



## Burlington Teen Tour Band Alumni Association

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The Reunion is almost here



# Welcome home

Next weekend 70 years of Alumni, Boosters, volunteers, family and friends will descend on Burlington to celebrate seven decades of teen bands in the city. Whether your connection is to the Boys and Girls Band or the Teen(s) Tour

Band you're all welcome to come out and reminisce and reconnect with those whom you've marched and played with.

In this the final newsletter before the event, we'll give you a comprehensive schedule of events, answer some of the key questions you may have and drop in a little tidbit or two that will help you enjoy the event that much more.

If you still haven't registered for any of the events you can still do so at: <http://bttbalumni.ca/#store2017>. And please be sure to pass this along to any of your Band friends who you think might be interested in next week's reunion.

See you all soon.

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## The Wheres and Whens of the Weekend



**Wednesday, June 14, 7-9 p.m.** -- Rehearsal for Sunday's Concert in the Park with the Teen Tour Band. Location: Music Centre.

**Friday, June 16, 4-7 p.m.** -- Registration package pickup. Location: Central Arena.

**Friday, June 16, 7-9 p.m.** -- Marching Rehearsal for Saturday's parade, followed by pizza and beverages. Location: Central Arena.

**Saturday, June 17, 9:30-11 a.m.** -- Registration package pickup. Location: Central Arena.

**Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m.** -- Shuttle bus leaves the Burlington Mall for the Music Centre. Location: Parking and pickup area will be in the lot along Guelph line north of the Kelsey's entrance.

**Saturday, June 17, 10:30 a.m.** -- Sound of Music Parade Assembly. Location: Central Arena.

**Saturday, June 17, 11 a.m.** -- Sound of Music Parade Begins. The Alumni Band is the final unit in the parade in order to give members who are participating with other groups a chance to catch the shuttle bus back to the Music Centre. Location: Downtown Burlington (see map below).

**Saturday, June 17, 6:30-9 p.m.** -- Registration package pickup. Location: Central Arena.

**Saturday, June 17, 6:30 p.m.** -- Doors open for the Saturday Night Social. Location: Central Arena.

**Sunday, June 18, 2-4 p.m.** -- Rehearsal for Sunday's Concert in the Park with the Teen Tour Band. Location: Music Centre.

**Sunday, June 18, 6 p.m.** -- Call time for those performing in the Concert in the Park with the Teen Tour Band. Location: Music Centre.

**Sunday, June 18, 7 p.m.** -- Concert in the Park with the Teen Tour Band, Junior Redcoats and the Alumni. Location: Central Park Bandshell.

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**Your Parade Questions Answered**



***Is it too late for me to register for the parade?*** No. You can still register at: <http://bttbalumni.ca/#store2017>. We have ordered extra uniforms for any late registrants, but if you need a specific size it's best to register ASAP.

***Can I still play if I can't make the Friday night rehearsal?*** Yes, you can. However, we are encouraging as many people as possible to attend. We will be setting the marching order based on which pieces sound the best on Friday. The pieces under consideration are: *Final Countdown*, *Pride of Burlington*, *Prince of Thieves*, *Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head*, *Saturday in the Park*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *Strike Up the Band* (Ford and Hughes versions), *The Eric Ford Concert March* (Ontario Place March), *The Hustle* and *The Thunderer*. (Music is available at <http://bttbalumni.ca/#parade2017> once you've registered and logged in.) **Please be sure to bring copies of all these pieces with you to rehearsal.**

***Do I have to have all those pieces memorized?*** If you want to, then go ahead. However, if you'd like to bring a lyre you can do that too.

***Where can I find the majorette routines?*** E-mail Mary Anne Quaglia at: [maryannequaglia@gmail.com](mailto:maryannequaglia@gmail.com) and she'll add you to the Messenger group so you can download everything you'll need.

***I've ordered my shirt and my hat, but what else should I be wearing?*** As our shirts and hats are navy blue, we are asking marchers to wear khaki pants or shorts. If you don't have khaki, then navy will be fine. We won't be turning anyone away because they have the wrong colour pants. Footwear should be comfortable and provide you with the support you need for the entire parade. Sunscreen, while not required, is recommended.

