainted with the 2012 Grand Nationals Champion). Our band students will be placed with another band student/friend into a Carmel band family home based upon any medical/allergy issues and matched with the host family accommodations. We highly encourage all band students to participate in this Home Stay. In past years, many friendships were made and will be renewed again. The Carmel Band Boosters are in tune with our parents' concerns and are more than willing to work with us. Like Walled Lake Central, they perform background checks on all their parent volunteers. Please know that our student's safety is top priority and we are very confident that this will be a great experience for your son or daughter.

The official chaperones and staff will be staying at the following hotel  
Minutes from Carmel High School: Courtyard Marriot 10290 N. Meridian  
St. Carmel In 46290 1-800-228-9290

Here are some nearby hotels & contact info. Should you prefer other choices:

**Rodeway Inn & Suites:**

<http://www.rodewayinn.com/hotel-carmel-indiana-IN115?source=gglocalai1&sid=x4xYb.pYb6Ugdnw.45>

15131 Thatcher Lane

Carmel, IN 46033

Phone: (317) 575-0000

**Hampton Inn:** <http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/indiana/hampton-inn-indianapolis-carmel-INDCMHX/index.html>

12197 North Meridian Street

Carmel, IN 46032

Phone: (317) 843-1100

**Comfort Inn:**

<http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-indianapolis-indiana-IN372>

10201 North Meridian Street

Indianapolis, IN 46208

Phone: (317) 816-1616

**Doubletree Guest Suites:**

[http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en\\_US/dt/hotel/INDOMDTDoubletree-Guest-Suites-Indianapolis-Carmel-Indiana/index.do](http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en_US/dt/hotel/INDOMDTDoubletree-Guest-Suites-Indianapolis-Carmel-Indiana/index.do)

11355 North Meridian Street Carmel, IN 46032

Phone: (317) 844- 7994

**Transportation**

Trinity Motor Coach will be providing transportation to and from Carmel, and will also transport the students and chaperones while in Indianapolis. A minimum of sixteen (16) parent chaperones will be riding with the students at all times while on the motor coach. Bus safety rules will be strictly adhered to according to the Walled Lake School district policy.

**Meals**

Most, but not all, meals will be provided to the students and chaperones. Our food menu has taken into account any special dietary needs indicated on your student's Grand Nationals questionnaire form.

The meals that will be provided to the students and official chaperones are:

Breakfast: Home Stay Carmel Booster Family includes breakfast each day.  
Lunch & Dinner: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

The meals that are not provided are:

Wednesday: Bring \$ for dinner on the way down to Carmel.

Sunday: Bring \$ for lunch on the way back to WLC.

### **Performance Tickets**

The Grand Nationals competition performance schedule is as follows:

- Nov 13, Thursday Preliminaries - 45 bands. General admission \$21 each. Walled Lake Central Marching Band performs around 12:15 PM
- Nov 14, Friday Preliminaries - 45 bands plus exhibition(s). A 1-Day prelim. Ticket is \$21 ea. **Note, we will not be performing or attending Friday Preliminaries.**
- Nov 15, Saturday Semi-Finals - top 30-34 bands, plus exhibition(s). General admission \$37 each. Performance dependent on Semi qualifying.
- Nov 15, Saturday Finals (6:45pm) - top 12 bands plus Awards Ceremony. Reserved seating, advance tickets highly recommended. \$26 and up each.

Grand Nationals Finals competition tickets for Saturday Nov 15 at 6:45 pm, showcasing the top 12 marching bands, at the Lucas Oil Stadium are available in advance and are

Reserved seating only. Tickets can be purchased online on the Bands of America website [www.musicforall.org](http://www.musicforall.org) or [Ticket Master](#) or Lucas Oil Stadium Ticket Office. **It is highly recommended that you purchase your Finals tickets in advance.**

Finals tickets for students, chaperones, and staff have already been purchased, in the Economy Section, high vantage point. Do not purchase Finals tickets for your student or if you are an official chaperone. (Chaperones are asked to cover the cost of their own preliminary tickets). If you prefer to sit in the vicinity of the band during finals, request your tickets in/near the mentioned sections: **236,235.**

## **Parking**

Located adjacent to Lucas Oil Stadium is N.K. Hurst Co. parking lot @ 230 W. Mc. Carty Street on Saturday. (25) \$10 parking passes for Saturday and will be available to purchase later. Tailgate and band meetings for Saturday will take place in the grassy section of Hurst Co. parking lot.

There will also be additional parking lots nearby at the same \$10/day rate.

## **Itinerary**

- \* Tuesday November 11 at 5:00 P.M. drop off meds to Danya Stump @ WLC.
- \* Tuesday November 11 at 5:00 P.M. drop off breakfast food to WLC.
- \* Tuesday November 11 no later than 6:00 P.M. uniform drop off in the band room.
- \* Wednesday November 12 at 2:45 p.m. Load luggage on Charter buses.
- \* Wednesday November 13 at 4:15 P.M.(subject to change) Leave Central heading to Carmel, Indiana. (bring a snack and label everything!!)
- \* 7:00 Dinner Break (Kids are responsible for their own meal)
- \* 10:30 arrive at Carmel High School children check out with chaperone and go with host Carmel Family.
- \* Sunday November 16 10:00 A.M Students arrive at Carmel High School say goodbye to their host family.
- \* Sunday November 16 11:00 A.M. depart Carmel head back to Walled Lake Central.
- \* Dinner Break 1:00 – 2:00 (Kids responsible for their own meal)
- \* 5:00 P.M. return to Walled Lake Central /unload

## **Items To Bring - LABEL ALL PIECES**

\*Personal items (clothes & toiletries). We will be spending a lot of time outdoors, so make sure you dress appropriately. A small/medium overnight bag should be Sufficient. STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO CARRY THEIR OWN LUGGAGE.

