

Info on the PA Lions ALL State Band. They are absolutely fantastic when you hear them all play together. New members are needed as the current seniors graduate. Maybe you can copy and paste some of this for the TT?

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From: [PA Lions State Administrator](#)

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Subject: All State Band Musicians Needed!

Good Evening Lions All,

The State Office is sending all of the Pennsylvania Lions a message from OUR All State Band Committee. Please read the message from the band that is included with this email and help us recruit students to play in the Band, especially at the International Convention in Boston this year. Thank you for your attention and help with OUR All State Band!

With Best Regards,

Deb Burkholder, Acting State Administrator

Pennsylvania Lions:

I'm writing to let you know about some of the great things happening with the Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band and ask for your help in getting the word out in your area.

The PA Lions All-State Band brings together high-school age youth from across Pennsylvania for musical learning and an introduction to Lions and Lionism. During our experiences with our members we encourage them to seek out and join Leo Clubs and many of our band alumni have gone on to become Lions. The band is truly an example of our motto, "We Serve." Lions of MD-14 serve the youth of Pennsylvania by offering this opportunity for growth as a performer and a citizen, and the students themselves serve by providing musical performances and entertainment to Lions at our state and international conventions. Additionally, we frequently hold canned food drives and other service opportunities with our members in conjunction with our rehearsals and performances.

As always, the All-State Band will meet, rehearse, and perform at the State Convention and Council Meeting in May 2023 at the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex in Indiana, PA. If you are coming to the convention, please consider joining us for one or both of our two performances!

This summer we hope to assemble a band to travel to the Lions Clubs International Convention [July 4-11, 2023](#). During the international convention the band leads the Pennsylvania Delegation in the International Parade Of Nations, performs at the Pennsylvania Delegation reception, and participates in other performance and convention activities.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Participation in the Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band is a terrific experience for PA youth and a great introduction to Lionism. BUT...getting the word out about our program is often the hardest part.

You can help. Do you know a band director or music teacher in your area? Be sure to mention the All-State Lions Band. Do you know a high-school age student who plays in band on a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument? Let them know about these two opportunities to participate. If you have contact

information and would prefer someone from the All-State Band committee takes the lead, simply [pass along the information](#) and we'll take it from there.

We have sent posters and informational letters to all high school band programs in Pennsylvania, but a personal communication from someone they know can make all the difference. Your contacts and support really help make this impactful for all.

Here's some quick information that may be useful!

1. The best and fastest place to learn more and get all the details is our website, www.palionsband.org.
2. Students can choose to participate in the State Band only, the International Band only, or both. Of course, we hope they choose both!
3. About the State Band:
 1. There is no cost to students to participate in the state band. We even have a bus that will run from Scranton through Harrisburg to Indiana, picking students up along the way and returning them home afterward. This helps reduce the demand on parents who may not be able to travel.
 2. The state band starts on Friday afternoon, May 19 and concludes Saturday evening, May 20. We rehearse Friday and Saturday and perform two concerts on Saturday.
4. About the International Band:
 1. The International Band is a 9-day experience that starts on July 4 with a 3-day rehearsal and preparation residency in the Sunderman Conservatory of Music at Gettysburg College. Following the rehearsal period and a kick-off "home concert," the band travels to Boston on July 7 for the International Conference and returns July 12.
 2. The cost to students for the International Band is only \$895 for the entire trip, including all meals, lodging, travel, instruction, and more. Some students have trouble affording even that reasonable fee.
 3. *Many local lions clubs across the state help students pay their registration fee (in part, or in whole!). Consider joining these clubs and sponsoring a local student from your area!*
5. Registration for both groups should be complete by April 1. Here are some direct website links that should help:
 1. Learn more about the 2023 State Band: <https://www.palionsband.org/2023-indiana-pa-state-convention.html>
 2. Learn more about the 2023 International Band: <https://www.palionsband.org/2023-boston-international-convention.html>
 3. REGISTER HERE: <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/palionsband?orglink=camps-registration>

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band and for your help in spreading the word about the band and Lionism in PA! If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please reach out to us via our website: <https://www.palionsband.org/contact.html>

All the best,

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All-State Band Committee Member and Musical Director/Conductor