

Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2009 9:10 PM
Subject: Band Camp News & Gator Bowl Info

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HOW ARE WE GETTING THERE? We are contracting with Holiday Tours for our transportation. We have used this company for six years for our band travel needs, and they have offered a 10% discount as a corporate sponsor for the bowl game.

WHAT ABOUT CHAPERONES? Bowl Games of America requires 1 chaperone for every 10 students. Chaperones should be prepared to handle multiple duties as pit and props helpers, uniform parents, whatever is needed to assist the students on the trip. Your travel package includes a ticket to the bowl game.

WHAT IF I WANT TO BRING MY FAMILY TO SEE THE BAND AND THE GAME? Other parents may purchase the package to attend at \$50 less than the student package price

Package cost for 3 night stay for 2 people per room: \$479 per person (travel NOT included)

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Package cost for 3 night stay for 4 people per room: \$419 per person (travel NOT included)

Package includes hotel room, New Years Eve Dinner Dance and ticket to Bowl Game. Hotel cost includes breakfast, you would be responsible for other meals.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CHAPERONING, ATTENDING AS ANOTHER VOLUNTEER FOR PIT AND PROPS OR UNIFORMS, OR ATTENDING FOR FUN, PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED INTEREST FORM AND SUBMIT A \$50 DEPOSIT PER PERSON BY AUGUST 1, 2009

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EMAIL ADDRESS _____

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TOTAL DEPOSIT ATTACHED (\$50 per person) _____

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Remaining payment schedule:

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