***Will there be parking at the Music Centre for the Parade?*** No. That's why we have a shuttle bus that will pick people up at the Burlington Mall at 10 a.m. to bring them to the Music Centre. You can park in the lot along Guelph Line, just north of the Kelsey's entrance. If you can't make the bus, you can take your chances trying to park on the side streets near the Music Centre, but there are no guarantees that you'll be able to find a spot. After the parade the buses will take those who parked at the Mall from Central High School back to their cars.

***Will there be somewhere to leave my instrument case and other personal belongings?*** Yes. They can be left in Central Arena.

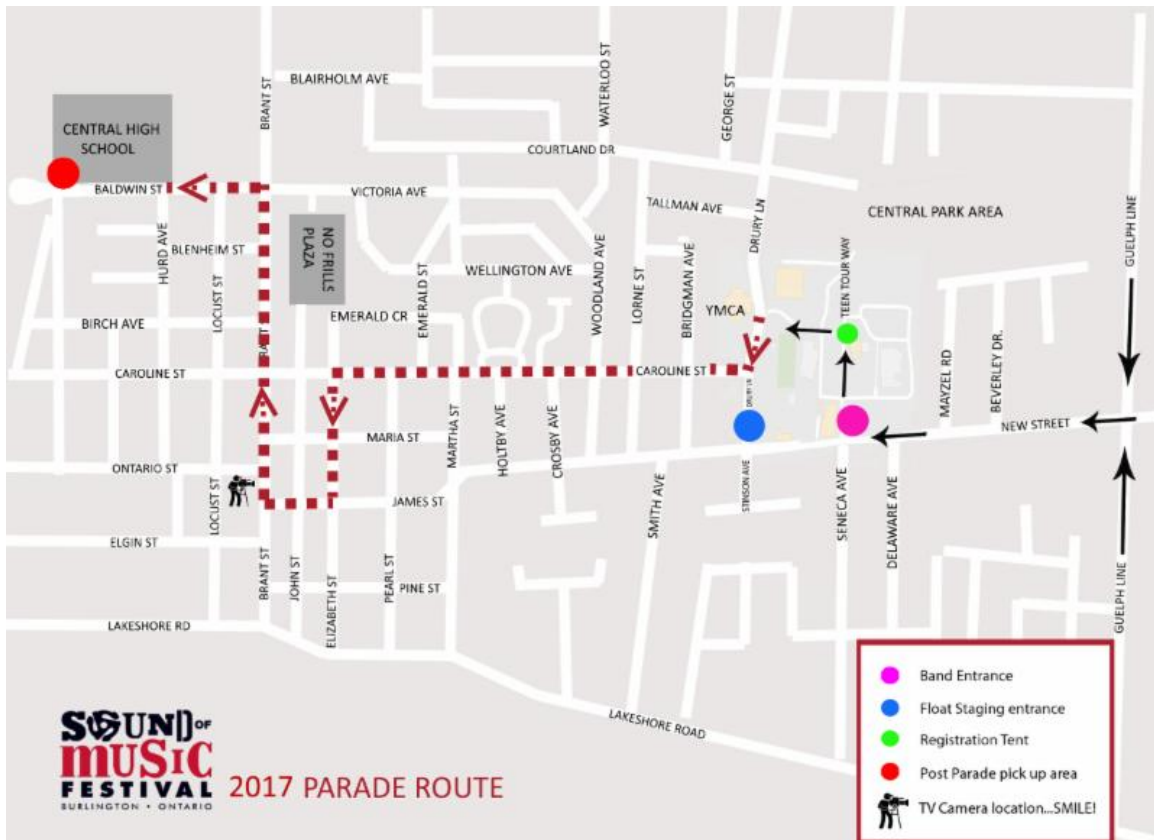
***I am planning on playing percussion or sousaphone and will be borrowing an instrument, is there anything special I need to do?*** Yes. After signing up online, we ask you to arrive at least 30 minutes early for both the rehearsal and the parade so that we can ensure that everyone has an instrument.

