



University of Illinois Trip



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Day 1 – Thursday, October 9, 2025

What you need for the day:

- ☐ Luggage
- ☐ Money for Lunch Stop OR Sack Lunch from home
- ☐ Clothes for bus, Water bottle & Bus Snacks
- ☐ BMB uniform in Red Garment Bag and Shakos in Box
- ☐ BMB Instrument/Flags/Rifles/Poms/Etc.
- **7:00 AM** - Students arrive at school and drop off luggage and BMB equipment in **Vet's FH - East Court (closest to circle drive)**
- **7:35 AM** - Students go to 1-3 Period classes
- **10:23 AM** - Students go to Vets Fieldhouse and check in with chaperone/bus groups - **LOAD BUSES**
 - ☐ [Link to Bus Lists](#)
- **11:15 AM** - Depart for Lunch Stop (Student Cost)
- **1:30 PM** - Lunch on your own - mall food court - student cost
- **3:00 PM** - Depart for Hotel - ***Holiday Inn Bloomington – Normal***
8 Traders Circle Normal, IL 61761 - (309) 862-0101
- **3:30 PM** - Unload busses and grab boxed meal for early dinner - then change into uniform
 - ☐ [Link to Hotel Room List](#)
 - ☐ Unload Uniforms and Luggage. Leave performance equipment on the bus.
 - ☐ Boxed Dinner from Avanti's (309) 452-4436
Meal (Sandwich, Chips, & Cookie (GF/Veggie Options Available)
- **5:15 PM** - Depart for [University of Illinois](#) - Gies Memorial Stadium (H4)
 - ☐ 1402 S 1st St, Champaign, IL 61820
- **6:30 PM** - Arrive at Memorial Stadium - Unload coaches and warm up
- **7:30 PM** - BMB Performance in Memorial Stadium - change out of uniform on coaches
 - ☐ Friends and Family may attend this performance. Park in Lot 37 and enter through the NORTH GARAGE.
- **8:00 PM** - Attend Marching Illini rehearsal - also in Memorial Stadium
- **9:45 PM** - Load Coaches and Depart for hotel
- **10:45 PM** - Arrive at hotel
- **11:30 PM** - Room Checks and Lights Out
 - ☐ Security Guards will be in hallways.

Day 2 – Friday, October 10, 2025

What you need for the day:

- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes
 - ☐ Money for Dinner
 - ☐ Layers (depending on weather)
 - ☐ A change of nicer clothes for evening concert
 - ☐ BMB Instrument/Flags/Rifles/Poms/Etc. - NO UNIFORM
 - ☐ Wear your red BMB shirts on this day.
- **7:00 AM - 9:00 AM** - Group Breakfast at hotel.
 - **9:30 AM** - Depart hotel for **University of Illinois**.
 - **11:00 AM** - Music Clinic with **Barry Houser - Director of Marching Illini**
 - ☐ Color Guard Clinic outside HBB
 - ☐ [Harding Band Building 141](#) (F7)
 - 1103 S 6th St. Champaign, IL 61820
 - **12:00 PM** - Load Bus and go to Lunch
 - **12:30 PM** - Group Lunch at [Papa Del's Pizza](#) (Menu: Pizza (incl. GF & Veggie) and Drink)
 - **1:30 PM** - Split into 6 Groups: [Link to see groups](#)
 - ☐ [Group Rotation Schedule](#)
 - ☐ Sousa Archives Tour, Campus Tour, Harding Band Building, and more.
 - **3:30 PM** - Full Group Meets at Harding Band Building to gather belongings - move to practice field.
 - **4:00 PM** - BMB Rehearsal - MI Practice Field
 - ☐ 65 E. Gregory Drive, Champaign, Illinois
 - ☐ (**5:00 PM** - Meet buses to load equipment and walk to [Alma Mater Statue \(D8\)](#))
 - **5:30 PM** - Dinner on Green Street - Student Cost (Chipotle, McDonald's, Panda, Cane's, more)
 - ☐ Bring a pair of pants to change into - nice jeans, chinos, khaki's, etc.
 - **7:00 PM** - Meet at UofI [Alma Mater Statue](#) - walk as a group to Krannert Center
 - ☐ 1409 W Green St, Urbana, IL 61801
 - **7:30 PM** - Attend concert at [Krannert Center](#) (D11)
 - University of Illinois Wind Orchestra and Hindsley Band | See program [HERE](#)*
 - **9:30 PM** - Load Buses outside Krannert and Depart for hotel in Bloomington, IL.
 - **10:30 PM** - Arrive at hotel
 - **11:30 PM** - Room Checks and Lights Out
 - ☐ Security Guards will be in hallways.

