Lugoff-Elgin High School Band
Music for All Summer Symposium - 2019

MFA Summer Symposium Information for Parents and Students,

I hope everyone is ready for a "Life Changing Experience." I've been taking students to the MFA Summer Symposium for over 25 years and it is ... without a doubt ... the best week of my entire year!

I am attaching several documents that should help you prepare for our trip to Indiana and also help you understand my role as the Bus Captain. I will send additional information as we near the end of the school year and as we come closer to our June departure date.

Please Note:

· The bus will be FULL (every seat will be used). Seats are assigned “first-come-first-served.” If you have other students from your school interested in riding the bus, they need to contact me as soon as possible.

· Students will be required to sign up for both the Leadership Weekend and the Symposium/Full Camp Week. The Leadership Weekend is an Option for Directors.

· Bus riders will need to sign up for ADDITIONAL NIGHTS HOUSING. Please add Friday, June 21 and Saturday, June 29 to your registration. These nights come with 4 extra meals. (It is necessary to stay over on Saturday, June 29. I don't want to make a 13 hour nighttime journey through the mountains after a long week of Band Camp. In addition to being the Bus Captain, I am also the Bus Driver and will need a full night's rest before the return trip.)

· Fill out the Band Bus Permission Form that is attached to this message. I will collect those forms prior to our departure.

· PLEASE provide me the necessary contact information. I will need: telephone number(s), email address, pick-up location, Student Track, Instrument(s) to be transported on the bus, and Thursday Night Lock-In Status. This information will help me develop a plan well in advance of our departure.

*** See attachments (6)

Feel free to contact me if you have questions or other issues.
Glenn

MFA Summer Symposium Bus Riders - Contact Information

Student's Name:

Grade (2018-2019 school year):

School:

Symposium Track:
Student Contact Email Address:

Student Contact Telephone Number:

Lock-In (Yes or No):

Depart from LEHS (Yes or No):

If a Pick-Up (Where - City, State):

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Parent/Guardian Email Address(es)

Parent/Guardian Contact Telephone(es):

Will you be taking and instrument or other equipment with you to camp? If yes, what instrument/equipment?
Parents and Students,

It’s almost time for summer and the **Music for All Summer Symposium**, and I’m sure that everyone is excited about the trip. Please read all the information you will receive from MFA as you prepare for camp. Everything you need to know about camp is somewhere in the packet or email message you will receive from MFA. I have been going for a number of years and will gladly help you as you plan for camp, but my major role on this trip is **TRANSPORTATION**!

I am excited to have the opportunity to take such an outstanding group of students and teachers to this truly amazing musical experience. We will be traveling in one of the Lugoff-Elgin High School Band buses and will have room for 55 passengers with underneath storage bays for luggage and instruments. With limited storage space available everyone is asked to carefully consider what they pack for the trip. Don’t bring unnecessary items but be sure that everything you “need” is transported to Ball State University. Make yourself a CHECK LIST and don’t leave things you need at home. Trying to “rethink” our luggage needs (at 5:00 a.m.) on our departure morning is not recommended.

People, instruments, guard equipment, and luggage will be going in the bus. We have “lots of stuff” to transport, and we want everything to arrive undamaged. Please wrap any breakables so that they will not be damaged if they happen to end up on the bottom of the storage bay. You may wish to bring a device to enjoy your music as we travel but make sure that you have headphones for private listening.

I will provide several small coolers of bottled water for the students while traveling. If you wish to bring drinks to add to the cooler, please bring them in plastic bottles with re-closable tops. Glass bottles can become a hazard if they break inside the bus and unfinished can drinks will spill.

**THINGS TO KNOW**

We will meet at the Lugoff-Elgin High School Band Room on Friday, June 21, 2019 at 5:00 a.m. and depart for the symposium as quickly as possible. Make sure to bring a pillow so that you can relax and sleep in the bus during the trip. Students will also need to dress casually for the long trip to Indiana. The bus is air-conditioned and we should be comfortable, but we will spend the better part of the day traveling. We will be making stops about every two hours for restroom breaks, food, and fuel. Dress comfortably for the ride, but be appropriately dressed for a visit to a fast food restaurant.

**IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Bands of America (Indianapolis, Indiana)..........................................................800-848-2263
Ball State University/MFA Camp Office ......................877-643-6043 (then follow the prompts)
Cell Telephone (Carried Onboard the Van).................................803-243-3388

For more information about the trip you may call Glenn Price.

- Lugoff-Elgin High School Band Room: 803-438-8012
- Cellular Telephone: 803-243-3388
- Email Address: glenn.price@kcsdschools.net

*To reach the Music for All Camp Headquarters phone while the symposium is in session (June 21 – June 29, 2019), please call 877-643-6043. Prior to June 21, please call the MFA home office at 800-848-2263.*
**TRAVEL ITINERARY**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019**
Optional Lock-In/Sleep Over at LEHS ....................... See Information Letter for Details

**FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2019**
Meet at Lugoff-Elgin High School / Load Luggage/Equipment .... 5:00 AM (Eastern DST)
- Travel Time to Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana will be approximately 13 hours. Time necessary for food stops, refueling, and road conditions may impact our arrival time. Our arrival at Ball State University (site of the Leadership Weekend and Summer Symposium) is guaranteed as a Late Arrival, and we will be able to check into our rooms whenever we arrive.

