



William Tennent Marching Band

2026 Buckeye Invitational Trip Information

Introduction

The 2026 William Tennent High School Marching Band will be traveling to Columbus Ohio to perform in the Buckeye Invitational. This annual competition is the most prestigious marching band competition in Ohio. It is by invitation only, and takes place in Ohio Stadium, the third largest stadium in all of the United States.

The total cost of the trip will be \$350 per student (more details below). This is a two-night trip. Busses will depart from WTHS during fourth period on Friday October 2. The show takes place on Saturday October 3. We will rehearse at a local field in the morning, then travel to the stadium for the show. After our performance, we will watch the Ohio State Marching Band perform in exhibition, then the award ceremony. Sunday October 4 will be spent in Downtown Pittsburgh, including lunch near Market Square, free time in the city, and a private concert from River City Brass, a professional brass band, on the campus of Duquesne University. We will leave Pittsburgh after the show and arrive back at WTHS around 8:30 PM.

Chaperones

In addition to the staff, we would like 8 parent chaperones to be with us on the trip. Chaperones would be responsible for a group of students (approximately 2 rooms of students, 8 total) for required morning and evening check ins, as well as walking in Downtown Pittsburgh. Expenses for the chaperones (such as hotel rooms in our block, provided meals, and admission to the show) will be covered. If you have interest in chaperoning the trip, please email Mr. Seifert. You must have your clearances in with the district by the time you ask to chaperone, and will be required to be with the band for all parts of the trip (meals, bus, rehearsal, etc.).

Additionally, if you plan to travel on your own to Columbus, please let Mr. Seifert know. We would absolutely use your help getting our equipment on and off the field.

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2026 Buckeye Invitational Payment Information

The cost of the trip will be \$350. It can be paid in full or in two installments.

Payment 1: \$175 due September 1

Payment 2: \$175 due September 22

Payment options:

Checks or money orders will be made payable to WTMB and placed in the mailbox outside the band office.

Venmo: <https://www.wtmb.org/venmo>

Paypal: <https://www.wtmb.org/paypal>

Student accounts: WTMB student accounts are a way for our families to directly benefit from fundraising for our program. When you participate in certain fundraisers (such as ShopRite Cards), a portion of what you sell is placed in your student account. To check student account balance, contact Rebecca Campman at wtmbatreasurer@gmail.com. *Please note, you can only add to your student account by fundraising. Any activity fees paid to the WTMB are used for the operating budget of that activity, not placed in student accounts.*

Note: If you require a financial arrangement other than the options above, please contact Mr. Seifert at seifni@centennialsd.org. We do not want anyone miss the trip due to financial reasons.

When you submit a payment, please also fill out the trip payment form available at wtmb.org/forms-and-docs-marching.



Working Itinerary

Thursday October 1

5:45 PM	Bring all of your luggage to rehearsal with you and place in the choir room
6:00 PM	Rehearsal in the stadium
7:45 PM	Run Through – Ohio Send Off
8:00 PM	Load the trailer with all instruments and luggage
8:45 PM	Trip meeting – all students and parents are expected to attend.
9:00 PM	Dismissed

Friday October 2

7:30 AM	Students have a regular school day for blocks 1-3. Bring your carry-on items to school in the morning and leave in dressing rooms.
12:50 PM	Report to the band room, not to fourth period
1:30 PM	Busses depart WTHS
	Dinner will be at a rest stop en route. Bring money for dinner or bring food.
10:30 PM	Check in at hotel: Best Western Port Columbus 1450 Airpointe Drive, Columbus OH

Saturday October 3 (times use an estimated performance time of 5:00 PM.)

8:00 AM	Breakfast provided at the hotel. All students must check in and eat breakfast.
9:00 AM	Depart hotel for rehearsal site (location TBD)
9:45 AM	Unload at rehearsal site
12:45 PM	Run through, then load trailer
1:30 PM	Lunch – Jimmy Johns Catering – Eat at rehearsal site
2:15 PM	Change into uniform
3:00 PM	Inspection, then leave rehearsal site

4:00 PM	Arrive at Ohio Stadium 411 Woody Hayes Dr, Columbus, OH 43210
6:15 PM	Performance Time
6:30 PM	Load trailer.
7:15 PM	Enter stadium to watch the remainder of the competition / Free time in stadium Dinner is not provided. Students may purchase food from stadium concessions
7:45 PM	All students should be seated in our section
9:00 PM	Performance by Ohio State University Marching Band
9:30 PM	Awards
10:00 PM	Leave Ohio Stadium travel back to hotel.
11:00 PM	Lights out

Sunday October 13

6:00 AM-7:00 AM	During this time, you must pack all of your stuff and prepare to check out of the room. You must also eat breakfast provided at the hotel and check in your chaperone. You may do this in any order, but it must be complete by 7:00 AM.
7:00 AM	Board the busses and depart for Pittsburgh
10:00 AM	Busses will drop off the students near Market Square. 410 Market St, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 WE WILL BE WALKING FROM THIS POINT UNTIL WHEN WE LEAVE Students have free time to explore Downtown Pittsburgh in their chaperone groups including market square and Point State Park.
11:30 AM	Group lunch
12:30 PM	Travel to Duquesne University 408 Magee St, Pittsburgh, PA 15219
1:00 PM	Private show and clinic with the River City Brass Ensemble Duquesne University Mary Pappert School of Music 408 Magee St, Pittsburgh, PA 15219
2:30 PM	Board Busses and leave for WTHS
8:30 PM	Arrive at WTHS.