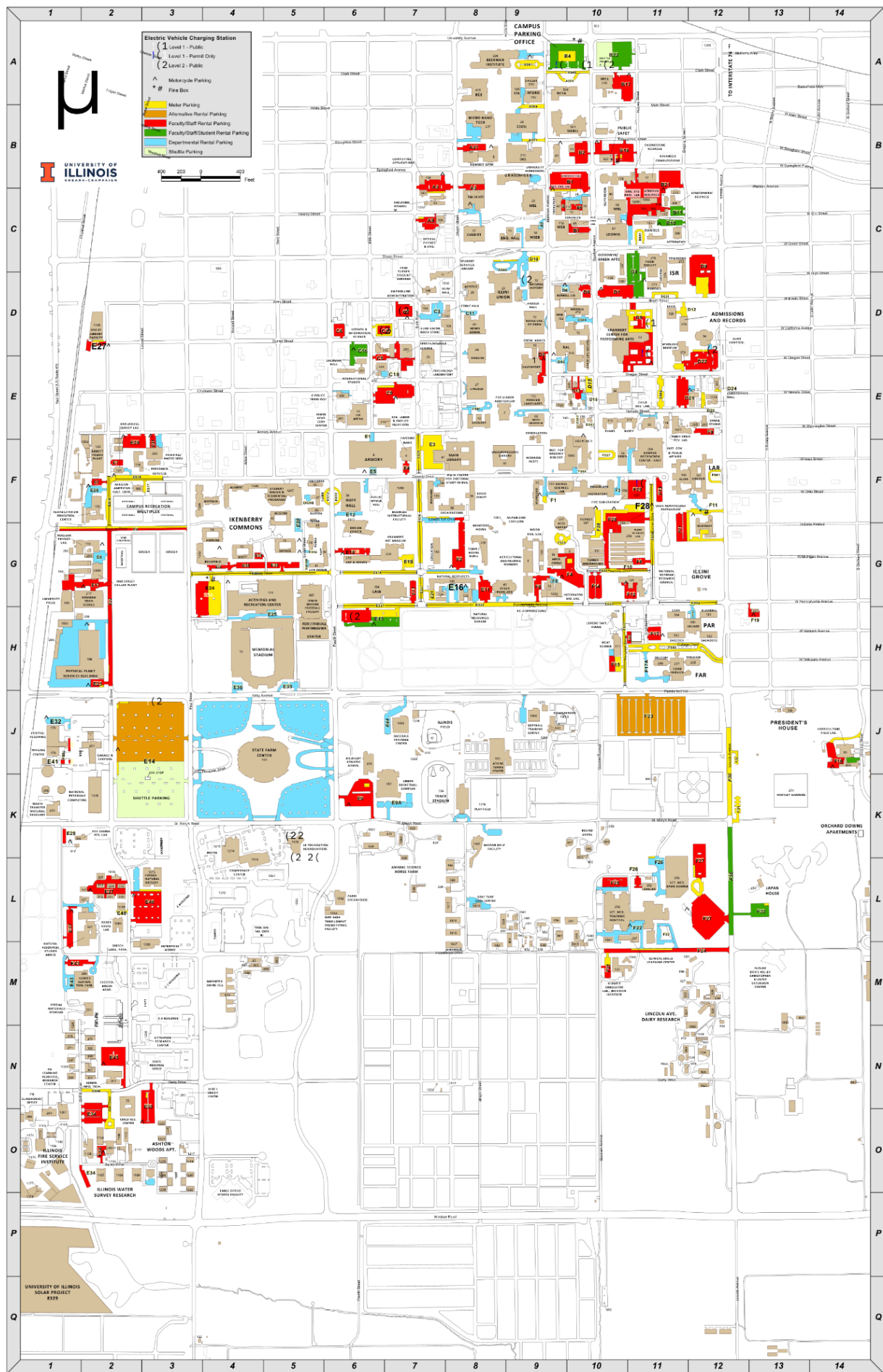
Day 3 – Saturday, October 11, 2025

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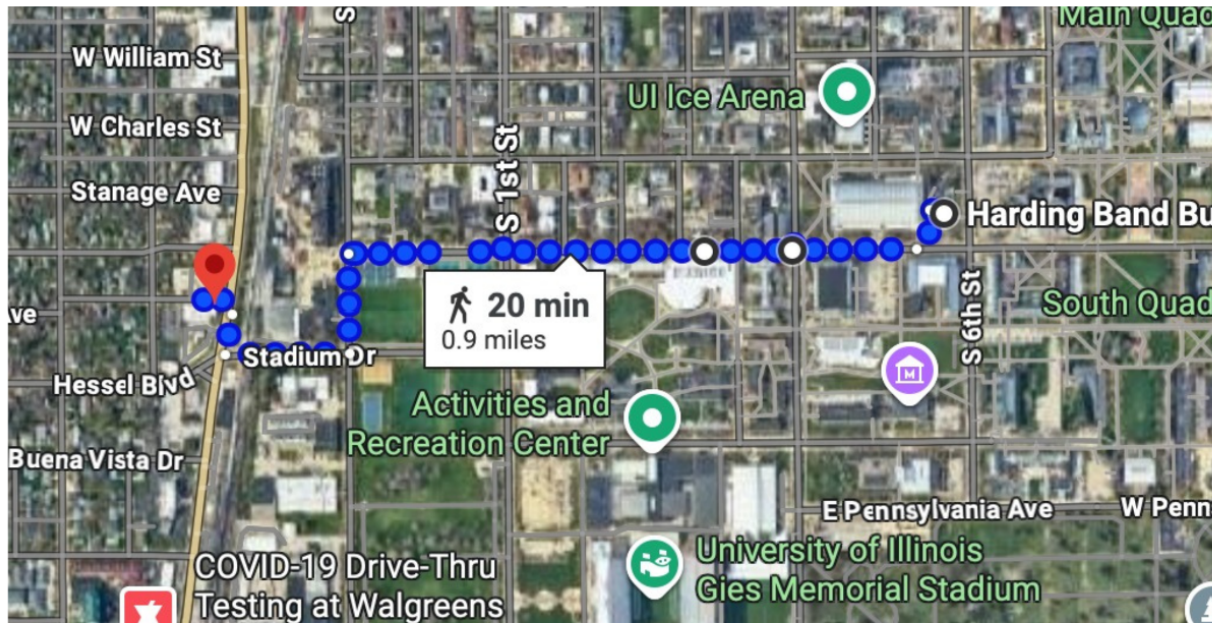
- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes
- ☐ Layers (depending on weather)
- ☐ A change of comfy clothes for bus ride home
- ☐ Money for food at football game - cashless stadium - need card or virtual pay option
- **7:00 AM - 8:00 AM** - Group Breakfast at hotel.
- **8:00 AM** - Room Check Out with Chaperones - Load Buses.
- **8:30 AM** - Depart hotel for [University of Illinois Armory](#). (F7)
 - ☐ 505 E Armory Ave, Champaign, IL 61820
- **9:30 AM** - Meet with MI at the Armory and Shadow - ***[Clear Bag Policy](#)***
- **10:10 AM** - Follow MI as they March Out heading to Stadium.
- **10:30 AM** - Arrive at Gies Memorial Stadium.
 - ☐ 1402 S 1st St, Champaign, IL 61820
- **3:00 PM** - Game Ends (approx.) - Follow Band back to Harding Band Building.
- **3:30 PM** - Watch MI Postgame Concert.
- **4:00 PM** - Jimmy John's boxed dinner. Load buses - depart for West Aurora High School.
- **7:30 PM** - Arrive at West Aurora High School - unload and put away all equipment. Dismissed!

What should you pack?

Thursday October 9	Friday October 10	Saturday October 11