\*All meds must be given to our medical coordinator AnnMarie Guardiola on Tuesday November 11 prior to the trip and administered by the designated adult on duty.

\*Sleeping bag, pillow, and/or inflatable air mattress if desired. You may wish to contact your host family to verify.

\*Full Uniform, black shoes (Dinkels), and multiple pairs of socks.

\*Instrument, supplies (tape, sticks, mallets, reeds, gloves, etc.)

\*Backpack/day bag for daily necessities.

\* Hand warmers hat, gloves etc.

\*Please, no coolers. It is not necessary to bring extra snacks, as the students will be fed.

\*Money for dinner on Wednesday and lunch on Sunday (travel days) and miscellaneous spending. **(We are going to the Circle Centre Mall on Friday)** Of course there is always “event stuff” to purchase, such as event t-shirts, show patches and DVD’s of the show.

\*Families: Bring a lawn chair and EZ-Up type portable canopies if you have one for shade (or shelter from the rain). Stadium blanket & seat cushion for watching practices, if desired. Expect the weather to be rather cool.

### **Medication**

It is the Walled Lake School District policy that all prescription medication be stored and administered by a designated adult. Over the counter (OTC) medication will

Also be administered by a designated adult only if the OTC form for that student is on file with WLCMB.

\*An Authorization to Administer Medication form must be completed by your physician,  
And on file with WLCMB.

\*Bring just enough medication for the trip in the labeled prescription container and in the same dosage described on the medication form. Place in a Ziploc bag with the name  
Clearly printed on the bag. Give all medications to the medical coordinator prior to leaving. The student will be responsible for coming to the designated

adult to receive  
Their medication.

\*Please direct all medication questions or concerns to AnnMarie Guardiola  
[gotberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gotberg@sbcglobal.net) 248-420-1247.

## **Responsibilities**

WLCMB is a Walled Lake School District class and organization. Therefore, we must follow the district guidelines including dress code, student code of conduct, and disciplinary policies. Disciplinary problems that require dismissal will require parents to pick up their student at their own expense. Everyone should already be aware of the “rules of the road”, so they will not be detailed in this sheet. We do not, however, expect any problems, as WLCMB members are always awesome!

## **Student Responsibilities**

- To follow the member Mission Statement, which will guide you in how you act and represent the group both on the field and off the field. This includes following the Walled Lake School District Code of Conduct.
- You will be missing (1) day of school. Though it is an excused absence, it is your responsibility to speak with each of your teachers individually and to complete all Assigned work. Mr. Rogers will notify the office explaining your absence.
- You must be on your best behavior while at the Home Stay. No one will be permitted to leave the Home Stay.
- Any issues/concerns with Home Stay must be brought to Home Stay Coordinator’s (Mrs. Michelle Starks, Mrs. Danya Stump, Mrs. Karen Surace, Missy Mergner) attention.
- To have fun!

## **Chaperone Responsibilities**

- To ensure the safety of the students.
- Expected to ride the bus with the students.
- To stay with students during the practices and while they are at competitions.
- Perform multiple periodic daily checkpoint head counts of assigned students at specified times as shown on the pending itinerary.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **WLCMB Nationals Trip Coordinators/Emergency Contacts:**

Michelle Starks [starmichl5@aol.com](mailto:starmichl5@aol.com) or [logistics@wlcbands.com](mailto:logistics@wlcbands.com) 248-205-0535 cell

Missy Mergner [mbmergner@att.net](mailto:mbmergner@att.net) 248-722-0358 cell  
[logistics@wlcbands.com](mailto:logistics@wlcbands.com) 248-669-2358 home

### **Home Stay Coordinator**

Michelle Starks [starmichl5@aol.com](mailto:starmichl5@aol.com) 248-205-0535

Danya Stump [danyastump@att.net](mailto:danyastump@att.net) 248-467-6079

Karen Surace [aksurace@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aksurace@sbcglobal.net) 248-504-7179

Missy Mergner [mbmergner@att.net](mailto:mbmergner@att.net) 248-722-0358

### **Medication/Medical Coordinator:**

AnnMarie Guardiola [gotberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gotberg@sbcglobal.net) 248-420-1247

### **Head of Chaperones:**

Pam Dearth [pamd91@juno.com](mailto:pamd91@juno.com) 248-787-7206

### **WLCMB Director:**

Dave Rogers [davidrogers@wlcsl.org](mailto:davidrogers@wlcsl.org) 248-956-4754 office

## Transportation Opportunities

Trinity is our charter transportation provider. With (4) buses reserved there are transportation opportunities for those that plan to attend the BOA Grand National performances in Indianapolis. Round trip transportation is available on a limited bases. The stipulation for usage is that all riders are subjected to the daily band travel schedule or must secure their own daily transportation.

The trip coordinators (Michelle Starks or Missy Mergner) can be contacted for further details.

