



SFPDA

South Florida Pipe and Drum Academy 2017

Boca Raton Fire Administration: 6500 Congress Ave * Boca Raton * FL * 33487

Dear Student,

Only a few days to go until we all get together for the third annual South Florida Pipe & Drum Academy. Your instructors are looking forward to meeting you all and to spending some really valuable time with you: teaching, listening and learning. We will combine the very highest quality world-class instruction with an understanding that it cannot be all work and no play.

We will be with you throughout the day, and during that time we will have plenty of down time when we can socialize and share our common interest in piping and drumming. If we don't enjoy this then what's the point!!

That said, our and your enjoyment will be that much more if we can make some good progress with your piping and drumming. This is of paramount importance to your tutors.

We want you to leave the school a better piper or drummer than when you joined. So hard work will be required - but after we can let our hair down (assuming that unlike me that you have any) and have a good time in each other's company.

Please remember to bring your instruments, chanters, drum pads, cameras, phones, recorders, tuners, pencils, notebooks and any other equipment that will help you enjoy your experience at SFPDA 2017.

You should feel free to record all lessons and performances, the better to have something to refer to in the weeks and months following the school.

Finally, can I thank you for your support for the Academy. Our long-term aim is to effect a serious improvement in piping and drumming in South Florida. To that extent you are all pioneers and I hope that in years to come you will be able to pass on the knowledge you have gained at the Academy to future generation of Floridian pipers and drummers.

Robert Wallace

Rob Wallace, Principal

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Wednesday the 15th

Day 1 : Welcome and Introductions will begin promptly at 0900. This time will be used for instructor introductions and backgrounds, student introductions, daily class “flow” and questions. Immediately after there will be auditions to ensure you are placed in the right class for the best results. Following auditions, we will break into our classes till lunch at 1130. Classes will resume till 3:30 then we will work together as a mass band. This portion of the day will include marching, roles as a pipe major, counter marching, formations, competition and more.

Once class is adjourned at 5pm, we will head to the Tilted Kilt for our evening ceilidh (pronounced “KAY-lee”), food and drink. This will also include a performance by one of our instructors as well as an opportunity to showcase your skills in front of a live audience.

Please note food and drinks provided by the establishments are complimentary but are not intended to be considered dinner or an open bar tab. The food is for all in attendance as a courtesy. Please be courteous and make sure everyone has had a plate before a second helping is had. Two drinks will be provided on the house, please tip your servers well.

Thursday the 16th

Day 2: We will meet in the auditorium and begin classes promptly at 9 AM. After lunch we will continue classes till 3:30 where we will then begin our massed band session.

Once class is adjourned at 5pm, we will head to Tim Finnegan’s for our evening ceilidh, food and drink.

Friday the 17th

Day 3: We will meet in the auditorium and begin classes promptly at 9 AM. After lunch we will continue classes till 3:30 where we will then begin our massed band session.

Once class is adjourned at 5pm, we will head to Tilted Kilt once again for our evening ceilidh, food and drink.

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Saturday the 18th

Day 4: Classes will begin promptly at 0900. Lunch will be provided at 1130.

After lunch we will be taking the class to Mizner Park. We will meet by the large fountain near Max's Grille. Here we will showcase our marching and improvements under the sun. Afterwards we will head to the Dubliner Irish Pub for food and drinks. There will be a performance by one of your instructors, as well as chance for students to showcase their skills in front of a live audience as well as massed band performance.

Sunday the 19th

Day 5 : We will begin promptly at 0900. We will review what we have worked on all week and prepare for our concert / award ceremony. This will include fine tuning, walk through, and any final adjustments or concerns. Lunch will be provided at 1130.

After lunch we will get dressed in our formal highland gear and take a class picture. We will then welcome our friends and family and prepare for the ceremony that will begin at 3 pm sharp! Make sure to invite all of your friends and loved ones, this is a wonderful event and I am sure people will be wondering what you have been up to all week.

After the performance you will be released back into the world and we hope you continue on your path to greatness! We will be looking forward to seeing everyone again next year. Keep an eye out for early registration to take advantage of the discounted rate.

Schedule is subject to change

DIRECTIONS

All classes will be held at the Boca Raton Fire Administration building located at 6500 Congress Ave.

From South I-95: Take I-95 North to Yamato rd, head west till you reach Congress Ave, make a right on Congress heading North and the building will be on the right (East).

From North I-95: Take I-95 South to Yamato rd, head west till you reach Congress Ave, make a right on Congress heading North and the building will be on the right (East).

South Turnpike: North to Glades rd, head east Powerline (Jog) and make a left (North), continue to Yamato rd and make a right (East) to Congress Ave. Make a left on Congress and the building will be on your right.

North Turnpike: South to Linton Blvd and head East on Linton, make a right on Congress Ave and the building will be on your left.

FOOD ARRANGEMENTS

Every morning coffee and bagels will be provided as a light refreshment to begin the day. If you require more, please have a full breakfast prior to coming to class. Lunches will also be provided and will include subs, salads, pizza and gourmet buffet on our final day. Water will be available for students. Personal drinks and snacks are encouraged.

If you have any dietary restraints, please bring your own food.

The food provided was tailored to the amount of students and instructors in attendance. Please allow for everyone to have an opportunity to make a plate before going back for seconds.

Monday and Wednesday lunch will be provided by:



Thursday and Saturday lunch will be provided by:



Sunday lunch will be catered privately.

Evening Sessions

Wednesday/Friday: 3320 Airport Rd Suite 1, Boca Raton, FL 33431



Thursday: 2885 S Federal Hwy, Delray Beach, FL 33483



Saturday: Mizner Park, 435 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, FL 33432