**Travel Plan**

Route ........................................................................................................ Highway
Lugoff, SC to Columbia, SC ................................................................. I-20
Columbia, SC to Asheville, NC ............................................................ I-26
Asheville, NC to Knoxville, TN ............................................................ I-40
Knoxville, TN to Lexington, KY ........................................................... I-75
Lexington, KY to Cincinnati, OH ........................................................... I-75
Bypass Around Cincinnati, OH ........................................................... I-275
Cincinnati, OH (toward Indianapolis) to Greensburg, IN ...................... I-74
Greensburg, IN to Muncie, IN ............................................................. Hwy 3

**Student Pick-up** ....................................................................................... Time varies by student
- A chaperone will use an onboard cell phone to keep students and their parents informed of our travel status and our projected arrival time to their predetermined pick-up location.

**Arrive at Ball State University** ......................................................... 7:00 PM (Eastern DST)
- Students will be checked into their rooms.
- Students will notify their parents by telephone of their arrival.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019**
Depart Ball State University for Lugoff-Elgin High School ...... 5:00 AM (Eastern DST)
- Travel time from Ball State will be approximately 13 hours. Time necessary for food stops, refueling, and road conditions may impact our arrival time.

**Student Drop-off** ....................................................................................... Time varies by student
- Students will use onboard cell phones to keep their parents informed of their travel status and our projected arrival time to their predetermined drop-off location.

**Arrive at Lugoff-Elgin High School** ........................................ 6:00 PM (Eastern DST) - Estimated time

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Parents and Students,

As your “Bus Captain” I would like to welcome you onboard for our trip to the Music for All Summer Symposium. We are going to have a wonderful time, and I look forward to sharing this adventure with you. The Lugoff-Elgin Band Club is providing a 55 passenger MCI (charter style) motor coach for our trip. The bus is air-conditioned, has underneath storage bays, and is equipped with video monitors allowing you to enjoy a few movies while we make the long trek to Indiana.

The bus is owned by the LE Band Club and does not operate as a charter service. The Band Club is happy to provide this opportunity and there is no fee to ride the bus. If you are able, a $50 contribution would be greatly appreciated to help our club cover costs for the round trip. If you choose to make a contribution please do so when you board the bus. If you wish to make a contribution by check please make it payable to the Lugoff-Elgin Band Club. Thanks in advance for helping us make this trip possible!

We would also like for you to read and sign the Band Bus Permission Form at the bottom of this page. The LE Band Club buses are school district owned and classified as School Activity Buses and not School Buses. In order to comply with South Carolina’s Jacob’s Law we must ask you to provide us with a signed Permission Form before traveling onboard the bus.

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Lugoff-Elgin High School Band
Band Bus Permission Form
MFA Summer Symposium 2019

STUDENT’S NAME: ____________________________________________________________

I, (Parent/Guardian) __________________________________________________________, give my permission for my child to travel on the Lugoff-Elgin Band Club bus to the 2019 Music for All Summer Symposium at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. This permission form is recommended by the South Carolina Attorney General’s Office in direct response to Jacob’s Law. Please be aware that your child will not be transported on a “school bus” but on one of the LE Band “motor coaches” (a charter style bus with underneath storage). The law does not prohibit motor carriers (as long as they carry more than 30 passengers) from being used by groups such as the Lugoff-Elgin Band Club.

Thank you for your support. Please know that you must provide your own transportation to the MFA Summer Symposium if this permission form is not signed and turned into the Bus Captain prior to departure.

Parent or Guardian Name (Printed): ____________________________________________

Signature of Parent or Guardian: ___________________________ Date: ______________
## Music for All Summer Symposium

### 2019 Pricing for America's Camp

#### Bus Riders / South Carolina Bus

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**SC BUS participants**: MFA has extended the dates for discounted pricing, which at this time takes student costs from the Full Fee of $715 back to the Early Bird Fee of $665.

To apply for this reduced cost on the online registration use the code: **SCBus50**

(Please note that the code is CASE sensitive - **SCBus50**)

When completing the payment area on the online camp registration form, type in the code and the camp fee will be reduced by $50.

**Note**: If you have already registered, MFA will give the discount retroactively to students that actually ride the bus. MFA will review all data when everyone arrives at camp to determine if they owe anyone a refund.

ALSO – any student eligible for an All-State Band ($150), Region Band ($75), or District Band ($75) discount will need to contact MFA for their registration to be manually corrected at the MFA office because the computer program is not set up to accept two (2) codes.
Music for All Summer Symposium
Leadership Weekend and Full Camp Week - 2019

Bus Riders / South Carolina Bus

Dates to Note:

• **Registration, Leadership Weekend**: 8:00 a.m., Saturday, June 22, 2019
• **Opening Session, Leadership Weekend**: 1:00 p.m., Saturday, June 22, 2019
• **Leadership Weekend Ends**: 12:00 p.m. Monday, June 24, 2019
• **Registration, Full Week**: 8:00 a.m., Monday, June 24, 2019
• **Placement hearings**: 8:00 a.m., Monday, June 24, 2019
  (Concert, Jazz, Percussion, Color Guard, Orchestra Only; No hearings in other areas.)
• **Opening Session, Full Week**: 1:00 p.m., Monday, June 24, 2019
• **Camp Ends**: 3:00 p.m., Saturday, June 29, 2019

Meals

• Full week meals for campers begin with dinner Monday (June 24) and end with lunch Saturday. (June 29).
• Leadership meals begin with dinner Saturday (June 22) and end with Monday (June 24) lunch.

Additional Nights – Room & Board
(For registered participants only, for travel purposes)

• **Friday, June 21, 2019: Residential – $70**
  Includes Friday night double room in residence hall and meals beginning with dinner Friday, June 21 through lunch Saturday, June 22.
• **Saturday, June 29, 2019: Residential: $55**
  Includes Saturday night double room in residence lodging and meals beginning and ending with dinner Saturday, June 29.