

2018 FHN Marching Band – WIRED!

Out of Town Competition Information

Fast Facts

- 2 Overnight Competitions this season – 9/29 Blue Springs, MO; 10/6 Bentonville, AR
- Band travels together on district busses
- Band stays together overnight at an area high school or other municipal facility (no hotel)
- We must have chaperones (ideal 8:1, minimum 10:1)
- Chaperones must have a current background check on file
- Chaperones must stay with the band
- Families are encouraged to attend all competitions
- Block of hotel rooms near band will be reserved for interested families (self pay)

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1. Saturday, Sept 29th – Blue Springs High School, Blue Springs, MO. Overnight Location: TBD
2. Saturday, Oct 6th – Bentonville High School, Bentonville, AR. Overnight Location: TBD

FAQs

Q: Where can I find out more information about the district's rules on overnight trips?

A: Simply go to the band website at <http://wordpress.fhnbands.com/wp/forms>, select #9, Overnight Field Trip Form. Mr. Janes provided great information, too!

Q: I'm interested in chaperoning. What do I do?

A: We LOVE our kids and we LOVE our chaperones! All chaperones must have a clear background check on file. You can find everything you need about becoming a volunteer on the district website at <https://www.fhdschools.org>. Select the Parent Portal, Volunteer. It only takes 3* easy steps and there is absolutely no cost to you:

1. Complete the *Volunteer Application*
2. Complete the *Request for Child Abuse or Neglect/Criminal Record (DSS)* form [No cost to you]
3. Watch the required video on the volunteer section of the district website and complete the *Volunteer Training Video* form.

*Volunteers who have lived outside of MO within the past 5 years will require a digital fingerprint check – no cost to you.

Sign and return the above 3 documents to Julie Lynch at the Francis Howell School District

Q: I have taken the Volunteer training before, how do I find out if it's still current?

A: Call the school at 636-851-4056 to check your status.

Q: Why do the band members have to sleep in a high school gym or other facility for the overnight trips? Why don't we pay for them to stay in a hotel?

A: Paying for the band to stay in a hotel would significantly increase each family's financial commitment. Besides, the campout is part of the fun and adventure!

Q: I plan to attend the out-of-town competition, can my band member stay with me at my hotel?

A: The band is stronger together (wired). The camaraderie of the campout is part of the fun and adventure.

Q: I plan to attend the out-of-town competition, can my band member travel with me to the event?

A: The band is stronger together (wired). To ensure that everyone arrives together and on time, we require that all band members travel together on the district busses.

Q: When will information about competition schedules be available?

A: The publication of competition schedules can vary greatly. Often, Mr. Stegeman doesn't have details about FHN's performance times until the day before the competition. He will publish information through multiple channels as soon as he has it. Please do not email or Facebook him for the information. Join the FHN Knightpride Parents Facebook page!

Q: Why should I stay at the hotel with the other band families?

A: We are stronger together (wired). Plus, we can help keep our costs down by negotiating discounts/perks with the hotel if we reserve a large block of rooms. We try to use a SCRIP hotel, when available.