

Hey Band and Band Parents:

We are off to an AMAZING START of our 2016 Marching Band Season! Over the next four weeks things are going to happen at a very quick pace, and one of those things is our overnight competition trip to South Carolina, at the Blythewood Tournament of Bands (just outside of Columbia). Many of you may remember this date was a "To Be Announced" on our competition calendar this summer and we have now been invited to compete against bands in a neighboring state, following up the great experience at the James Madison University competition last year. Below are the key details for the October 14-15 trip:

- We will report to Enloe at 5PM (No earlier than 4:45PM) on Friday, October 14th and buses will depart at 5:30 PM. Eat dinner before you report.
- We will spend the night at a hotel in Columbia, SC and then rehearse at a local high school on Saturday before we go to Blythewood for the competition on Saturday night.
- We will depart Blythewood for Enloe immediately after awards on Saturday night putting us back at Enloe about 1:15AM Saturday night/Sunday morning. Students will text/call parents and we will post a remind101 message when we are about an hour away from Enloe.
- Students will be staying 4 to a hotel room and will be signing up for roommates this week.
- We will have both male and female chaperones at the hotel and will follow the same rules as Away Camp regarding student behavior.
- Large instruments will go by truck and will be loaded after rehearsal on Thursday October 13th.
- Meals:
 - Friday Dinner – Eat before you report
 - Saturday Breakfast – At hotel (included in trip cost)
 - Saturday Lunch – At rehearsal site (included in trip cost)
 - Saturday Dinner – On your own in the stadium (bring spending money)
 - Saturday Late Snack – After we perform, we will provide snacks and drinks as usual.
- Transportation:
 - In accordance with Wake County Schools policies, we must use charter coaches for trips out of the state. We will have a few parent chaperones driving as well.
- **Total Cost for the overnight trip is \$105.00, due next Saturday, October 8th.**
 - This fee should be paid online from a special Blythewood Trip link on the enloeband.org website. The site will provide a confirmation number which the band member will need to include on the roommate request list in the band room.
 - We want everyone to travel with us Friday night. If you can't travel with us overnight, with the prior approval of Mr. Hunter, parents can bring their member down on Saturday morning, arriving by 11AM at the remote rehearsal site (obtain details from Mr Hunter) and then stay for the competition. **Approval from Mr. Hunter must be obtained by October 8th.**

About the competition:

The Blythewood Tournament of Bands is a large regional competition with 29 bands competing this year, two host bands in exhibition and the Western Carolina University "Pride of the Mountains" Marching Band. 11 bands from this competition went on to the SC State Semi-Finals last year.

As always, we would love for our families to come see us perform. Enloe performs at 6PM in Class 3A.

The competition will be held at: Richland Two District Stadium, 10901 Wilson Boulevard, Blythewood, SC