



# North Augusta High School Band 2014 Magnificent Mile Lights Festival Parade

Director of Bands: Chuck Deen

## Wednesday, November 19, 2014

@5:00pm Depart North Augusta, SC for Chicago, IL area via motorcoach.  
(@ 850 miles / @ 15 hours)

Meals and rest stops at group's discretion.

## Thursday, November 20, 2014

@8:00am Arrive in Chicago! Buses to drop at **Navy Pier**.

@9:00pm Enjoy the **Chicago Trolley** with Hop on/Hop off access to many of your favorite sites in Chicago! All trolleys will follow the "Signature Tour" route to include:

Stops Include: Navy Pier, Magnificent Mile, Water Tower, John Hancock Observatory, Hard Rock/River North, Skydeck Chicago, Chicago Theatre/Macy\*s on State Street, Michigan Avenue Bridge, Garrett Popcorn/Theatre District, Art Institute and the Field Museum.

\*\* Trolleys will run a standard schedule loading every 20-25 minutes on average. \*\*

**Willis (Sears) Tower Sky deck.** Ticketed admission is included at your leisure. At 1,353 feet (412 meters), the Skydeck is the highest observatory in Chicago. The view is amazing!

**Magnificent Mile** and **State Street** enjoy the festivities including choir and theater performances, ice sculpting demonstrations and live entertainment.

**Water Tower Place.** At the pinnacle of Chicago's famed Magnificent Mile, Water Tower Place is Chicago's premier shopping destination, featuring the largest number of stores exclusive to Chicago. Its stunning eight-level atrium features Macy's, American Girl Place, the new Broadway Playhouse, and more than 100 stores.

@3:30pm Begin making your way back towards the Navy Pier on the Trolleys. Depending on where you are at this time, it could take you up to 2 hours to make the complete "Loop".

5:15pm WALK as a group (Approximately 1 mile) to **Gino's East – 162 E. Superior Street.** Founded in 1966, each pizza is made by hand and features its own unique look. Once baked to perfection these enormous pies are brought to your table in well-seasoned pans for you to enjoy.

5:45pm Dinner reservation.

7:30pm Buses pick up - Depart for the **DoubleTree Hotel Chicago – Oak Brook**  
1909 Spring Road  
Oak Brook, IL 60523

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Check-in, unpack and get some rest!

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**Friday, November 21, 2014**

- 7:30am      **Buffet Breakfast** at the hotel.
- @9:15am      Depart for the **Field Museum of Natural History**. The museum collections contain over 21 million specimens, of which only a small portion are ever on display. On May 17, 2000, the Field Museum unveiled *Sue*, the most complete and best-preserved *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil yet discovered.
- Lunch on your own.
- @12:30pm      Depart next door to the **Shedd Aquarium**. The aquarium contains over 25,000 fish, and was for some time the largest indoor aquarium in the world with 5,000,000 US gallons (19,000,000 l) of water. The Shedd Aquarium was the first inland aquarium with a permanent saltwater fish collection. It is surrounded by Museum Campus Chicago, which it shares with the Adler Planetarium and the Field Museum of Natural History. Your visit will include an All Access Pass.
- @3:00pm      Continue on to the **Adler Planetarium**. The Adler is America's first planetarium and part of Chicago's Museum Campus. The Adler is home to three full size theaters, extensive space science exhibitions, and a significant collection of antique scientific instruments and print materials.
- 5:00pm      Load motorcoaches.  
5:15pm      Depart for **Ed Debeviacs**.
- 6:00pm      Dinner reservation! Ed's idea of good All-American fare. Your choice of hamburger, cheeseburger, sloppy joe, veggie burger, grilled cheese sandwich, or hot dog, all served with fries; or a Caesar salad with or without chicken (served with a roll). Don't worry---we didn't forget about dessert, enjoy a home-made chocolate brownie!
- 7:15pm      Depart for the **Briar Street Theater**.
- 8:00pm      Enjoy **Blue Man Group** show. Theatrical shows and concerts featuring experimental music, comedy and multimedia. It's new. It's cool. BLUE MAN GROUP has updated the wildly popular theatrical show at its Chicago venue. Taking a closer look at the technology that both surrounds and isolates us, BLUE MAN GROUP showcases technogeek ingenuity while uniting the audience in primal, collective exhilaration. Signature BLUE MAN GROUP moments combine with breathtakingly fun new pieces for an explosive evening of entertainment.
- @9:45pm      Show ends! Return to the hotel.

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**Saturday, November 22, 2014**

- 8:30am **Full Buffet Breakfast** at the hotel.  
Pack and Check-out!
- 10:00am Depart for the **Lincoln Park Zoo** - Located within a verdant park just minutes north of Chicago, the zoo has been a natural, free oasis for generations of animal lovers, who visit the zoo to hear a lion's roar echo off nearby apartment buildings, see gorillas climb trees as the Willis Tower looms in the distance, or forget where they are as they immerse themselves in tropical rainforests, dry-thorn forests or spacious savannas.
- 1:00pm Depart for the **Navy Pier**. There is always something happening at Navy Pier, Chicago's lakefront playground. Offering visitors more than 50 acres of parks, promenades, gardens, shops and restaurants.  
Lunch on your own at the Navy Pier (**Meal Coupon provided**)
- TBA Depart for parade staging area.
- @5:30pm Step off of the **BMO Harris Bank Magnificent Mile Lights Festival Parade**.  
Parade Concludes!
- TBA Load buses and depart for **The Berghoff Restaurant**. The Berghoff Restaurant is a Chicago classic, serving German-American cuisine and culture since 1898. One of the oldest family-run businesses in the nation, it is now run by fourth generation, Carlyn Berghoff.
- 8:00pm Dinner reservation!
- 10:00pm Depart for home with "*Memories worth repeating*"!