

2012 BHS band trip

Sherburne, NY Pageant of bands festival - May 30th to June 6th, 2012

Pros

Best event for student *musical experience* compared to a bowl event. This pageant of bands would include a parade competition, drumline and color guard events and could include jazz band & concert band events adjudicated by a professional staff and has a long history of organization and attendance by quality groups. Good audience/crowd attendance at each performance.

Some bowl games and their organizations (*and Disney trips!*) use HS bands for “people fillers” and “canned music” rather than a positive performance experience where students felt like they really accomplished some worthwhile.

The BHS band program is in need of balancing quality and attention to ALL of its available student ensembles. Marching band, concert band, jazz band, drum-line and color guard would be treated as equals with this travel opportunity. Development of the program as a whole is paramount.

Price. As compared to what this trip delivers as compared to a bowl trip, this wins hands down.

Travel agent has years of experience taking large group tours to NYC *and* particularly this band festival.

Weather. Great time of year to travel. No winter weather to worry about. AND not too late in summer when heat is a big health issue.

Soon enough after school when seniors still can participate.

CONS

Timing: Right after graduation. School year is over. Marching band season over.

Will require extra parade practice and a trip to Orange City Iowa in May for parade preparation.