

8:30AM - 9:00AM --- Morning Coordination Meeting
All bands – Cafeteria

9:00AM - 9:30AM --- Depart Gorham Middle School for Gorham High School. Bring EVERYTHING; we are not returning to the Middle School.

9:30AM --- Arrival at the dress rehearsal / concert location.
Luggage should be dropped off in designated warm-up areas.

Dress Rehearsals:
10:00AM - 11:00AM --- Symphonic Band Dress Rehearsal.
11:00AM - 12:00AM --- Concert Band Dress Rehearsal.
Other bands watch rehearsals from the back of the hall.

Lunch – Bagged lunches to be eaten cafeteria.
12:00PM - 1:00PM --- Concert and Symphonic Bands

12:00PM - 1:00PM --- Conductors / Committees Boxed Lunch

1:00PM - 2:00PM --- CASCO BAY COMMUNITY BAND Dress Rehearsal: All students attend.

The Concert Hall must be cleared of all personal belongings by 2:00PM.

2:00PM - 2:30PM --- Students change into Concert Dress

Students may change in designated areas. Luggage and Instrument Cases may be stored in the warm-up rooms.

2:00PM --- Concert Tickets, Lobby – McCormack Performing Arts Center
Pick-Up Reserved Tickets & Purchase Tickets

2:30PM --- Concert Hall Doors Open, McCormack Performing Arts Center

Warm-Up:
2:30PM - 2:50PM --- Concert Band – Location TBA
2:30PM - 2:50PM --- Symphonic Band – Location TBA

3:00PM - 5:00PM --- Concert – McCormack Performing Arts Center
CASCO BAY COMMUNITY BAND
CONCERT BAND
SYMPHONIC BAND

(Performing groups may watch the performances from back ONLY if space allows.)

5:00PM --- Concert over. Festival concludes. Dinner is on your own. A list of restaurants is included in information packet.

John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands – New England Region

STUDENT AGREEMENT FORM

By applying for acceptance in the John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands, New England Region, you agreed to follow the rules and regulations of personal conduct. Please remember that the hosts of this band festival are not only responsible for your safety and well-being, but also for upholding the wishes of your parents, teachers, school principals, and many supporters who have an interest in your participation.

THE FIVE MAIN RULES:

1. POSSESSION AND/OR USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DRUGS, OTHER THAN THOSE PRESCRIBED BY A DOCTOR, ARE ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN.

2. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL SCHEDULED DAILY REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES UNLESS YOU ARE ILL. IT IS YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO BE AWARE OF THE DAILY SCHEDULE, AND TO BE ON TIME.

3. CURFEWS WILL BE SET FOR EACH EVENING, AND THEY WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

4. ABUSE, DEFACEMENT, OR THEFT OF ANY PROPERTY OR FACILITY IS PROHIBITED.

5. STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO COOPERATE WITH THE CONDUCTORS, FESTIVAL CHAIRPERSONS, AND FESTIVAL STAFF AT ALL TIMES.

Infractions of these rules may result in immediate dismissal from this Band Festival. In case of such dismissal, your school and parents will be notified, and you will then return home at your own expense with no refund of any payments. **THESE RULES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED. A STUDENT WHO FEELS STRONGLY THAT HE/SHE CANNOT OBSERVE THESE RULES WHILE AT THE CONCERT FESTIVAL IS ADVISED NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL.**

REGULATIONS/PROCEDURES/POLICIES:

HOUSING - Housing is organized by the Festival Committee at the headquarters hotel, Howard Johnson's Plaza Hotel in Gorham, Maine. Questions regarding rooming assignments should be directed to the Host Chairpersons first.

REGISTRATION / ORIENTATION - Upon arrival at the Festival, your chaperone will check in at the Registration Table to receive your rooming assignment and other information. After registration, you will attend a general orientation meeting.

MOTOR VEHICLES - You may not rent, borrow, or drive a motor vehicle of any sort while participating in the Festival. You may NOT be a passenger in any motor vehicle, except that of your chaperone, their designated driver, or the festival bus transportation. This includes your independent time as indicated in the daily schedule.

SMOKING - There is to be no smoking at any time.

MEDICAL INFORMATION - You must fill out the appropriate medical form. Please bring with you any medicine that you need to take regularly, and give the information about that medicine to the Host Chairpersons or designee. A medical person is in attendance at all rehearsals and performances, and a physician is on call at all times. Should you require emergency medical attention, the Host Chairpersons will make the necessary arrangements for you.

PHOTOGRAPHS / RECORDINGS - Rehearsals and performances may be photographed, reproduced, and/or recorded on film, compact disc, or other media and may be displayed and/or disseminated for educational and archival purposes directly related to the John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands - New England Region.

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA NATIONAL HONOR BANDS New England Region

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire,
Rhode Island, Vermont

6th CONCERT FESTIVAL April 24-26, 2014



Student Handbook

**Host: Gorham Middle School
Gorham, Maine**

**Concert: McCormack Performing
Arts Center
Gorham, Maine**

Welcome to the John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands – New England Region!

On behalf of the John Philip Sousa Foundation we wish to welcome you to the 2014 John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands – New England Region.

It is our hope that this Festival will provide you with an opportunity to demonstrate your artistry and to create new friendships.

