

Summer Conference Info June 24th – June 28th Boston, Mass

Conference Hotel

The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers
50 Park Plaza at Arlington Street
Boston, MA 02116
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Tentative Conference Schedule

Wednesday June 24th

Exe board and Appointed board meet for dinner at 5:00p in the lobby at the Park Plaza – dinner at **McCormick & Schmick's** attached to the hotel

Exe board meeting and appointed board meeting 7:00p in Fran and Kathy's room at Park Plaza

Thursday June 25th

9:00a Welcome and information about 2009 Summer Clinic - meeting room at the Park Plaza

9:30a Education Buzzwords in the Band Room (Kathy Cox)

10:20a Surviving the Pit Orchestra Experience with High School (Nicole Rubis Aakre)

11:00a 2010 Canada Pro-Mo (Val and Steve Sherman)

11:30a General Business Meeting

12:45p Lunch – many options around the hotel

2:00p Meet in the lobby for a walk through Boston. We will visit many historical sites. Public Garden & Boston Commons and explore sites on the Freedom Trail visit Bunker Hill, USS Constitution or New England Aquarium
Wear comfortable shoes!!! – to visit the USS Constitution you need to take the ferry on the water front. You can use your T pass. This is also an easy way to see the sites from the water.

6:00p Visit Quincy Market & Faneuil Hall – many shopping and dining opportunities
Visit the waterfront a possible night cruise if we have interest. Duck Tours are around \$35.00 – Sunset cruises around \$23.00 (no dinner included) the cruise departs Long Wharf at 7p and last about 90 minutes.

Friday June 26th

8:30a Depart Park Plaza on the Green Line and go to Boston University catch the T across the street from the Park Plaza (Arlington Station) BU West is on the Green Line

9:00a Conducting with Clarity and Expression (Dr. Patrick Jones at BU Band Building) This is an interactive clinic, so everyone should bring a baton.

10:00a Coffee Break sponsored by BU Women's Guild, The BU Experience - virtual tour of BU (Jo Anne Richard) at 602 Commonwealth Ave. (Blanford Street Entrance)

11:15a Community and Church Bands – What can you do outside the classroom to promote music education? (Jacque Hunt)

11:45a WBDI, A Historical Perspective (Gladys S. Wright)

12:30p Depart BU for Harvard University on the T (Lunch at the Harvard Square – many places and a nice area to shop and visit) Tour campus – Take the Green Line to Park Street and transfer to the Red Line to Harvard

5:00p Depart Harvard and take the T to the Park Plaza or Quincy Market Place – continue to

explore the Freedom Trail – Paul Revere Home, Old North Church, Old South Meeting House – to the Hotel take the Red line to Park Street and transfer to the Green Line and get off at Arlington – to go downtown take the Redline T to Downtown Crossing and transfer to the Orange Line and get off at State Street. It is an easy walk to the Market Place. You can also get off at Downtown Crossing and walk to the Market Place – little longer walk.

Saturday June 27th

- 8:30a Depart Park Plaza on the Green Line and go to Boston University catch the T across the street from the Park Plaza (Arlington Station) BU West on Green Line
- 9:00a Financial Tracking for the Band Program (Robyn Wilkes)
- 10:00a Using IPOD in the classroom (Tom Reynolds)
- 11:00a Panel Discussion: Current Issues for Band (Fran Shelton, mediator)
- 12:00p Catch the Green Line T – transfer to the Redline to Downtown Crossing and take the Redline to JFK – once you get off the T walk to the bus that will take you to the library You will go through the UMass Campus. There are signs to catch the bus.
Tour JFK Library – admission is \$12.00 and the library hours are 9a-5p – the last film is 3:55p it is very good. (Seniors over 62 yrs old – \$10.00) The café serves light meals and beverages from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. The café is located on the entrance level. Plan on at least 2 hours to visit the library. The view is stunning! (If the group desires we can eat lunch either at JFK or Boston U before we depart to JFK)
- 4:00p Depart JFK Library back to the Park Plaza – Take the bus back to the T station get on the Red Line and transfer to the Green Line at Park Street and get off at the Arlington stop
- 6:00p Meet in the lobby depart Park Plaza on the T to the waterfront to have final dinner at Anthony's Pier 4 Restaurant on Long Wharf – Take the Green Line Government Center at change to the Blue Line and get off at the Aquarium. The restaurant is on the water front. (You can walk this – go through Boston Commons and Park and follow the Freedom trail to Quincy Market Place – the pier is across the street) Allow at least 15 min to walk or more.

Sunday June 28th

Depart Park Plaza for home – take the T Green Line and transfer at Government Center to the Blue Line for the Airport

Tips for a successful conference

It is suggested to buy a subway pass for either the day or a multiday pass. In Boston you ride the subway everywhere. If flying into the Boston Logan Airport the subway T is part of the airport on the Blue Line – you will take the Blue Line to Government Center and transfer to the Green Line and go to the Arlington Station. The Park Plaza is right across the street from the T stop. The T is a very inexpensive way to get around Boston. PLEASE BUY A WEEK PASS. We plan to get around the city on the T.

\$15.00 for 7 days

Unlimited travel on Subway, Local Bus, Inner Harbor Ferry, and Commuter Rail Zone 1A.
7-Day Pass valid for 7 days from the date and time of purchase.

The location of the hotel is next to the Public Park and Boston Commons. It is in a central location and you can walk to many places. You have the opportunity to relax in the park throughout the conference.

Wear comfortable shoes!!!!!!!!!!!! Do not try to make a fashion statement. You will be walking a lot on concrete and brick paths throughout the city. Be comfortable!! The nights in Boston tend to be cool, you may want to pack a jacket.

Pack in a light suitcase. If you use the T then you will have to carry your luggage up and down the steps.

Pack a Baton!!

Plan on eating a lot of seafood! That is a real treat up in Boston.

If you need to do any shopping – go to either of the T stops Copley or Downtown Crossing. Copley has an indoor mall and you can easily walk there from the hotel. Downtown Crossing is where the locals shop. Macys is there and many other stores.

Keep a subway map with you at all times. I will try to pick up extras. The direction that you take on the various lines is determined by the last stop on the line. In the T station always get on the line that goes in the direction of the last stop. That is generally what is labeled when you arrive to the station.