***I'm already in the parade with another group. Where will the shuttle bus pick me up so I can march with the Alumni?*** The shuttle buses will pick you up east of Brant Street on Victoria Street and take you back to the Music Centre. As soon as your group is finished please make your way to the buses to ensure that you don't get left behind.



***Is there still room on the float for those who want to be in the parade, but can't march?*** Yes, but you'll need to register ASAP to ensure that a seat will still be available for you on Saturday.

***My family and friends want to watch, what is the exact parade route?*** The route is back downtown this year, but is slightly different than in years past.



## What you need to Know for Saturday Night



***I'm already signed up, but I'd like to bring someone. Do they need at ticket?*** Yes. Everyone who will be attending the Saturday Night social needs a ticket. You can buy them online at: <http://bttbalumni.ca/#store2017>.

***I'd like to go, but I'm still not sure if I can make it. Can I buy my ticket at the door?*** Yes. While we'd like to have as many tickets sold in advance as possible (to ensure we have enough food and drinks for the crowd) you will be able to buy a ticket at the door.

***You mention food and drinks, what's on the menu?*** The social is being catered by Leave It To Us who will be feeding us upscale barbecue and salads. This is included in the ticket price. The arena floor will be licensed and we will have bars serving both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Every participant will receive one drink ticket included in the registration price, but after that it's cash bar.

***Will there be parking at Central Arena?*** Yes. However, since this event will serve alcohol we do ask you to think before you drive, especially if you've been drinking. The last thing we want is for a joyous evening to end in tragedy.

***Will there be entertainment?*** Of course. We will be treated to a performance by the current Teen Tour Band and DJ Jeff Chalmers from Boom 97.3 will be spinning music we can all remember. The evening will also see the debut of a newly produced history video and slideshow.

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## Concert Notes



***Can I play the concert if I can't make any of the rehearsals?*** Yes you can, but due to the nature of the music we strongly advise you to come to at least one of them. We don't want to let the audience down, nor do we wish to make the current Teen Tour Band sound less impressive than it is.

***If it's free to play in the concert, why do I need to register for it?*** We need you to register for three key reasons: 1) So that we have enough chairs and 2) Because the website won't let you download your music unless you've registered. You can sign-up and download your music at:  
<http://bttbalumni.ca/#concert2017>.

***What should we wear to play in the concert?*** If you have a parade uniform, please wear that to the concert. If not, then try and wear something navy blue on top and khaki or navy on the bottom.

***I'm a drummer and I'd like to play in the percussion feature. How do I sign-up for that?*** E-mail Matthew Wicks at:  
[matthew.wicks94@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.wicks94@gmail.com) to let him know you'll be taking part and then



download the music and audio files at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/19m4xbfoewqln8/ReunionFeature.zip?dl=0>.

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## Share Your Reunion on Our Social Media

Back in 2007 Facebook had been public to all for just over a year and Twitter was still getting started. That meant sharing your reunion experience with your friends and the world involved going home, downloading your photos and posting them on your own website. That's so 10 years ago. Now you can share your thoughts, photos and videos instantly through social media. And when you do, be sure to include us by using the hashtag #BTTB70, adding @BTTBAlumni to your tweets and by posting to our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2218469082/>.

Our Facebook group is also a perfect place to organize any impromptu get-togethers over the weekend to ensure that none of your friends get accidentally left out of the fun.

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## After the Reunion -- What's next for the Alumni?

Once the weekend is over, the Alumni Association doesn't plan to go into hibernation again until it's time to plan the 75th Reunion. We will continue to work to keep former Band members connected to one another, collect and share the Band's history and to support the current Band in any way we can. If you'd like to be involved with the association please get in touch with us at: [bttbalumni@gmail.com](mailto:bttbalumni@gmail.com).

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## Contact Us

If you need to get in touch with the 70th Anniversary organizing committee you can do so by e-mail at [bttbalumni@gmail.com](mailto:bttbalumni@gmail.com), on our website at [www.bttbalumni.ca](http://www.bttbalumni.ca), on [Facebook](#) or through the mail at BTTB Alumni Association, 426 Brant St., P.O. Box 5013, Burlington, Ontario, L7R 3Z6.

Looking forward to seeing you all next week.

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