

Tri-State Band Festival/Big Sioux Review

Luverne, MN/Brandon, SD

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Make sure you have: Full uniform (shoes, **black and white** socks, bibs, ALL parts of jacket, shako, shako wrap, gloves and gauntlets), change of clothes for bus, deodorant, jacket (for evening), snacks, WATER (NO ENERGY DRINKS OR SODA), and instrument (including valve oil, reeds, etc.)

****You will be fed a meal by the band parents in Luverne. Bring some cash for concessions and for our Taco Johns run in Brandon. You may also want to bring a snack.**

7:00am – Load Bus

7:15am – Depart for Luverne HS

7:45am – Arrive at Luverne HS

8:00am – Stretch then change into uniform (arrows uniform)

8:30am – Basics/warmup

9:35am – March to parade route (Some band parents stay and unload the trailer and set up props)

10:05am – Step off at Tri-State Band Festival Parade, Class AA (Parade starts at 9:30am on Luverne Main Street.)

11:00am – Load bus and head back to Luverne HS.

11:15am - Change into Black and White Uniforms

11:45am – Set up for field, warm up, rituals

12:35pm – March to stadium

12:45pm – Arrive at West Gate of stadium

1:05pm – Pipestone Marching Arrows perform “Mirror, Mirror” at Tri-State Band Festival

1:20pm – March back to bus, change into street clothes (hang uniform nicely on hangers!!) and walk back to stadium to watch Class AAA and AAAA perform

1:35pm – Parade Awards (Drum Major stay at west gate ready for awards)

3:15pm – Field Awards (Drum Major at west gate at 3:00) We need to leave IMMEDIATELY after award to make it to Brandon in time to stay on schedule. We will leave awards early after our class is announced.

4:15pm – Arrive at Brandon MS, use bathroom (Gates open at 5:45pm for public)

4:30pm - Get into full uniform, black and white

5:15pm – Basics and warmup (site 3)

6:15pm – March to stadium

6:45pm - Pipestone Marching Arrows perform “Mirror, Mirror” at Big Sioux Review in Class A

7:00pm – March back to bus, change into street clothes and walk to annual Taco Johns trip.

9:00pm – Walk back to stadium and watch Class AAA field shows

10:00pm – Awards

10:15pm – Depart for Pipestone HS

11:00pm – Arrive at PAS, unload and go home!

**Keep a couple things in mind. Everyone knows who we are and what school we represent. Show your Arrow Pride and be the band members other directors want. Be role models and leaders for your peers and other groups. From the moment you step off of the bus, you are being judged by clinicians, parents, band directors, students, etc. Make SMART choices because your actions reflect not only on you, but the entire band. Remember you are representing your band, school, and town. Be proud of who you are and where you come from! You are all awesome and talented individuals and as a group you are mighty!

Go Arrows!!

Dr. Ploeger