



LOTUS WORLD MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

What: Bring your student group to the 20th Lotus World Music & Arts Festival to experience the diversity and richness of world cultures without traveling farther than Bloomington, Indiana! Join us for an **interactive introduction** to the festival venues, events, and protocol, including instruction for an international dance.



Who: Groups of high school (must be a chaperoned and school-affiliated activity) or college students (must be an organized activity).

Why: To enhance education through world music, international performers, cultural displays, community art activities.

Where: At a venue in downtown Bloomington, IN to be announced.

When: Friday, Sept. 27th, 4:00 – 5:30pm (Festival: 7pm - 12 midnight).

Cost: Group discounts (10 or more students). The regular adult price for one night last year was \$34/ticket; the group price break was \$27/ticket. This year's prices will be announced in the fall, but they are expected to be similar to last year's.

SPACE LIMITED

TENTATIVE NUMBERS NEEDED BY: August 30th

FINAL NUMBERS REQUIRED BY: September 13th

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Festival Details

- Loads of color, good vibes, joyful noises, and voices from around the world.
- For the latest details, including performer music samplers, venue descriptions, day-by-day schedule, etc., go to: lotusfest.org.

Orientation Details | Friday Night Festival Schedule

So, what is the Lotus Festival School Orientation?

The purpose of the orientation is to provide some guidance to students who are attending the Festival for the first time, as well as to distribute tickets to large student groups in an efficient way. We teach the steps to a world dance to encourage shy students to really enjoy the music. Students who have previously attended the Festival give their own tips and tricks for maximizing one evening. Free school bus parking can be arranged.

“The Lotus Festival was the most awesome field trip I've ever taken!”
- High School attendee, 2011 Festival

Orientation Agenda

4:00 – 4:30pm Arrival & Check-in Period

- Move toward front of dance floor
- Enjoy 2013 Festival music from CD sampler
- Group Leaders: check in, confirm numbers, hand in check for your group

4:30 – 5:15pm Program

- Welcome
- Learn a new world dance
- Learn about Friday night international artists & last minute changes
- Learn how to switch venues
- Learn about non-concert Festival activities, official & unofficial
- Hear about different strategies to enjoy the night
- Group Leaders/Teachers have the last word

5:15 – 5:30pm Practical Details

- Explanation of Festival maps & up-to-date Friday night schedule
- Distribute wristbands to student groups
- Enjoy 2013 Festival music from CD sampler

Friday Night Festival Schedule (subject to change)

5:30pm – 12:30am Festival Store hours

6:00pm – 10:30pm Lotus Arts Village

7:00pm – midnight World Music Showcases & Street Performances

Practical Details

1. Group discounts. We offer this discount only to school and non-profit groups of 10 or more students.
2. This year's prices will be announced in the fall, but they are expected to be similar to last year's (regular adult price was \$34/ticket; the group price break was \$27/ticket).
3. Because we offer a group discount, we will accept only one payment per group (check or Cashier's Check). Please make **check payable to: LEAF or Lotus Arts & Education Foundation** **AND print your school name on the memo line.**

"I have taken students to special events all over Indiana, the Midwest and four countries outside the U.S. Without a doubt, the Lotus Festival is the most unique, concentrated, internationally rich event I've ever shared with students."

-Susan Tomlinson, Franklin Central High School teacher

Free Parking

1. Convention Center parking, accessed off of S. College Avenue just south of 3rd Street.
2. Parking lot behind the "IU International Programs" building at 201 N. Indiana Avenue and 6th Street, accessed off of Indiana (one way going north), Dunn Street (one way going south), and 6th (one way going east).
3. Note – New metered street parking is expected in Bloomington by fall 2013.

Bloomington Restaurants

In July 2012 Bloomington came in 2nd in the nation as "Best of the Road" in the Rand McNally and USA Today competition for "Best Food." You can find out more information on downtown eateries here:

Bloomington Independent Restaurant Association

<http://bloomingtonindependents.com/>

Visit Bloomington Indiana <http://www.visitbloomington.com/visitors/restaurants/>

The Lotus Festival School Orientation is coordinated by the Center for the Study of Global Change and Germanic Studies Department at Indiana University Bloomington in partnership with the Lotus Education & Arts Foundation.

