

# Building Better Bands

## How to Prepare for the Summer Convention

The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Bandmasters Association's Summer Convention is a few weeks away. Hopefully this list of tips will help you prepare for the convention.

- Bring your instrument. There are multiple playing opportunities and we need a reading band to make the clinics work.
- Go to the receptions! The snacks and beverages are provided and you will meet people.
- Bring your families. There are a few events for your spouse and children. Bring them to join with us on the meals and enjoy the amenities of Margaritaville. Each meal is \$10 for each non-member.
- Don't overdress! Polos and shorts are normal dress for this convention.
- Take advantage of the Shop Talk Sessions. These are informal and allow you to pop-in and learn. There are shop talk sessions about money, percussion instruments, choosing literature, small school success, and an opportunity to meet the board.
- Talk to the board members. Meet us and let us know how we can serve you.
- TALK to exhibitors. You will have a BINGO card with exhibitor names on it. Once you get a BINGO you can turn it in and get another card. There will be prizes at the end.
- Go to the meal! They are included in your registration. While you are there sit with different people.
- When you see a band director "legend", introduce yourself and start a conversation.
- Take notes! There are going to be some excellent clinics.
- Coffee and Continental Breakfast are provided each morning. The coffee will be ready at the first session and the continental breakfast will be ready at the first break.
- Directors and Spouse Mixer is open to all directors and their adult guests. There is a cost for this meal, but it is a great time for you and your families to get to know others.

### Important Dates

June 15-18, 2025  
MBA Summer Convention

December 6, 2025  
All-State Auditions

January 27-31, 2026  
MMEA

### Summer Convention Performing Groups

Warrensburg Community Band

St. Joseph Big Band

Show-Me Brass

Truman Rocks

### Convention Prices

Daily Room Rate: \$179

ON SITE Amounts

- Active = \$125
- Retired = \$80
- First Year = \$60
- Collegiate = \$35
- HOF = 0



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### MBA EXHIBITORS AND SPONSORS CONTACT INFORMATION

Thank you Meg Swords for the Bingo Card

MBA Bingo				
Silently cursing the maze of booths while running late to a clinic	Drink 5 cups of coffee in the morning because it's there and it's free	"We need some poolside PD"	Feel humbled when sightreading music	Already drinking before 5pm
Wonder why the free beer isn't advertised more	Hit snooze button	Struggling to remember anything about the past year when prompted	"This is so much better than MMEA"	Collect 5 free food samples in a day
Complain about your school admin	"Where are you off?" "names small town"	<b>FREE SPACE</b>	Parking struggle	Silently congratulate yourself after a successful interaction
Feel extremely motivated all of a sudden	Consider buying a boat	Impulse buy an awesome baton	Slide down the waterslide (it's faster than it looks)	Try to identify whether someone is a band person or a normal vacationer
Have a very wholesome heart-to-heart with someone	"Don't worry, it gets easier after x years"	Struggles with wifi/cell service	Take a moment of gratitude for being in paradise right now	Skip something on the schedule to go to the pool bar instead

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