

2021 Vandegriff H.S. Band and Vision Dance Company

Bands of America San Antonio Super-Regional (11/5-11/6)

UIL 6A State Marching Band Contest (11/8-11/9)

San Antonio, TX

Friday-Tuesday, November 5-9, 2021

Hotel Information – Saturday/Sunday/Monday Night

Embassy Suites San Antonio Riverwalk - Downtown
125 E Houston St.
San Antonio, TX 78205

Alamodome Site Information for Spectators

- **Parking for Friday BOA** – NOTE – on Friday, spectator parking is NOT available onsite due to COVID Vaccinations in Lot B. Please utilize nearby lots offsite. There are numerous public parking lots west of I-37 in the vicinity of the Convention Center.
- **Parking for Saturday BOA & UIL SMC** - A limited amount of spectator parking will be available adjacent to the Alamodome in LOT B (instead of the usual LOT C). Due to an unavoidable Covid-19 vaccination station in LOT B, it is likely that this lot will fill up at some point during the day, especially on Monday. Once this lot is full spectators must find parking elsewhere. There are numerous public parking lots west of I-37 in the vicinity of the Convention Center. The spectator parking rate for LOT B is \$15.00 and is subject to change. There are no in and out privileges.
- **Clear Bag Policy** – The Alamodome does enforce a strict “Clear Bag Policy.” Please see the attachment if you have any questions.
- **Bands of America** – All Bands of America Super Regional Information can be found at <https://marching.musicforall.org/event/sanantoniosuper21/>
- **UIL State Marching Contest** - Tickets can be purchased at: <https://www.alamodome.com/events/detail/uil-state-marching-band-2021>
- **UIL** – Additional UIL State Marching Contest Information can be found at <https://www.uil-texas.org/music/marching-band/state>.

Spending Money

All meals will be provided for the students. The only necessary money will be for items students might want to purchase in the Alamodome (tshirts, patches, concessions, etc).

Luggage Restrictions

Students will be spending three nights in San Antonio, but will be spending much of their time in band attire. Please pack conservatively as we do not have space for lots of luggage. Large suitcases will not be allowed on this trip. Students should plan to bring a backpack/small bag (band duffel), along with another small bag for clothes and toiletries.

What to Pack...reminders

1. Cell Phone and charger
2. Back Packs and small bags
3. All Uniform Accessories
4. All instrument Accessories
5. Band Water Jug
6. Toiletries
7. Sunscreen
8. Light Jacket

Schedule

Keep a copy of the itinerary with you or on your phone at all times. Be punctual...*to be early is to be on time*. It is not fair to the rest of the group to wait for you. Failure to adhere to the itinerary will result in disciplinary action.

Prescription Medication

If your student requires an adult to administer prescription medication, there will be a medication check-in on Saturday in the **Band Hall at 9:00 am**. Please include the attached form and place the form and medication in zip-loc bag. The medication will be collected and logged as you turn it in. Look for the "Prescription Medication" table in the band hall. All prescription medication must include the appropriate LISD form and should only include the amount of medication (in its original container) that is needed for this trip.

Security

Most of you will be carrying money and valuables. Be aware that these items can sometimes "disappear" at any time. Be smart...do not leave luggage, purses, phones, bags, etc. in an unsecured area.

Respect of Adults

Directors, chaperones, hotel personnel, and Alamodome staff are to be treated with the utmost respect at all times. These adults are present to help you to have a fun and safe trip. They ARE NOT present to "wait on you." Be polite and respectful at all times. Please follow instructions the first time they are given.

Chaperone "check-in"

Each room will be assigned a chaperone. There will be times during the trip when you will be expected to check in with your assigned chaperone. Any indicated chaperone check-in is absolutely mandatory.

Relationships

Public Displays of Affection are strictly prohibited at all times, in all places, when traveling with the Vandegriff Band and Vision Dance Company. Repeated violations will be handled appropriately.

Groups

You must stay in groups of three or more throughout the duration of the trip. This includes the hotel property, meals, and the Alamodome. NEVER go off alone.

Citizenship

Remember that you are representing yourself, your family, Leander ISD, Vandegriff High School and the Vandegriff Band Program. Your behavior should reflect this...at all times.

Illness

Please report to a chaperone quickly if you ever feel ill.

Sleep

This is a **Performance** Trip, and you must be well rested to perform well. When given the opportunity, it is crucial for you to get as much rest as possible. "Lights out" means just that.

