

## All State Director Information Sheet Wednesday, January 24

Hello Idaho Music Educators,

I wanted to reach out to you today to let you know of a few things to be aware of as we prepare to gather in Nampa next week. Please read through the information below and let me know if you have any questions. I may be sending another one of these as the week progresses and time allows me to collect thoughts.

### **Ticket Information**

Gala Concert Tickets are available at [ShowTix4U.com](http://ShowTix4U.com). Individual concert tickets are \$10.00 for Adults and \$8.00 for students and Senior Citizens. One ticket will get you into all 5 concerts. If you have questions, please contact the [Webmaster](#).

\*\*If you print this off and the links don't work, this information can be found on the IMEA website under "Events", "All State", "Group Information".

### **Schedule**

The student schedule is located on the website. Please note that the schedule is pretty well complete but may have a few minor changes before we start. Students will be taken care of from 8:30am until the evening activity is over on Thursday (host night concert), but are released to go home or to their chaperones after dinner on Friday. Students MUST check in with chaperones for all events and will be removed if missing from rehearsals, meals, concerts and any other thing on their schedule.

Please make sure this is adhered to by all school chaperones and parents. **Until a student's honor group concert is over, they must go to all scheduled activities. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

### **Check In**

Check in will begin on Wednesday, January 31 at 4:00pm at the Brandt Center on the campus of NNU. We will be checking students in by SCHOOL. **Remember that students cannot check themselves in.** Make sure there is an adult representative present to check them in. NO EXCEPTIONS. If the school's director is not available to check students in, please email Ron Curtis ([ron.curtis@vallivue.org](mailto:ron.curtis@vallivue.org)) and give him the name of the adult who will be checking them in. Individual parents checking students in slows down the process so please help us with that. The first scheduled activity is in Swayne Auditorium, Brandt Center at 6:00pm for ALL IMEA Honor Groups. Students will be ready for pick-up by 10:00pm on Wednesday evening.

### **Meals**

We are providing lunch and dinner on Thursday and Friday. We will provide a sack lunch for students who requested it on Saturday if they are needing one.

\*\*No meals provided on Wednesday. Breakfast is on your own (hopefully at the hotel).

### **Music/Practice Tracks**

All students should have their music and the choir practice tracks are located on the website. Please let me know if you are missing any music or need clarification about music. ([ron.curtis@vallivue](mailto:ron.curtis@vallivue)).

### **Students who are dropping or sick**

Between now and next week, please email me if you have any students who are dropping for whatever reason. It is better for us to know ahead of time especially for those ensembles with small numbers. Of course we always have students who don't come at the last minute, so please be ready to tell us those when you check in on Wednesday.

### **All State policy on illness**

Due to the nature of the world we live in, we will be making sure that students come to rehearsals feeling well. Students who display illness in any form will be evaluated quickly and chaperone/director contacted. Once a student is not in attendance or is sitting out due to not feeling well, we will err on the side of safety and they will be removed from the event. We will do our best to evaluate fairly, but we are also making sure that the 800 students in attendance are able to be in a safe environment.

### **Outfits**

Students should bring their performance attire that they wear for concerts at your school. If that is nice clothes, robes, tuxedo, formals etc... No jeans and t shirts regardless of their performance attire at school.

### **Local Students**

If you are a director in the Nampa area, please be advised that students are responsible to be on time for all rehearsals. If your district allows students to drive, we ask that on Thursday and Friday they park at the Johnson Sports Center on the campus of NNU. Once they park their car, they are not allowed to return to it until the end of the day. PLEASE HAVE THE CONVERSATION WITH YOUR STUDENTS AND PARENTS that students will not be released early from a rehearsal or allowed to come late due to a Dr. appointment, sport/play/musical rehearsal or any other event. They have all committed to being present for All State and there are no exceptions. Band students are NOT ALLOWED to drive to Nampa High for their rehearsals as their parking lots are for their students. Make sure they ride the shuttles.

### **School Performing Groups**

If your school was chosen to perform for the conference during a concert hour, please make sure that when appropriate you tell your honor group chair and chaperone the date you are performing and the time you are performing. Students will be allowed to leave and return for this performance. Band students will need to be picked up and brought to NNU. We don't have shuttles to bring them during the day.

### **Band Shuttle**

All honor ensembles are located on the campus of NNU except the band. They will be at Nampa High School. On Thursday and Friday morning, there will be shuttle buses to take band students from the NNU Johnson Center (where local students can park) to Nampa High. These buses will also bring the students back to campus for lunch and then at the end of the day after rehearsal for evening activities. On Wednesday evening students will be able to leave large instruments at Nampa High for the duration of Thursday and Friday.

## **Band and Orchestra Stands**

We are running low on stands for the regular rehearsals for all state. If you have a wire stand you can bring please do. Please label your stands with your name and school so you get it back at the end of the weekend.

## **Remind Codes**

Please make sure that your students are signed up for Remind texts. This is the easiest way for the honor group chairs to communicate with students prior to and during All State. These codes were sent with the music. If you need them, please email me.

## **Concerts**

The concert schedule is on the student schedule and ticket form. All conference attendees and honor group students can get into all concerts for free with their badge. Make sure that you have your badge with you at all times.

## **Closed Campus**

During all rehearsals from 8:30am until 5:00pm ALL STUDENTS will be at their rehearsal site either at Nampa HS or NNU. Any students who wander off to any other on or off campus site will be removed immediately. Please make sure you reinforce this. I will be very happy if I can have one all state where I am not removing a student who decides to skip out on a meal.

## **Chaperones**

I have contacted official IMEA chaperones. These chaperones are working for IMEA during rehearsal times starting Wednesday and ending Friday or Saturday depending on honor group. IMEA reimburses 50% of their hotel room and they have been contacted about this as well. Their meals are provided as well. If you have someone who applied but hasn't heard from me, they are not an official chaperone.

\*\*\*I could use 2-3 more mixed choir chaperones. If you have someone who is available and willing to help, please email me ASAP!

If you have a parent coming to help chaperone your students, if I could have their names, I can make them a badge that allows them to attend the rehearsals. They will be on their own for meals. If they don't have a badge, we won't allow them into the rehearsal site as we want to know who is coming to rehearsals. Of course directors are welcome.

## **Final Thoughts for now...**

I may be sending more emails with more information if updates are needed. Busing parking, map of NNU, answers to more questions, etc.... I want to thank you all for all you do on a daily basis. My hope is that this is a great experience for all and that our conference will allow all of us to be able to connect with each other for a much needed burst of togetherness! I am excited to see as many of you attend the conference and am thankful that we are doing our best to make sure music education and music in general continues to lift us all up and build a better world!

[NNU Campus Map](#)

[Student Schedule 2024](#)

Please send any questions but be graceful with time to answer.

Thank you!

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