**Surviving Bandtober!**

A Parent’s Guide to Marching Band Contest Season Below are some pro tips and tricks for the marching band season.

**Bands of America- BOA General Information**

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| Watch online at [box5tv.com/events](https://box5tv.com/events/) | You can pay monthly or get an annual pass |
| Prelims- Each band will perform their show at a predetermined time. Once prelims are over, they will announce the bands making it to finals. They clear the stands, and you will have to reenter. | Finals- Once prelims are over, the top 10-12 bands will make finals. They preform and then awards are given out  |
| Cost prelim $23 Finals. $23 Both together $36Students tickets slightly cheaper | All day event. We leave early and hopefully stay late. Band Schedule will be released closer to event.For Spectators gates open at 7am |

**BOA Austin**

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| Location Kelley Reeves Athletic Complex10211 West Parmer LaneAustin, TX 78717 | Date: Saturday, September 23 |
| Prelim time: 9:45am  |  |

**BOA Houston**

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| Location Legacy Stadium1830 Katy Dr.Katy, TX 77493 | Date: Saturday, October 2 |
| Prelim Time:TBD | [Website for Tickets](https://marching.musicforall.org/event/westhouston21/)  |

**BOA San Antonio**

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| Location Alamodome100 Montana StreetSan Antonio, TX 78203 | Date: Friday, November 5 and Saturday, November 6 |
| Prelim Time TBD | [Website for Tickets](https://marching.musicforall.org/sanantonio21tickets/) Prelim Friday 31 Prelim Sat 31Finals 36  |

**UIL Region Marching**

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| Location Kelley Reeves Athletic Complex10211 West Parmer LaneAustin, TX 78717 | Date: October 19Must score all 1’s to advance to Area Contest |
| Schedule TBD | [Website](https://www.uilmusicregion26.com/) for more information  |

**UIL Area Marching**

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| Location Kelley Reeves Athletic Complex10211 West Parmer LaneAustin, TX 78717 | Date: October 30Must score all 1’s to move on to State Contest  |
| Schedule TBD | [Website](https://www.uilmusicregion26.com/) for more information  |

**UIL State (Must Qualify)**

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| Location Alamodome100 Montana StreetSan Antonio, TX 78203 | Dates: Monday, November 8, Tuesday, November 9 and Wednesday November 10 |
| Schedule TBD | [UIL Website](https://www.uilmusicregion26.com/) for more info |

**Pro Tips for Marching Competitions**

* Expect a full day of band. There will be lots of time between our performance and finals.
* Give yourself more than enough time to get into the stadium. Plan to be there long before our performance time
* Parking will be an issue. You may need to park further away and ride a shuttle if parking is full.
* Consider staying all day to secure your parking spot. You can bring a cooler with food and drinks and return to your car.
* If you leave stadium, be sure you understand how you will re-enter or if you need to purchase another ticket
* Clear bag policies are in place- there will be a bag check and the line gets long
* Parking can be tricky. If you leave, don’t expect to get a spot later. You may need to ride a shuttle if parking is full at the event.
* Once Prelims are over the stadium is cleared before finals. If you have a finals wristband you will reenter when finals start. Some people leave and then line right up to get back in for finals.
* Plan for all kinds of weather. We live in Texas. Remember to look at reentry procedures.
* Your band student will be with the band all day. They will have their own schedule for rest time and food. You may or may not be able to talk to them. The chaperones will take great care of your child.
* Chances are we will have VERY early call times and get home VERY late
* Exact schedule timing will be communicated by the directors closer to the event date
* This month is a lot for your band student and your family. Please help your student stay on top of schoolwork and get lots of rest.
* These are very hectic days but lifetime memories.