Overnight Trip Rules – San Antonio Super Regional/UIL State Marching Contest 2021

1. There will be no boys in girls' rooms or girls in boys' rooms for any reason, unless in the presence of a band director or chaperone. Any student violating this rule will be sent home at the expense of their parents.
2. Students will not be out of their rooms after curfew unless accompanied by an adult chaperone or designated school sponsor. Students will be given a chaperone's phone number to call in case of an emergency. Any student in violation of this policy will be sent home at the expense of their parents.
3. The possession or use of any tobacco product, alcohol product, chemicals, inhalants, intoxicants, electronic cigarettes or mood-altering drugs is strictly prohibited. Any student violating this policy will be sent home at the expense of their parents and referred to his/her campus administrator.
4. Any property damage will be paid for by the student(s) responsible for the damage.
5. Students are not to leave an assigned area for any reason or get into any vehicle other than school designated transportation.
6. Any student in violation of local, state, or federal laws will be turned over to law enforcement authorities. If the student returns to the group, he/she will be sent home at the expense of their parents.
7. Any student who excessively violates any trip guidelines may be sent home at the expense of their parents.
8. Student will follow all policies set forth in the Vandegriff High School Band Handbook.
9. If a student is sent home for any reason, the parent/guardian agrees to pay the full cost of the student's return trip to Austin. The parent/guardian will provide appropriate information (credit card number, etc.) to school district personnel in order that appropriate return transportation may be purchased.
10. A student being sent home from a trip will result in permanent removal from the Vandegriff Band and Vision Program.

Hotel Guidelines

1. Keep your room neat and clean at all times
2. No movies/room service will be available
3. Chaperones can and will enter rooms at any time for inspections
4. Any suspicious activity will be investigated immediately
5. Curfew will be strictly enforced
6. The hotel will have many other guests...be courteous and quiet when not in your room
7. Never congregate in the halls

Signed trip rules must be turned into Mr. Norris' office by Tuesday, November 2.

I have read and understand the rules and guidelines for the 2021 Vandegriff High School Band Performance Trip to San Antonio, TX.

Student Name (printed)

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Date

VANDEGRIFT HIGH SCHOOL BAND & VISION DANCE COMPANY

BOA San Antonio Super Regional

Itinerary

Friday, November 5, 2021 – San Antonio Super-Regional Prelims

Alamodome, 100 Montana St., San Antonio, TX 78203

Special notes for the day: You will be returning back home at the end of the day. Do not bring overnight items until Saturday. Once you return home, all students **MUST WASH Black Performance Wear** for the weekend.

7:30 AM – Student Leadership Meeting

8:40 AM – School Begins – bring all items necessary for the contest to the band hall

- Black Shoes
- Black Performance Wear
- Black Socks
- Instrument (cleaned and polished)
- Water Jug (full)

11:37 AM – Students report to band hall after 2nd period

12:00 PM – Run Through in Stadium

1:15 PM – Load/Inspection/Lunch

- All Wind Instruments and Battery Percussion instruments will go under the buses

2:15 PM – Load Buses

2:30 PM – Depart for San Antonio on Charter Buses

4:30 PM – Arrive at Alamodome, 100 Montana St., San Antonio, TX 78203

4:45 PM – Unload all wind instruments and battery percussion from buses

5:30 PM – Plumes/Section Time outside Alamodome

5:30 PM – Truck Unload Time

5:55 PM – In place for indoor Warm Up Entry

6:10-7:40 PM – Pit Warm Up Time

6:10-6:55 PM – Warm Up

6:50 PM – Pit Report Time

7:05 PM – Band Report to Gate

7:15 PM – Performance Time

7:45 PM – Load Truck/Wind, Battery Students back to buses

8:00 PM – Students receive Dinner for the trip home

8:30 PM – Depart the Alamodome

10:00 PM – Arrive at Vandegrift High School – Students Dismissed

Saturday, November 6, 2021 – San Antonio Super Regional Finals Competition

Alamodome, 100 Montana St., San Antonio, TX 78203

Special notes for the day: We will be staying in San Antonio following the BOA Super Regional Finals. Please pack conservatively as we do not have space for lots of luggage. Large suitcases will not be allowed on this trip. Students should plan to bring a backpack/small bag along with another small bag for clothes and toiletries.

8:00 AM Band Hall Opens

8:30 AM Chaperone Meeting with Mr. Howard (Choir Room)

9:00 AM Prescription Medication Check in (Band Hall)

9:30 AM Students arriving and prepping for rehearsal

10:00 AM Run Through on the Band Field

11:30 PM Inspection/Load/Lunch

12:15 PM Load Buses

12:30 PM Depart VHS

2:30 PM Buses drop students at Alamodome
3:15 PM Prelims Awards presentation (students report to buses immediately following awards)

**The rest of the evening will depend on whether we make Finals and what our draw time in the Finals would be. Should we have an early finals performance slot, the schedule will be adjusted.*

4:00 PM Load Buses/Depart for Embassy Suites
4:30 PM Embassy Suites Check-In

- Students will immediately return to lobby once they've dropped their things
- All performance gear will stay on the bus (buses will immediately depart for Alamodome)

5:15 PM Students Load Buses and Depart for the Alamodome
6:00 PM Dinner; *This time is approximate and will depend on the Finals Draw

The rest of the daily schedule from Bands of America is as follows:

6:30 PM Gates Open
7:00 PM National Anthem
7:30 PM First Performing Finalist Band
11:00 PM Finals Competition Ends
11:30 PM Finale - Presentation of Awards
12:00 AM Depart Alamodome
12:15 AM Arrive at Embassy Suites – Lights Out!

