



# 2017 TOB ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND INFORMATION 11.15.17 UPDATE

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## TOB ALL-STAR BAND INFORMATION – WITH UPDATES!

Greetings to our 165+ TOB All-Stars! The following information is this week's update for you and your parents for our performance coming up in two weeks! We look forward to very productive, educational, and exciting 24 hours with you – our All-Stars!

Hopefully this information will help you in planning your trip to Philadelphia for this outstanding opportunity. There will be a final next week.

**REHEARSAL:** Camden County Vo-Tech, 343 Cross Keys Rd, Sicklerville, NJ

[http://www.cts.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=265043&type=d&termREC\\_ID=&pREC\\_ID=506069](http://www.cts.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=265043&type=d&termREC_ID=&pREC_ID=506069)

**LODGING:** (Auxiliary & Percussion) Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown, 201 N 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA

[www.sheratonphiladelphiadowntown.com](http://www.sheratonphiladelphiadowntown.com)

(Brass & Woodwinds) Warwick Hotel, 220 S 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA

[www.warwickrittenhouse.com](http://www.warwickrittenhouse.com)

**INCLUDED:** dinner, breakfast, parade snack, lodging, instruction, use of percussion instruments(except cymbals)

**NOT INCLUDED:** your woodwind/brass instrument (yes, bring your tuba and cymbals), your rifle, your personal snacks and water for rehearsal and overnight

**TRANSPORTATION:** bus transportation from rehearsal site to Philadelphia lodging/rehearsal is provided

**UNIFORM:** *PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND PREPARE NOW!*

### **MUSICIANS:**

Bring black uniform pants (not jeans, sweats, or dance) and black socks/shoes. If your band does not use black pants, please borrow some, or bring solid black dress pants for the performance.

Bring official band uniform jacket (not a costume) – as this represents your school, gloves to match

Do NOT bring hats! \*Do NOT wear jeans, dance pants or leggings for band pants

You will be provided with the official TOB ASMB shako, plume and baldric for the parade

### **AUXILIARY:**

Bring a white turtleneck to wear under the tunic for warmth, black dress or dance pants (no jeans)

Bring solid black shoes (no colors) and black crew or knee socks

Also needed – ponytail holder, bobby pins, hairspray, light make-up

You will be provided with the official TOB ASMB tunic and headwear for the parade

**PACKING:** A backpack! You will spend 6+ hours in rehearsal and another 5-6 hours for rest/sleep, followed by our performance in uniform. There is no need for multiple changes of clothing – just comfortable rehearsal attire and your proper performance attire. Please keep luggage to a minimum. It's easier to carry, transport, and store. And YES! – some rehearsal time will be outside!

SECTION NEWS: You will hear from your caption/section staff about auxiliary work, part assignments, and more over the next two weeks. Please follow their directions to help prepare for the rehearsal time on Wednesday, November 22. We have limited time together and plan to make the most efficient use of that time with your cooperation.

At this point we still have a tentative schedule for TV rehearsals – we expect more details over the next week. The following is a tentative schedule based on our past schedules and proposed schedule of finale participation.

TENTATIVE STUDENT SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, November 22 – rehearsal day – Camden County VoTech, NJ

1:00 PM student check in  
1:30 PM rehearsal  
5:00 PM dinner (provided)  
6:00 PM parade block outside  
7:15PM transportation to Sheraton/Warwick, Philadelphia  
8:00 PM rehearsals for finale and sectionals  
11:00 PM room check in/snack (provided)

Thursday, November 23 – performance day – Philadelphia, PA

5:00 AM breakfast (provided) - all luggage, cases in TOB ASMB storage room  
6:00 AM finale rehearsal-TV area  
8:00 AM full band due on JFK  
9:00 AM parade step off  
10:00 AM break, snack/water (provided), PR pictures by sections and regions  
11:00 AM parade finale  
12:00 N return to Sheraton  
1:00 PM check out from Sheraton Downtown-parent pick up

Please feel free to contact me, or your caption head if you have additional questions!

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### TOB ALL-STAR BAND CO-DIRECTORS

**Jeffrey Dent** Jeff recently retired from Jersey Shore Area School District, completing thirty-four years as a music educator in Pennsylvania. His middle school concert band was honored to perform twice at PMEA. As one of the directors of the Williamsport Repasz Band(1831), he conducts a community ensemble of 70+ adult musicians, appearing at the National Association of Concert Bands Festival and Appomattox 150 Anniversary Celebration. Last April he conducted the Repasz Band in their premier performance at PMEA/Erie. For the past nine years, his "part-time" job as Director of Tournament of Bands involves coordinating 60+ events in the TOB season as well as the four day Atlantic Coast Championship Series each year. Jeff serves as both a music and visual NJA adjudicator for TOB and TIA for over 30 years.. He has been part of the TOB All-Star Staff since the beginning in 2009.



