



Dear Jordan Band students, parents and alumni,

I am very excited to announce plans for our first trip of the 2011-12 season to the DCI show in Rock Hill, SC. This show is hosted by Carolina Crown and is called NightBEAT. This is an incredible opportunity, both for the entertainment and inspiration it will provide us, at this point of our season. The show is being held at:

Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> 2011  
Rock Hill District 3 Stadium  
210 S Cherry Rd, Rock Hill, SC 29732

Those of you who have seen live performances of DCI (Drum Corps International) know exactly what I'm talking about. These Drum Corps are the professionals of the Marching Band activity. DCI is not a marching band as we know them. Their 150 member corps consists of brass, percussion, and color guard only. They achieve an incredible variety of sounds and dynamics, and their visual programs are awe inspiring. The marching designs and skills are not comparable to anything you have ever seen! Even if you have seen them on TV, it's just not the same as the impact of a live performance.

Competing in 2010 (Alphabetical Order):

*Blue Devils - Concord, CA*  
*Blue Stars - La Crosse, WI*  
*Bluecoats - Canton, OH*  
*The Cadets - Allentown, PA*  
*Carolina Crown - Ft. Mill, SC*  
*The Cavaliers - Rosemont, IL*  
*Phantom Regiment - Rockford, IL*  
*Santa Clara Vanguard - Santa Clara, CA*

I must say, this is the best line up for NightBEAT since I have been in NC! This is the show you want to go see!!! This trip is open to all band students, parents, family members and alumni and I highly encourage everyone in our band family to come and see this performance. I have inquired about a group rate for tickets to the show and expect to hear back shortly. Last year, the cost per ticket was \$40 and I hope to lower that price significantly. I expect to be traveling by charter buses on American Coach once again and I hope to defray some of the costs for the buses as well. This will once again depend on the number of people attending the trip. The more people that sign up, the less it will cost.

I would like to collect a **\$20 deposit** per person which will reserve a ticket to the show for you. Again, I expect to hear from the ticket agency shortly regarding exact pricing. I will put together a detailed itinerary in the coming days which will give us a more exact time frame of the day's events. I do wish to remind everyone that the trip is scheduled for **Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>** which is the Sunday between our band camp weeks. We expect to get home around **1-2am** and **yes, we will have a full 9a-9p day of band camp the next day!** Here is the itinerary from LAST YEAR'S DCI trip. Please use it as a guide.

We will leave Jordan High School at 2:00pm and return to JHS at approximately 1:30am. The gates open at 6:00pm. The show begins at 7:00pm and will run until approximately 10:00pm. The stadium will have a snack-bar which will serve pizza, hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks etc...(pickles!) Each of the Corps will have booths that sell T-shirts and various drum corps related souvenirs.

I would like to have everyone go! **Please email Mr. Weiss ASAP** telling him that you would like to go and how many tickets/seats you would like. I will post the names of the people that have contacted me and their payment status on our website as daily. If you want to go, you must contact me **ASAP! Please be aware that our 2011-2012 Band Camp will be under way and we have rehearsal the next morning at 9am! If you are planning on attending this trip, be ready to get out of bed bright and early the next morning.** And no, we will not be having a sleep over at Jordan! This show is a valuable learning experience and I don't want any of us to pass it up.

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If you plan to attend the DCI Trip this summer, **please contact Mr. Weiss via email ASAP** and send this form and a \$20 deposit (checks payable to Jordan Band Boosters) ASAP in to Mr. Weiss. I hope to reserve tickets BEFORE the end of the school year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

How many tickets? \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Students contact (cell) number \_\_\_\_\_

Parents signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Contact (cell) number \_\_\_\_\_