



normal west high school marching band

PACKING TIPS

Be sure to sign up for Sugar Bowl **text messages** by texting **@nwmbSugar** to **81010**.

Also be sure that you have downloaded the **Music Travel Consultants App** prior to the trip.

Store band directors' phone numbers in your phone for emergencies. P is (309)310-4435. B is (815)370-8730.

LUGGAGE

- **We recommend packing one suitcase for underneath the coach.**
- You are allowed **one carry-on bag** in the coach (such as a purse, backpack or similar). It should fit in an overhead bin.
- **MARK YOUR INSTRUMENT/LUGGAGE WITH YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND CELL PHONE NUMBER.** Label it as **"NORMAL WEST BAND"** so it can be returned to us if it is picked up while we are in New Orleans.
- Many bags look alike—always be sure to take your own! Add something such as a colored ribbon or sticker to help identify your items.

INSTRUMENTS/EQUIPMENT

- **Flutes and Clarinets** (bring plastic only) will travel on the coaches, in the overhead bins.
- **Saxophones, Trumpets, Mellophones, Trombones, Baritones** will travel in the coaches' undercarriage.
- **Sousaphones and Drum Line** will travel on the truck.
- **Color Guard Equipment** will travel in the Bus 4 undercarriage. Pack your **GLOVES** and extra tape!
- **ALL WIND PLAYERS:** Remember to pack extra reeds, valve oil, and anything else you may need.
- **Make sure that the parade banner is packed and loaded.**

UNIFORMS

- **Make sure your shoes are on the racks (including color guard!)**
- **Did you pack your gloves on the rack? Did you pack a second pair of gloves, just in case...**
- **Color Guard:** we are wearing the show uniform for the parade and the field show. Plan undergarments (and their colors) appropriately for two performances on separate days.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- **Pack your cell phone and charger.** You may want to pack an external battery/charging pack for your devices. Electronic devices are to be used for personal entertainment only—with headphones. Leave Bluetooth speakers, gaming systems, and other large electronics at home. All entertainment on your device must be age appropriate.
- **MEAL \$\$\$** - The following meals are not included in the tour package: lunch on the first day, lunch and dinner on the way home. See the itinerary for details.
- **\$\$\$ for shopping/souvenirs if you choose.** We recommend traveling with prepaid cards or small amounts of cash.
- **Pack all rehearsal items, especially your binder. Also bring outdoor rehearsal clothes and gym shoes.**
- **It will be slightly warmer than at home, but it is winter in NOLA. Plan for possible rain, and bring a winter coat.**
- **Pack your black Sugar Bowl shirt and blue show shirt. Remember at least two pairs of black socks!**
- **See itinerary to determine wardrobe packing, note formal attire for New Year's Eve party.**
- **Bring Dramamine, etc. if you experience motion sickness on buses or boats**
- **Prescription medications (inhalers, etc.)** Special notes: your chaperone must be aware of all medications in your possession. **BE SURE YOUR MEDICAL FORM IS UP-TO-DATE.** There will be a special form to be completed in cases where the medication is kept by the chaperone instead of in the student's possession.
- **Snacks for the long coach ride and during the trip.** Though breakfast is provided most days, if you are not a breakfast eater, you will likely want snacks before lunch.
- **Be sure that all clothing and items packed comply with the Band's Student Conduct Agreement.**

Note: The band cannot be responsible for lost/stolen/damaged items. Pack responsibly.