• Wear section shirts to school. Comfy pants for the bus ride. Busses can get cold - bring a blanket! • Check weather, you may want layers when watching the MI rehearsal after our performance. • Pajamas to sleep in. • BMB Uniform.	• Comfortable walking shoes. • Red BMB Shirts. • Pants (jeans ok) to change into for evening concert. • Check weather - maybe bring a layer?	• Comfortable walking shoes. • Don't wear red today (Ohio State colors...) • Check weather - layer? • Check Memorial Stadium bag policy - can't bring too much into the game. • Comfy clothes for bus ride home.



Harding Band Building, 1103 S 6th St, Champaign, IL 61820 to Papa Del's Walk 0.9 mile, 20 min
Pizza Factory, 1201 S Neil St, Champaign, IL 61820



Use caution—walking directions may not always reflect real-world conditions

Harding Band Building
1103 S 6th St, Champaign, IL 61820

1. Walk for 46 ft
☐ Take the stairs
46 ft
- ↑ 2. Head west
☐ Take the stairs
30 ft
- ↶ 3. Turn left toward E Gregory Dr
236 ft
- ↷ 4. Turn right onto E Gregory Dr
0.5 mi
- ↶ 5. Turn left onto S Oak St
0.1 mi
- ↷ 6. Turn right onto Stadium Dr
0.1 mi
- ↷ 7. Turn right onto S Neil St
292 ft
- ↶ 8. Turn left onto Avondale Ave
☐ Destination will be on the left
131 ft

Papa Del's Pizza Factory
1201 S Neil St, Champaign, IL 61820