

Bands of America San Antonio – November 2nd & 3rd- ****UPDATED****

Locations:

Contest:

The Alamodome
100 Montana Street
San Antonio, Texas 78203

Hotel:

Holiday Inn San Antonio –
Downtown Market Square
318 W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.
San Antonio, Texas 78204

Tickets: Prices vary.

Please visit <https://www.musicforall.org/what-we-do/boa-marching-championships/regionals/bands-of-america-san-antonio-super-regional-championship-presented-by-yamaha> for details and options.

Parking: Spectator parking is located directly east of the stadium, in Lot C. There is a \$20 charge for spectator parking, with no “in & out” privileges. This is set by the city of San Antonio. Outside food and beverage are NOT allowed in the stadium.

Clear Bag Policy and Security: The Alamodome has adopted a Clear Bag Policy for all spectators. Any bags (clear or not) smaller than 5.5” x 8.5” are approved, as well as clear bags that are up to 12” x 6”x 12” or gallon sized freezer bags may be brought in the stadium. Medically necessary items and diaper bags are also allowed for those who require them. The stadium will also make use metal detectors on spectator level, and security dogs to sniff equipment and performers at Event Level entrances.

Please see the Alamodome Bag Policy document here: https://www.musicforall.org/images/PDFs/2018/Fall/San_Antonio_Final_Packet/Clear_Bag_Flyer_111317b.pdf

You may bring:

(You need to be able to carry everything you bring, all at one time)

1 Luggage bag for below bus storage...this is for the bulk of your clothes/other items.

1 carry-on bag for the things that you will need during the travel to and from San Antonio - THIS IS A SMALL BAG or BACKPACK!

Packing:

Pillow and Blanket for the bus – 1 per person- you **can not** share with anyone!

Sweatshirt for the bus – buses will stay cold – plan accordingly

Homework, movies, charging cords for the bus, money

Clothes – Remember Dress Code! **Remember your band polo for Friday night!**

Toiletries (deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc. - did I say deodorant?)

Uniform / Instruments / Equipment / Hair Needs / Make-up

We will have bottled water for this trip. We will have a few snacks for the bus.

Friday November 2nd

6:00am - Auditorium opens for luggage drop off in designated areas

6:45am - Rehearsal

8:15am - Props load trucks

9:30am - Band is dismissed after second period

10:15am - Depart Aledo HS

12:15pm - Lunch in Waco **(You pay. Bring Meal money.)**

1:15pm - Depart for San Antonio

4:15pm - Arrive in San Antonio at the hotel

5:15pm - Depart for Riverwalk for dinner **(You pay. Bring meal money.)**

EVERYONE WEARS BAND POLO

8:30pm - Return to hotel

8:45pm - Drivers report to their rooms

9:00pm - Room check

10:00pm - Lights Out

Saturday November 3rd

4:00am - 4:30am – Guard Wake-Up call

5:00am - Wake-Up Call

5:45am - Drivers report to buses

6:00am - Be fully dressed, Grab breakfast on the go, Load buses

6:30am - Depart for Alamodome

6:45am - Arrive at Alamodome – Trucks allowed in lot

7:00am - Get water bottle for warm-up

7:10am - Move to Entry for indoor Warm-Up

7:25am - Band Warm-Up (Area A) / Pit Warm-up (Lot A)

7:55am - Pit Moves

8:05am - Pit Report Time

8:10am - Band Moves

8:20am - Band Report Time

8:30am - Performance – Bus Sitters report for duty

8:45am - Pictures (Group and Section)

9:15am - Load Truck/Buses/Change Out of Uniforms **(Bus 1&2- Boys, Bus 3&4- Girls, Bus 5 - Guard)**

9:30am - 11:15am – Back into the Alamodome to watch bands

11:15am - Walk to the Riverwalk for Lunch

11:30am - 1:00pm - Lunch **(you pay)**

1:00pm - Walk back to the dome

1:30pm - 3:45pm - Watch Bands

3:45pm - Presentation of Awards

4:30pm - Stadium Cleared - Eat Dinner (paid by band fees)

IF WE DON'T MAKE FINALS:

5:30pm - Depart for Aledo.

8:00pm - 8:30pm – Buccee's Run in Temple (you pay)

10:30pm – Arrive at Aledo HS and unload

11:00pm – Dismissed, Go home

IF WE MAKE FINALS:

5:00pm - Back in Line

6:30pm - Gates Open **

7:00pm - National Anthem and Special On-Field Welcome

7:15pm - Class Exhibition (If Needed)

7:30pm - First Finalist Band

11:00pm - Finals Competition Ends

11:15pm – Finals Presentation of Awards

12:00am - Depart for Aledo (approx.)

12:45am - Buc-ees Run in New Braunsfel (you pay)

1:15am - Depart for Aledo

5:30am - Arrive at Aledo and Unload

6:00am - Go Home ***

***Remember, we fall back (Daylight savings) so we really are dismissed at 5:00am. Drivers will be sleeping at the hotel during the day on Saturday since we are driving back late. You can check your child out if you are staying overnight in SA. Fill out the Event Release form. The link is at the end of this email.

