

PA LIONS ALL-STATE BAND

Dear Band Directors, former, present or future Pa. Lions All-State Band Members:

For the last 29 years, the Pennsylvania Lions have organized an All-State Band to accompany the PA Lions to the annual State and International Conventions. This past weekend at the State Council meeting in Harrisburg a very important decision was made by the council of governors. The decision was for the band to not participate in Seattle, the site of the 2011 International Convention, and instead save the money and go to Busan, Korea for the 2012 International Convention June 22-26, 2012. There is a tremendous expense to do Seattle alone and we can not afford to do both. We in Pennsylvania are honored to have Past International Director Dr. Harold Ott as a candidate for second vice-president of Lions Clubs International and his candidacy would be declared at Busan. We should be there for this momentous event and help to show our support for PID Ott. This will be a large undertaking with finances as well as logistics with all having passports and instruments, etc. I would hope that all of you would consider participating in this awesome event. We will be taking a smaller group limited to 80 performers and 20 chaperones to help with the financial situation. We will do all we can to limit the fee for this event so all can afford going. The schedule then would be not go to Germany in 2013 but go to Toronto in 2014 with a full band of 120 plus performers and the normal number of chaperones. PID Ott would become International President at this convention. We then have Hawaii the next year. Wow! We have so many wonderful opportunities to play great music and learn about Lionism in the future.

I hope this helps everyone plan their summers for a while. Several phone calls have come my way asking about dates for the Lion Band and thus the reason for this letter. Please remember we will have the State Lions Convention each year also. This spring we will be in Cranberry Township, Pa. on May 20-21, 2011. All lodging and meal expenses are covered by the PA lions while at the convention. Students need only provide transportation to and from the convention site. For students from areas in the east that would contribute to the success of the Band, the lions will charter a bus having several stops. This will bring students to and from the convention. Remember we normally limit the State Band to 80 performers so apply ASAP so we can work on the music and instrumentation. I will attach the standard application to this letter for you to send to me. PLEASE make sure I can read your information. I had to guess at some of the addresses last year.

If you were a member in the past, you will recall the fun times you had; and if you are a "first timer" you can look forward to an exciting musical experience. We encourage you to apply and to invite other musicians to join us in Cranberry. More information will be sent at a later time announcing where we will rehearse and stay. To be sure that we have

a bed and enough food it is imperative that you immediately return the enclosed form, please send it to: **Ray Barfield, 664 Country Ridge Road, Bedford, Pa. 15522. My phone numbers are: 814-623-0384 (home), Cell – 814-937-0511), Work – (814-623-4250 Bedford High School)**

The Lions All-State Band wears a light weight marching/concert uniform for all performances. Students will be provided with a PA Lions shirt and a cummerbund and sash as part of the uniform. You will however, need to supply the following items: **White** slacks/trousers, **white** shoes and white socks, music stand and a sturdy instrument lyre for marching band.

For those who wish to leave with their parents, immediately after the concert, please check with Mr. Barfield or Mr. Zellner. Thank all of you for sharing your talents with the world and supporting the Lions of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,
Ray Barfield
Pa. Lions All-State Band Chairman

**Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band Application
May 20-21, 2011
Cranberry, Pa.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State** _____

Phone: _____ **School** _____

Year in School or College: _____

Please circle: male – female

Email: _____

Concert Instrument: _____ **Marching Instrument** _____

Shirt Size: _____ **Your Height** _____ **Your Weight** _____

Have you ever participated with the Lions Band? _____ **What year(s)?** _____

Parent Signature: _____