

Burlington Teen Tour Band Alumni Association Newsletter

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Welcome back Alumni

Greetings from the Burlington Teen Tour Band Alumni Association. As you know, this year we're celebrating the Band's 70th Anniversary during the Sound of Music weekend (June 16-18), so we're taking this opportunity to let you know about all the wonderful things we have planned, how you can sign-up, what you can do to help and a few things that we hope will bring you back to that time in your life when you were a Redcoat.



Registration is now open

Registration is now open for the Homecoming Weekend at www.bttbalumni.ca. We hope to make this the biggest Band Alumni gathering ever.

On Friday we'll be holding a golf tournament at Indian Wells. Ticket price will include golf, dinner and a goody bag. For those who don't want to golf, but do want to come for supper they'll be an option to do that as well.

We all know what the Saturday of Sound of Music means



— it's parade time. Our goal is to have as many former members lined up and marching through downtown Burlington as possible. There are

thousands of us out there, so there's no reason why we can't make this the biggest Teen Tour Band ever to step off.

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Share your Rose Bowl Memories on Facebook

Did you know that the Teen Tour Band is going to the Rose Bowl again in 2018? Did you also know that the Alumni Association is asking members who've done it in the past to share their favourite memories and the advice you'd share with the members of the current band about marching in The Granddaddy of them All? If not, be sure to join in on Facebook. Our Facebook group (https://www.facebook.com/groups/2218469082/) is also a great source of information about the Reunion and what the current Band is up to. As it is a closed group, you'll need to request to join, but we're pretty quick with approvals.

Let's make the 70th one to remember

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We're in the midst of finalizing the music selections, but we are working to ensure that the marching order will include meaningful pieces from all eras of the Band's history.

For those who'd like to participate but no longer play, there will be an opportunity to march along with the Band. For those who are unable to walk the route a float will be provided.

Following the parade you'll have free time to spend with your old Band friends before the evening's main event — a

reunion to be held at Central Arena. This will be your opportunity to mix and mingle with Band members, staff, boosters and supporters from the last 70 years. The night will feature music, food, drinks and lots of memories. (We also plan to go light on the speeches.)

On Sunday, there will be a very special performance as the Alumni join with the current Burlington Teen Tour Band to play the closing concert of the Sound of Music Festival at the Central Park Bandshell. Music will be pro-

vided in advance so you can get cracking before we rehearse all together.

Prices are listed on the registration pages and there is an early bird price for the whole weekend (with the exception of the golf tournament) if you register on or before April 15. You can either pay directly online through our secure store, or print off a form and mail it to us with payment attached.

Let's pack the streets, Central Arena and the golf course this June to make the 70th Anniversary party one to remember.

Photos wanted

Anniversaries are a great time to look back, and as you find yourself going thorough your photos, please consider scanning and sending some of them to the Alumni Association, both for use on our Saturday night slideshows, and to be included in the Band's archive. Of specific interest are pre-2000 photos (thanks to digital photography, we're well stocked with shots of the 21st century Band) of the Band in uniform at important parades and events. We have a great need for photos from the 1970 and 1980 Rose Bowls, the 1972 Orange Bowl, 1974 Cotton Bowl, the Parade of Champions among others. If you have photos you'd like to share contact bttbalumni@ gmail.com for naming, format and delivery details.



Volunteers needed to assist with the event

To run an event of this size we need a lot of volunteers to work both before and during the weekend. Specifically, we're looking for those who can help out at the golf tournament and on the Saturday would be of use to the organight, particularly with the Audio/Visual component of the evening. If you are interested, available or have any special skills that you think

nizing committee, we'd love to hear from you. You can get in touch with us at bttbalumni@ gmail.com and we'll give your name to the proper person.

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, on our website at www.bttbalumni.ca, on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/2218469082/ or through the mail at BTTB Alumni Association, 426 Brant St., P.O. Box 5013, Burlington, Ontario, L7R 3Z6.