We hope that your stay with us is a pleasant, musical and educational one. Please let us know if we can do anything to make you more comfortable while you're here. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask any Festival Staff Member.

Most of all enjoy the 2014 John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands – New England Region!!

Sincerely,

Robert L. Rucinski, Executive Director
Thomas E. Reynolds, Executive Director
Kimberly J. Mathieu, Gorham Middle School, Host Chairperson

Important Phone Numbers

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Festival Headquarters:
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Maine Medical Center: 22 Bramhall St., Portland, ME 04102
(207) 662-0111

Festival Rules

Attendance at all Festival functions is required.

Please, Absolutely NO SMOKING during the Festival.

Your name badge is your festival identification. Please wear it at all times. See any festival staff member if it is lost.

You will need your name badge to obtain all meals tickets from the Gorham Middle School Food Service.

The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is forbidden and will result in immediate dismissal from the Festival.

Students are not allowed to drive during the Festival. Host Parents, Parents, Directors/Supervisors, or Designated Buses are the only means of transporting students to and from all Festival events.

You are expected to be in your rooms with lights out at the time of curfew.

Please report to all rehearsals on time; be polite, respectful and cooperative with others.

Make sure that your valuables are secured in the designated locations.

If you have a problem or question, see any festival staff member to assist you.

6th JOHN PHILIP SOUSA NATIONAL HONOR BANDS – NEW ENGLAND REGION CONCERT FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 24-26, 2014

Rehearsal Location:

**Gorham Middle School
106 Weeks Rd., Gorham, ME 04038**

Concert Location:

**McCormack Performing Arts Center
Gorham High School
41 Morrill Ave., Gorham, ME 04038**

Revised – 1 April 2014

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014

11:30AM - 2:00PM --- Student and Director/Supervisor Arrival:
Parking available in the Gorham Middle School parking lot.

11:30AM - 2:00PM --- Registration --- Directors/Supervisors ONLY
Main Lobby – Middle School

All students:

1. Drop-off instruments and luggage in auditorium
2. Report to Auditorium for general meeting

11:30AM - 9:15PM --- Main Lobby – Gorham Middle School –
T-shirt Sales, Concert Ticket Sales, CD Sales, refreshments

11:30AM - 9:00PM --- Directors Hospitality and Information -
Lobby Conference Room

2:00PM - 2:30PM --- General Meeting - Auditorium
All Students and Directors/Supervisors

Rehearsals:

- 2:45PM - 5:00PM --- Concert Band – Band Room
2:45PM - 5:00PM --- Symphonic Band – Auditorium

Dinner – Gorham Middle School Cafeteria
5:00PM - 6:00PM --- Concert and Symphonic Bands

Evening Rehearsals

- 6:00PM - 9:00PM --- Concert Band – Band Room
6:00PM - 9:00PM --- Symphonic Band – Auditorium

9:00PM - 9:30PM --- Rehearsals end for both groups. Students take luggage to Main Lobby and board buses for Howard Johnson, Portland.

Instruments may be secured in the Band Room.

9:30PM --- Arrive at The Howard Johnson Plaza, Portland.
Students get settled into rooms.

10:30PM --- Curfew

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2014

6:45AM --- Wake Up --- 7:30AM ---Travel to Gorham on Buses

7:30AM - 9:00PM --- Main Lobby –
T-shirt Sales, Concert Ticket Sales, CD Sales, refreshments

7:50AM - 8:30AM --- Breakfast, Gorham Middle School Cafeteria

8:00AM - 4:00PM --- Directors Hospitality and Information –
Teachers' Lounge.

Morning Rehearsals: (Sectional Locations TBA)

8:30AM - 10:30AM --- Concert Band – Band Room
10:30AM - 12:00PM --- Concert Band – Sectionals

8:30AM - 9:00AM --- Symphonic Band – Auditorium
9:00AM - 10:30AM --- Symphonic Band – Sectionals
10:30AM - 12:00PM --- Symphonic Band – Auditorium

Lunch – Gorham Middle School Cafeteria
12:00PM - 1:00PM --- Concert and Symphonic Bands

Afternoon Rehearsals:

1:00PM - 3:00PM --- Concert Band – Band Room
1:00PM - 3:00PM --- Symphonic Band – Auditorium

1:00PM --- Meeting for all Directors – Lobby Conference Room

Master Classes: (Locations TBA)
3:00PM - 4:00PM --- Concert and Symphonic Bands

Afternoon Rehearsals Continue:
4:00PM - 5:30PM --- Concert Band – Band Room
4:00PM - 5:30PM --- Symphonic Band – Auditorium

Dinner – Gorham Middle School Cafeteria
5:30PM - 6:30PM --- Concert and Symphonic Bands

Evening Rehearsals

6:30PM - 9:00PM --- Concert Band – Band Room
6:30PM - 9:00PM --- Symphonic Band – Auditorium

9:00PM - 9:30PM --- Rehearsals end for both groups. Students board buses for The Howard Johnson Plaza, Portland.

Instruments may be secured in the Band Room.

9:30PM --- Arrive at The Howard Johnson Plaza, Portland.

10:30PM --- Curfew

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014

7:00AM --- Wake Up --- 7:45AM ---Travel to Gorham on Buses

Luggage should be brought into the Cronin Auditorium.

7:45AM - 8:30AM --- Breakfast, Gorham Middle School Cafeteria