**Donna Stout** Donna Stout is the Director for the Tournament Indoor Association and Vice President of the Tournament of Bands Music Festivals, Inc. She was previously the Director of the WGI Scholastic A World Champion Falcons of Salisbury Color Guard and a member of the staff of the Parkland High School Marching Band and Color Guard. Donna has been a visual judge with the National Judges Association since 1988. Additionally, she has been a staff member of the TOB All-Star Marching Band since the inaugural year, a volunteer for the Drum Corps International Eastern Championships, and most recently, a proud "Marching Band Mom".

### TOB ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND VOLUNTEER/ROOM COORDINATOR

**Elizabeth Barnhart** Liz Barnhart has been a member of NJA since 1975 and was elected as a member of the NJA Hall of Fame. She continues to lead the TIA Twirler division. As an instructor, she taught at Wissahickon HS, Abington HS, Holy Cross HS and Aberdeen HS. Liz is a Temple University graduate with a degree in Education. With our TOB All-Stars, she is responsible for student/staff room coordination and staff volunteers.

### TOB ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND MUSIC EDUCATION STAFF

**Ray Troxell: Music Coordinator** Raymond Troxell is a forty plus year veteran of NJA and has been TOB-10 Coordinator for 10 years. As the music coordinator for the TOB All-Star Marching Band, Ray has arranged, taught and supervised music instruction of the performers since the initial event in 2009. Recently, Mr Troxell was inducted into the National Judges Association Hall of Fame.

**Al Bazzel: Brass** Al Bazzel recently retired after serving as a NJ music administrator/educator in New Jersey for 40 years. As a member of the NJMEA Board he oversees the annual NJ State Band Festival. Al works with new NJA music judges as a mentor and clinician. He has been a member of NJA for 20 plus years and is a member of the NJA Hall of Fame.

**Jason Crafts: Percussion** Jason Crafts has been involved in the marching arts for nearly 28 years as a percussion performer, educator, adjudicator, and arranger . He was a 4 year battery percussion member of the Middle Township High School Marching Band. Middle Township is a 15-time T.O.B. Atlantic Coast Championship winning band. Jason continued with his passion by becoming a highly successful instructor for various high school percussion units, most notably Middle Township High School and is currently the Percussion Caption Head for Cherokee High School and a Percussion Consultant and Tenor Tech for The Raiders Drum and Bugle Corps. Beginning in 2014, Crafts became a Percussion Adjudicator for The National Judges Association, one of the largest judging associations for Performing Arts in the United States.

**Andrea Ferraro: Percussion** Andrea Ferraro is currently a tabulator for NJA and a former TOB All-Star Marching Band Drum Major. She attended Highland Regional High School where she marched saxophone during the Marching Band Season. During the Indoor Season, she played in the pit and marched cymbals. During these seasons, she took home several local and circuit championships.

**Doug Ferraro: Percussion Caption Head** Currently residing in South Jersey's Region TOB-1, Doug grew up with TOB/TIA as a student at Bensalem High School, where he is currently employed as the K-12 Math Supervisor and District Assessment Coordinator. He has taught at several high schools in the South Jersey/Philadelphia region. Doug has been an NJA adjudicator for several years, and has made several appearances at the TIA Atlantic Coast Championships in Wildwood, NJ, and TOB Atlantic Coast Championships in Hershey, PA. This will be the fourth year Doug has been on staff with the TOB All-Star Marching Band.

**Brian Foltz: Percussion** Brian Foltz is an active instructor and adjudicator. His marching experience includes performing with the Marching Ravens Drumline, Hawthorne Caballeros, Empire Statesmen, and Harrisburg Westshoremens. He has also performed with the Mighty Sound of Maryland Marching Band serving as a leader in the drumline from 2000 to 2003. He also performed with the University Percussion Ensemble, Maryland Pep Band, and the Broadway musical Stomp! Brian has instructed percussion at several schools in the state of Maryland, most recently at Urbana High School Williamsport High School and Liberty High School. Brian is a member of the National Judges Association and is a certified percussion adjudicator in the TIA and TOB circuits. Brian holds a Master of Engineering degree from the University of Maryland at College Park, and currently works as a Senior Data Analyst with Volvo Group Trucks in Hagerstown, MD.

