



AT&T Cotton Bowl FAQ's

Why is the deposit non-refundable?

The \$100 per person non-refundable deposit is required so that we can secure your spot in the show. We begin the day we receive your deposit. Our operations department begins working on hotel, meals, game tickets, etc. months in advance and signs contracts with vendors based on the number of participants and no refunds from vendors are ever given.

What are the age requirements to be a part of the halftime show?

All performers must be 14 years of age and older. (High school age - 9th - 12th Grades.) The rehearsals for the show are fast-paced and physically demanding. Please understand that all performers must arrive prepared, with full knowledge and performance quality of any and all routines.

Is the package price the same for performers and non-performers?

NO. The performers cost is slightly more as they have a costume as well as a prop rental fee and professional choreography instruction. Non-performers receive all of the benefits that performers receive minus the costume, prop and instruction.

Does our group have to audition for this show?

No.

How do we learn the performance routines?

Each individual performer will receive one choreography DVD and music CD at the end of October or possibly early November to learn the routines BEFORE arriving in Dallas. The first rehearsal of each event will include a choreography evaluation conducted in an audition format – all performers will be required to demonstrate the show choreography for MA. It is imperative that all performers come prepared knowing the choreography, as rehearsals will be not be used for teaching the show routine. Rehearsal sessions held during the tour will be used to create field placements, getting on and off the field and perfecting the routines that will be seen on national television.

When will we get our performance top?

Directors will receive their group's costumes upon arrival in Dallas. Please be accurate when placing your performer's sizes as exchanges will not be available. Each participant needs to provide her own Black boot cut dance pants and Black Jazz or tennis shoes for the performances

What style of shoes and clothes do we wear?

The first night of rehearsals will include the choreography evaluation – black on black attire is suggested. Please bring dancewear or equivalent clothing suitable for auxiliaries for all other rehearsals. We suggest you always layer clothing for rehearsals. The weather can be unpredictable so come prepared and please don't forget comfortable shoes. The dress for most other activities is casual. Plan on casual wear for our entertainment and dinner outing.

Are chaperones provided?

Directors traveling with their groups will be required to chaperone or ensure the group is traveling with adult chaperones for their own group. Individuals attending, without their group, may come without an adult chaperone, as Marching Auxiliaries, Inc. will have operational staff to oversee the performance tour, and will also chaperone the individual performers.

Can parents come?

YES! Parents, family and friends may also experience the performance tour by purchasing a package. They can sign up as spectators.

Are non-performers and directors allowed at rehearsal?

All hotel rehearsals are closed to spectators with the exception of directors/coaches. Rehearsal on January 5th is open ONLY to the spectators who have purchased the package.

How do we make arrangements to get there?

Transportation to the event is not covered as part of the package price. You may make flight arrangements by contacting your own travel agent, surfing the web for great deals or contracting a school bus or chartered bus.

What is the best way to get to the hotel from the airport?

Depending on your group size the most economical transportation to the hotel from the airport is the airport shuttle service. You may pre-arrange your shuttle by contacting the hotel ahead of time or simply catch a ride at Ground Transportation once you arrive. For those of you that have purchased the \$125 ground transportation package, MA will provide airport service both to and from the hotel.

Do we get transportation once we're there?

No, MA does NOT provide transportation unless you purchased the ground transportation package for \$125.00 per person at the time of registration. This will be added to your final balance.

What happens if someone gets ill or hurt on tour?

Each participant is required to fill out a Medical Release Authorization Form.

There are several near-by medical facilities if needed and medical treatment is at the expense of the individual.

What about parking at the stadium?

Game day parking will be available– Buses - \$150.00 and Cars - \$40.00. Does not apply to those who have requested the Ground Transportation package.

What happens if I have to cancel my trip?

We highly suggest you purchase cancellation insurance. One option is insuremytrip.com. Refunds are not given but your trip may be transferred to a brand new participant or spectator. All transfers need to be done in writing.

What if I only want to get tickets to the football game and sit with the performers?

You may purchase tickets through MA that will be reserved in the performers' block of seats. Tickets are \$125 each reserved seat, and those that need to be mailed to persons who are not part of the group packages will incur an additional \$10 handling fee. The best choice is for the group members to purchase additional tickets needed for friends and family members, and have them pick them up from you at the hotel.

What is the difference between a commuter package and a regular package?

The packages are outlined on our website, but the main difference between the two is that the hotel accommodations, meals, and the entertainment and dinner trip have been excluded. The commuter package does include the dinner meal at Cowboys Stadium on game day.

When do we arrive at the hotel in Dallas to begin the trip?

You can view the trip schedule on our website under the heading 'Cotton Bowl'.

If my entire team is coming, do I register them as a team or as individuals?

Please register all participants as individuals, but list their team or group affiliation and indicate the number of other spectators and performers that will be attending from your group. This will allow MA to better prepare the room assignment blocks.