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TO: **Bernard Blackwell Classic All-Star Football Teams (North & South)**
FROM: **Johnny Mims, Executive Director**
DATE: **September 30, 2026**
SUBJECT: **Travel Plans on Wednesday, December 16**

Please read all information very carefully, especially the team travel schedule we will follow in traveling to Gulfport and the list of items to take with you.

IMPORTANT: If you have a problem with getting a ride to where you are supposed to meet the buses, please call someone – your high school coach, or one of the All-Star coaches, or the M.A.C. office – we will find you a ride to your designated place.
***BE ON TIME*. One late person will disrupt the entire schedule.**

Players will be housed in Buildings 99 (A) and 109 (B) at the Air National Guard base in Gulfport. Room keys will be issued at check-in; at check-out, your room will be expected to be in the same condition in which you found it.

If you bring a car to the base, you will be required to leave it parked in the designated parking lot and turn the keys in to your All-Star Coach. Any necessary travel will be provided by the M.A.C.

Conduct: During the training period, all players will be under the direction and supervision of the All-Star Coaches. You are expected to follow all the rules and regulations of the Air National Guard and the Mississippi Association of Coaches. M.A.C. Board policy states that "should any All-Star Player violate any rule of conduct of the host or the Association, that player will be sent home immediately."

Game tickets: The game will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 19, at Gulfport High School, 100 Perry St. Gulfport, MS. $10.00 general admission tickets will be available at the gate on game day as well as through GoFan.

Banquet tickets & Hotel info: A GoFan link for family members to order tickets to the 6:00 p.m. banquet on Friday, December 18 is posted online under the "Bernard Blackwell North/South Game" tab under All-Star Football as well as information on host hotels.

Bernard Blackwell Classic All-Star Football Team Travel to Gulfport
Wednesday, December 16, 2026

9:00 -10:00 a.m. **All North Team All-Stars, and any South Team All-Stars who are closer to Clinton than to the stops in Collins, Hattiesburg, and Gulfport, will load the bus in Clinton at Mississippi Christian University, in the A.E. Wood Coliseum parking lot located on Hwy 80 between Springridge Road & Clinton-Raymond Road. Details of the travel schedule were discussed at the team meetings on October 4.**

- **10:00 AM- Mississippi Christian University (A.E. Wood Coliseum parking lot located on Highway 80 between Springridge Road & Clinton-Raymond Road.**
- **11:30 AM- Collins (Pine Tree Village parking lot on Highway 49)**
- **12:00 NOON- Hattiesburg (Stuckey's parking lot on Highway 49/I-59)**
- **1:30 PM- Gulfport (Air National Guard Base, 4715 Hewes Ave.)**

What to Take To Gulfport

Equipment
Shoulder pads
Knee pads
Thigh pads (for long girdles)
Hip pads
Braces
Football shoes (game and practice)
Chin strap
Mouthpiece
2 Pair practice shorts
2 Pair practice socks
***Punters should bring a bag of balls (3)**
***Kickers should bring a bag of balls (3), an extra point tee & kicking tee**
***Managers should bring an equipment box containing helmet & should pad armwear & necessary tools to replace those items**

Personal Needs
Personal care items (toothpaste, deodorant, soap, etc.)

Bath towels

☆Your high school game helmet for practice and the game ☆
Note: If desired, bring sheet of helmet decals for trading with teammates.

Attire for Banquet
Dress slacks
Dress shoes
Dress socks
Game Jersey (will be issued to you prior to banquet)

Other Clothes
Casual shorts, pants, shirts, etc.

WHAT NOT TO TAKE TO GULFPORT: Bad Attitude, Ear Rings, Radios, Excessive cash, TVs, etc.