



Lowndes High School “Georgia Bridgemen” Band Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade - 2018

Director of Bands: Jon Bowman

Saturday

11:00pm Buses Arrive at Lowndes High School for loading.
11:59pm Depart for New York City - Approximately 982 miles / @ 18 hours

Sunday

TBA Breakfast Stop – TBD
TBA Lunch Stop – TBD

@6:00pm Depart for the _____ **Hotel (Manhattan?)**

Check-in, unpack and freshen up.

TBD In small groups – Free time to explore the Times Square area.
Dinner on your own.

Monday

**No Motorcoach this day – be prepared to do lots of walking.

6:15am Rise and shine!
7:15am Meet in the lobby.
7:30am Walk, as a group, to **Planet Hollywood**. (1540 Broadway)
8:00am Enjoy a **Full Buffet Breakfast**.

@9:00am Breakfast concludes – Walk (in small groups) to **Central Park**. Central Park offers hundreds of special attractions for solo explorers and families across its 843 acres: green meadows, sprawling waters, gardens, unique bridges, performance centers, educational facilities and classical architecture. From the Great Lawn to the Bethesda Fountain, from Strawberry Fields to the Central Park Zoo (Fee) you will certainly find that special place.



Lunch on your own - Central Park offers a variety of locations for park goers to pick up a snack, sit down to a formal dinner or even spread out with a picnic from one of several outdoor concession stands scattered throughout the Park.

12:00pm By now you should be back at your hotel, and changing for your Broadway Show.
12:15pm Walk, as a group, to the New Amsterdam Theatre. (214 W. 42nd Street)

1:00pm **Broadway Show** – Aladdin or similar
3:45pm Show Ends! Remain seated until instructed to move.

Broadway “Talkback” – Enjoy an informative talkback with the shows conductor and a member (or two) of the cast. Students will have the opportunity to hear first-hand accounts, and ask questions, of actual Broadway performers.

@4:30pm Walk as a group to Grand Central Terminal – **Café Centro** for an Italian Dinner. (200 Park Avenue)
Depending on our arrival time we may have a spare moment to explore Grand Central Station (TBD).

6:00pm Dinner reservation.
8:00pm Return (Walk) to your hotel. Get some rest!
11:00pm Lights Out. **Uniformed Night Chaperones** will monitor floors throughout the night.

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7:30am Rise and shine!
8:30am Meet in the lobby.
8:45am Depart (Walk), as a group, to **Ellen’s Stardust Diner**. (1650 Broadway at 51st St.)
9:00am Breakfast Reservation!

@10:15am Walk, as a group, to **Rockefeller Center** - Take time to explore the area including the Rockefeller Ice Rink, Saks Fifth Avenue, American Girl, St. Patrick’s Cathedral and more.

Lunch on own in the Rockefeller Plaza area.



TBD Meet at the entrance to **TOP OF THE ROCK Observation Deck**. (50th Street between 5th & 6th Avenue)

Various Make the ascent to the TOP OF THE ROCK Observatory. You haven’t seen New York if you haven’t been up here. Billion dollar views, the stuff dreams are made of. (**Reservation @ Various**)

@2:00pm Walk, as a group, to **Times Square** - Located at the junction of Broadway and 7th Avenue, and stretches from 42nd Street to 47th Street. Be sure to check out the Disney Store, Forever 21, M&M’s World and many other cool venues.

TBD Meet at the corner of 42nd & 8th, Chevy’s Mexican Restaurant .

Various “**THE RIDE**” is a one-of-a-kind interactive entertainment experience where the streets of New York City are the stage, and you’ve got front row seats! (**Reservation @ Various**)



Dinner on your own – Suggestions: Brooklyn Diner, Junior’s (Cheesecake) and John’s Pizzeria.

9:00pm Gather in Duffy Square – Group Photo (Available for purchase)
9:30pm Return (Walk) to your hotel. Begin bringing luggage down to load onto equipment truck.

10:30pm Lights Out. **Uniformed Night Chaperones** will monitor floors throughout the night.

Wednesday

7:30am Grab a **Boxed Breakfast** outside the lobby.
8:00am Depart for **National September 11th Memorial & Museum** with step on guides narrating.

9:00am Visit the **National September 11th Memorial** – The 9/11 Memorial consists of two massive pools set within the original footprints of the Twin Towers with 30-foot waterfalls cascading down their sides. The names of nearly 3,000 men, women and children killed in the attacks on 9/11/01 and 2/26/93 are inscribed in bronze parapets around the edges of the waterfalls **AND the National September 11th Memorial Museum** - The National September 11 Memorial Museum serves as the country’s principal institution concerned with exploring the implications of the events of 9/11, documenting the impact of those events and exploring 9/11’s continuing significance. (**Reservations @ Various**)



11:00am Meet your guide at designated location to enjoy a Guided WALKING Tour to Battery Park (stopping for photos in Wall Street).

Lunch on your own.

12:45pm Load buses at Battery Park pickup location – Local guides will assist.
@5:00pm Depart for Philadelphia.
(Approximately 90 miles / @ 3 hours)

@7:30pm Arrive at **Dave & Buster’s** - 325 N. Columbus Blvd.
Enjoy a night of mingling with other participating bands from around the country!

7:30-9:00 Buffet is served.
9:00-10:00 Game Room!

10:00pm Depart for the _____ **Hotel**

Check-in and unpack and rest for the next day’s performance.

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Thursday

5:30am	Complete Breakfast at the hotel.
6:30am	Load suitcases on buses (minus overnight bag).
7:30am	Depart for Parade Staging. Motor coaches will have specific instructions, as well as the band, for parade day.
7:45am	Band buses drop off on Arch St. between 19 th – 21 st Street. IMMEDIATE OFFLOAD! Walk to assembly location on 20 th St. between Arch and Ben Franklin Pkwy.
	Once your transportation vehicles have dropped you off on Arch Street, your transportation vehicles should continue down Arch Street to 22 nd Street and turn right onto 22 nd Street. Follow 22 nd Street to the Ben Franklin Parkway and turn left into the outer lanes of the Parkway. Follow the Parkway one block to the road closure and then gain access through the police barricades and then drive out Kelly Drive (stay to the right) and continue until you see Sedgely Drive
TBD	The Lowndes High School “Georgia Bridgemen” Marching Band steps off in the 6 ABC/Dunkin Donuts Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade.
TBA	Motorcoaches will be staged on/near Sedgely Drive. Return to your hotel to change clothes QUICKLY .
1:15pm	Depart for Xfinity Live – 1100 Pattison Avenue
@2:00pm	Complete Thanksgiving Dinner at Xfinity Live.
@3:30pm	Free Time to explore Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell.
@6:00pm	Load buses and depart for HOME (Brief Stop at the Liberty Bell for a photo). (Approximately 888 miles – 17 1/2 hours)