General Important Information from Directors – PLEASE READ!

1. All students please remain on the bus at every stop until permission is granted to exit.
2. Be flexible. Things will change. They always do.
3. Remember to only pack what you can carry yourself!
4. Mark your bags, and anything else you are bringing that could be misplaced.
5. You may bring a pillow, blanket (1 per person), appropriate games, snacks, homework, and electronics with headphones for the bus. All movies brought for the bus must be rated G, PG, or PG13. Even then, these will only be shown at a director's discretion.
6. Never leave anything unattended.
7. Respect and follow the hotel and bus rules.
8. **School rules and policies apply on all trips. This includes dress code! You are a representative of your school!**
9. Do not open your door for any reason without first using the peephole to see who is at the door. If you don't know them, don't open the door!
10. No one of the opposite sex is allowed in another's room. No girls in boys' rooms or vice versa.
11. **Do not exit your room/open the door once you have been checked in for the night, unless there is a fire. All rooms will be taped. Again, Be Smart, Be Safe! You all have your directors cell number, use it if you need it! I would rather you call and ask than make an unsure decision that could get you in trouble.**
12. Utilize the dead bolt, chain, or other locking devices on doors upon entering your room. This will prevent the door from being opened by a regular room key.

13. Please familiarize yourself with the location of the nearest fire exit/stairway. In the unlikely event of a fire, please move quickly and quietly to the nearest exit. Once outside, you should find our group as quickly as possible.
14. Use common sense. If you don't have any ASK!!!
15. Any violation of trip rules may result in your parent being called and you spending the rest of your time with a director or being sent home.
16. No PDA of any kind will be allowed...no kissing, aggressive hugging, bodies wrapped all over each other, petting, goo-goo eyes, etc. This will not be tolerated. This goes for everyone! You are a representative of the school and you need to act like it! I do not care what the situation is, you need to act appropriately!
17. Your safety and well-being on this trip is my #1 priority. Be safe, be smart at all times.
18. If there are check-ins each day, you will be expected to be at each one on time.
19. Your meds will be handed out when you check-in.
20. **You are required to be in groups of 4 at all times. If you see another Regiment member not in a group of 4 or more, invite them to be in your group. We want everyone to be safe while we are there.**
21. Any violation of these rules and regulations and general information may result in you being shipped home at your expense.

NO TOBACCO OF ANY KIND. NO E-CIGS OF ANY KIND. NO VAPING ITEMS OF ANY KIND. NO DRUGS OF ANY KIND, this includes over-the-counter medications. NO DRUG PARAPHERNALIA OF ANY KIND. NO ALCOHOL. NO WEAPONS OF ANY KIND.

Violation of this will result in a parent having to immediately pick you up in San Antonio at your expense.

School Administration will be contacted.

Parents – please speak with your students about this policy. It will be strictly enforced.

STUDENTS – MAKE GOOD DECISIONS!

Inhalers: If you use an inhaler, please be sure you bring it with you. Please be sure to have it with you at all times. Please do not leave it on the bus or buried in your luggage. We will not necessarily be by the bus when and if you need it. These competitions require a lot of walking from warm-up area, to performance area, to trucking area, etc. Each area is not always close to the next.

Medications: If you will be needing to take medication while we are in San Antonio, please bring the medication to Mrs. McBrayer before school on Friday, November 2nd. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** If medication will need to be taken while we are on the bus, medications will be distributed to the appropriate bus chaperone to distribute to your student while we are traveling to San Antonio. Please do not send any kind of medication in your student's suitcase/bag. This is for their safety and the safety of the other students in their room as well.

The meds must be placed in a labeled Ziploc bag (like the snack sized bags) for each dose.

The bags should be labeled in the following way:

Name of Student

Name of medication

Day of week to take

Time of day to take

Please note that we carry the following medications with us along with access to the medical forms with permissions to give/not give these over-the-counter medications to your student: Tylenol, Advil, Pepto Bismal, Sudafed, Benadryl, Tums

Parents: If you are traveling to San Antonio and you feel it necessary to see your student while at the hotel, please do not go into your students hotel room. Please contact a director or chaperone if it is **absolutely necessary** to speak to your student in person. Speak to them in the hall, if it is **absolutely necessary** to see them. Please do not ask them to open the door if the room has been taped and checked by a chaperone or director already. Please understand that your student is not the only one in that room. This is for the student's safety as well as your own. Thank you for your understanding of our concern. We appreciate your cooperation in this.

Event Release Forms: <https://goo.gl/forms/SqZ5QbfNIRwSkKQ42>

If you are checking your student out early from San Antonio, you must fill out the event release form. Please find Mrs. McBrayer or a designated chaperone. Parent and student must be together when signing out. Please do not just leave without signing out with Mrs. McBrayer or a designated chaperone. Please understand we must know that the student is with the parent/designated adult. We are responsible for 200+ students on this trip. This is a way for us to ensure that everyone is safely accounted for.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about anything.

You can email me or text 817-975-8035, or please feel free to contact Mr. Paul.

Thank you,

Jenny McBrayer