



## Indianapolis International is last stop on 2010 road trip for DCI participants

*About 2,200 youth expected to arrive at airport between 2 and 6 a.m. Sunday, many bringing their sleeping bags for a little shut-eye before leaving the city*

INDIANAPOLIS—All good things must come to an end. For the talented teens and young adults involved in this year's Drum Corps International (DCI) World Championships at Lucas Oil Stadium, the road will end at Indianapolis International Airport.

Sunday marks the completion of a grueling, competitive summer tour that began in mid-June. Thousands of participants have traveled by bus—crisscrossing the U.S. several times—and sleeping on floors at school gymnasiums, armories, churches, and other facilities to compete in the major leagues of marching musical performance.

Based on 2009 figures, an estimated 30,000 are expected to attend DCI's competition in downtown Indianapolis.

Airport staffers are prepared for 2,200 weary performers to spread out on the floor on the north end of the Baggage Claim to grab some shut-eye before they head home, reports Katie Holmes, marketing & market research manager.

"We are working with the concessionaires in pre-security areas to stay late and open early so that there is plenty of food, beverage, and other service," Holmes explains. "Our ground transportation, parking, terminal services, public safety, and other personnel will be on hand to help manage the crowd. Volunteers will help greet the performers, keep an eye on their baggage and belongings, and make sure they are awake and ready to catch flights home later that morning."

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### **MEDIA AVAILABILITY**

*Reporters and photographers are invited for an interview and photo opportunity. The busiest time is expected to be Sunday, August 15 from midnight until 4 a.m.*

*Buses dropping off DCI participants for trip home will be staged on north end of Arrivals Level nearest the terminal. Contact Katie Holmes at 317.445.2546 for media questions and inquiries.*

Holmes said last year the performers left behind assorted sleeping bags, pillows, and other items (including air mattresses and pumps, backpacks, clothes, and shoes) that they no longer wanted and didn't want to take on the plane.

More than 12 pillows, eight pairs of shoes, 40 sleeping bags, 25 air mattresses, 60 reusable water bottles, and other items were donated to Horizon House and Goodwill. Any items that are left this year will be donated to Sheltering Wings.

For more information about Drum Corps International, including how to volunteer or make donations in support of these young people who develop their self-discipline, teamwork, and leadership skills, visit [www.dci.org](http://www.dci.org).

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