**Nicholas Greeson: Woodwinds** Nicholas Greeson is currently the Elementary Band Director for the Cape Henlopen School District in Lewes, DE. He is also the enlisted conductor and a senior leader of the 78th Army Band, US Army Reserve, out of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ. He remains active as a performer in the Delaware Beaches region and as a music adjudicator for National Judges Association and Drum Corps Associates. Nick marched with the Reading Buccaneers in 2000-2002, and 2005, and holds music degrees from West Chester University and The American Band College of Sam Houston State University.

**Deanna Hill: Woodwind** DeAnna Hill has been a music educator and an NJA adjudicator for more than 30 years. She is a clinician for marching, concert and jazz programs along the East Coast. As a program coordinator and consultant, DeAnna has created numerous competitive marching band productions. As a woodwind specialist, she has judged woodwinds and music captions at the TOB Region and Atlantic Coast Championships, as well as assisted with the TOB All-Star Marching Band. She is a professional flutist residing in Virginia Beach, VA.

**Tyler Schwirian: Brass** Tyler Schwirian is a performer and educator based in New York City. He is currently principal tuba with the Springfield Symphony (OH) and has performed with the Louisville Orchestra, Mid-Atlantic Opera Orchestra, Johnstown Symphony (PA), and Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra, among others. He holds an M.M. in orchestral performance from Manhattan School of Music, a B.F.A. in tuba performance from Carnegie Mellon University, and is currently pursuing his Ed. M. at Teachers College - Columbia University. Tyler's teachers include Craig Knox of the Pittsburgh Symphony and Alan Baer of the New York Philharmonic. Tyler is a music adjudicator for NJA and recently presented an NJA/TOB music clinic session at TOB Education Day.

#### TOB ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND VISUAL EDUCATION STAFF

**Donna Stout: Auxiliary Coordinator**

**Michelle Adcock: Auxiliary** Michelle Adcock is returning this year to work with the All Star Band Color Guard. Michelle has over 20 years of marching and teaching experience. She marched in the color guard with Steel City Ambassadors, IUP, Pittsburgh-area winter guards, and the Reading Buccaneers. She has judged auxiliary, general effect, and indoor captions for Tournament of Bands. Her teaching experience includes several local HS programs and is currently the color guard/visual coordinator for the Avon Grove HS marching band and the director of the Avon Grove HS Maroon and Gold Guards. She is currently the Visual Caption Supervisor for the Hawthorne Caballeros Drum and Bugle corps. She is an educator in the Avon Grove School District, currently teaching computer technology courses at Avon Grove Intermediate.

**Alison Ferris: Auxiliary** This is Alison's first year with the All Star Marching Band Twirlers. Alison has 26 years experience in baton twirling with 10+ years dedicated to teaching the sport. Alison is currently the Director and a participant of Revolution Twirlers based out of Region 2. She has been involved with TOB/TIA since 1996 as a participant and a coach for multiple baton twirling teams in the Lehigh Valley. Not only has Alison participated within the TIA circuit, but she has also competed in the NBTA and TU circuits on a national level. Alison resides in Pennsylvania Dutch Country.

**Nicholas Tavares: Auxiliary** 2016 marks Nicholas' seventh year with the TOB All-Star Marching Band Color Guard Staff. Nicholas has been a long time performer and instructor within the TOB/TIA family, and looks forward to spending his Thanksgiving morning with the performers of the rifle line. Nicholas is also the Color Guard Director of the Middletown High School Color Guards and the Visual Coordinator/Color Guard Designer of the Cab Calloway School of the Arts Marching Band and Winter Guard. In addition to being involved in high school pageantry, Nicholas spends his summer as Co-Color Guard Caption Head of the multi-year DCA World Champions, The Reading Buccaneers.

**John Thomas: Auxiliary/RN** John Taylor has been an adjudicator with the National Judges Association since 2010. An experienced color guard and visual technician, John currently works with the Avon Grove High School Marching Band and Indoor Color Guard programs. Professionally, John is a registered nurse employed as a nursing faculty member at a Philadelphia area university.

**Beth Gensemer: Auxiliary** Beth, and her family, join us for the annual Thanksgiving Day Parade. She is the auxiliary staff at Shamokin Area HS for both the competitive band and football band. Beth spends her time balancing work, performing in senior guard and raising her three boys. Her husband, Greg serves as our overnight security staff.