Sunday, November 7, 2021 – San Antonio Rehearsal Day and Dinner on the Riverwalk

Special notes for the day: Students should NOT wear performance blacks for Rehearsal. Please wear tennis shoes and comfortable rehearsal attire (weather should be moderate). Students will have an opportunity to clean up and change before dinner. As a reminder, this is a performance trip. When given the opportunity for down time, be sure to relax!

8:00 AM Wake-up!!
8:15-9:30 AM Breakfast will be available in the lobby

- please check BAND app for exact breakfast location
- Embassy Suites serves a full hot breakfast. We will most likely eat in waves by room groups.
- Students can eat in the breakfast area and are welcome to relax by the hotel river area during breakfast.

9:45 AM Load Buses
10:00 AM Depart for Southwest Legacy Stadium
10:30 AM Arrive at Southwest Legacy Stadium and Unload
11:00 AM Lunch
11:45 AM Rehearsal Warm Up
12:00 PM Rehearsal in Legacy Stadium
2:45 PM Rehearsal concludes; Load Truck
3:45 PM Depart Southwest Legacy Stadium
4:15 PM Arrive at Embassy Suites; Students have time to clean-up/shower for dinner
5:30 PM **CHAPERONE CHECK IN** in hotel Lobby
5:45 PM Full group walks to dinner on the Riverwalk

- **Michelino's** - 521 River Walk St, San Antonio, TX 78205

6:00 PM Dinner at Michelino's
7:15 PM Depart Michelino's for Hotel
7:30 PM Students arrive back at Marriott Riverwalk San Antonio

- **MOVIE NIGHT** for students in hotel ballrooms

10:00 PM All students in rooms - **CHAPERONE CHECK IN**
10:30 PM LIGHT'S OUT (The State Marching Contest is tomorrow – GO TO SLEEP!)

Monday, November 8, 2021 – UIL State Marching Contest Prelims

Special notes for the day: Students should take EVERYTHING they need for the performance. Run-through rehearsal will be in Performance Blacks and students must be wearing band shoes to get on the bus.

- 7:00 AM Wake-up!!
- 7:15-8:15 AM Breakfast in Hotel Lobby
- 8:30 AM Students Load Buses
- 8:45 AM Buses depart for Southwest Legacy Stadium
- 9:15 AM Arrive at Southwest Legacy Stadium
- 10:00 AM Run Through Rehearsal
 - All students in performance blacks (standard run through attire)
- 11:15 PM Load/Lunch
- 12:15 PM Depart Rehearsal Site
- 1:00 PM Arrive at Alamodome
- 1:40 PM Section Time
- 1:55-2:40 PM Warm Up Begins in Area C
- 2:50 PM Band in tunnel
- 2:55 PM Band enters field
- 3:00 PM **PERFORMANCE TIME!**
- 3:15 PM UIL SMBC Official Pictures are taken
- 3:45 PM Load Truck – ALL INSTRUMENTS WILL LOAD ONTO THE TRUCK
 - Students should de-plume at the truck and go to the bus lot to get out of uniform
- 5:00 PM Dinner in the Lot at the Alamodome
- 6:00 PM All Students re-enter Alamodome for the remainder of prelims
 - Check your BAND App for the section that the band is sitting
 - Lots of tshirt, patch and concession sales will be available for purchase in the Alamodome
- 8:15 PM Prelims competition concludes
- 8:30 PM Awards presentation and Announcement of Finalists; All students will walk back to buses immediately following awards
- 9:00 PM Depart for Embassy Suites
- 9:30 PM Buses depart for Alamodome
- 10:00 PM All students in rooms - **CHAPERONE CHECK IN**
- 10:45 PM LIGHT'S OUT

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 – UIL State Marching Contest Finals

Special notes for the day: All students will check out of their room with their assigned chaperone. The schedule for this day will depend on prelims results.

We will have a run through location secured from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM should the schedule allow us to do a run through prior to Finals.

**The schedule for the final day of the trip will depend on whether we make Finals and what our draw time in the Finals would be. The schedule from UIL is as follows:*

- 2:00 PM First Finalist Band Performs
- 5:30 PM Last Finalist Band Finishes/ Full Retreat
- 5:45 PM State Marching Band Contest Awards
- 6:15 PM Load Buses
- 6:45 PM Depart the Alamodome
- 8:30 PM Arrive at VHS