

UNIT 5 IMEA ALL-STATE CONFERENCE INFORMATION
JANUARY 27-29, 2011

General Guidelines / Policies

- All school rules apply. Remember, you represent Unit 5 and our music department.
- You must be in your hotel room by 12:00 midnight. **You are not to leave the building without permission from a director.**
- If guys are in a girls room (or vice versa), the door must be propped open.
- All students must allow their rooms to be cleaned during the day. If you are concerned about anything valuable, either don't bring it or hide it.
- You must wear your badge at all rehearsals or other conference events.
- Attendance for all rehearsals and scheduled events is mandatory. **If you cut out of a rehearsal without permission to do so, you will be sent home.**

Hotel Information

We will be staying in East Peoria at the Embassy Suites hotel.

Embassy Suites East Peoria
100 Conference Center Drive
East Peoria, IL 61611
309-694-0200

We were assigned this hotel. A major benefit of this hotel is that they have a terrific FREE made-to-order breakfast every day. The disadvantage of staying across the river is that students will not be able to go to their hotel room during the day. We will transport students to their rehearsal sites in school vehicles, and will take them back to the hotel at the end of each day. Students will be on their own the rest of the rehearsal day. **Please dress warmly—it is usually very cold during All-State weekend and you have to walk outside a lot.**

Food / Eating

Students' food expenses will be on their own. You will be given time to eat, but there are not a lot of fast food places in downtown Peoria and you have to walk several blocks to all of these places. There is a convenient store in the bank building across from the Pere Marquette hotel downtown. They sell hot soups, hot dogs, and packaged chips (like gas station food). We will show you some places that are good to go, but be prepared for long lines. Plan on bringing \$40 – 50 for food, depending on how much you eat. You will need to buy 3 lunches and 2 dinners.

Transportation / Leaving Times

All NCHS Students need to meet outside of the band room (54) at the start of the school day.

All West Students need to meet in the orchestra room (145) at the start of the school day.

Chaperones

The following teachers will be chaperones for this trip: Ben Luginbuhl, Josh Masterman, Melissa Siebenthal, Lisa Preston, and Diane Turek. We will share cell phone numbers with all the students so they can contact us in case of an emergency.

Please remember that this is a professional conference for your directors. While you are in rehearsal, we will be attending workshops and concerts. Only call in an emergency!

Saturday Plans

We expect you to ride home with your parents after they attend the concert that you participate in. The All-State concert is at 1:00 pm and the Honors concert is at 3:15 pm. Both take place in the Peoria Civic Center Arena and last approximately 1½ hours. Note: The cost of the concert is \$5.00 admission. Children 11 and under are admitted free. These concerts are always fantastic.

Since you will need to check out of our hotel room on Saturday morning, your parents should try to meet up with you at the hotel to pick up your luggage. You can do this in one of these ways:

1. Meet your parents at the hotel and have them take your luggage before the concert. Because the Saturday rehearsal schedule can change, you will need to contact your parents Friday evening and set up a meeting place and time. Many families in the past have come early, picked up the luggage, and then have either gone to the mall, visited the exhibits in the Civic Center, or have gone out to lunch, depending on when you are in rehearsal.
2. Leave your luggage in a room provided by the hotel and pick it up after the concert.

AFTER THE CONCERT: Please send either Mr. Luginbuhl or Mrs. Turek a call or text that you have found your parents and are heading home with them. Mr. L's cell is 309-242-7331 and Mrs. Turek's is 309-530-6361.

*****If you cannot get a ride home with your family on Saturday, please notify either Mr. Luginbuhl (NCHS students) or Mrs. Turek (West students) ASAP so they can arrange for a way to get you home.**

Room Assignments

All of the rooms are suites, so we can fit up to 6 students in each room.

Room 1:

Sheldon Aaron
Matt Everly
Alec Gramm
Brady Poole
Drew Underhill

Room 2:

Zach Bian
Jordan Debo
Dustin Ha
Kevin Houldsworth
Spencer Powell
Eric Weber

Room 3:

Izzy Cimala
Megan Ha
Allison Kreps
Cassie Tuggle

Room 4:

Lauren Koszyk
Amber Livingston
Colleen Thomas
Taylor Walters-Chapman

Room 5:

Kaitlin Kamp
Ruth Kenney
Bethany Salm
Claire Spychalla
Jennifer Walker

