

# Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin 2016 Eastern Tour

- June 29 Today is a rehearsal day at FVL. Rehearsal will begin at 10:00 AM. Overnight at FVL
- June 30 [2016 VANGUARD CLASSIC](#) SHOW DAY! LVW will present its biggest and best show to date with 8 performing bands. We will rehearse at FVL. Show time is 7:00 PM. Overnight at FVL.
- July 1 The tour begins in Appleton where we load the FVL students, and head to Youngstown, Ohio for overnight. Our housing will be Valley Christian Schools Main Campus (603 miles)
- July 2 After a quick but very hospitable stay at Valley Christian, we head to Massachusetts. We have another long travel day to get to our destination near Boston. We will be staying the next two nights at Chelmsford, MA High School (603 Miles – I know, what a coincidence!)
- July 3 After breakfast, LVW has a much needed rehearsal day. If that wasn't awesome enough, LVW will be attending the "[Beanpot Invitational](#)" DCI show this evening! Tickets for the LVW members, staff, and volunteers have already been purchased, and as this is not a budgeted item, we are asking everyone to pay \$25 for their ticket. Because we have such a large group order, we are receiving \$5 off the ticket price! (70 Miles)
- July 4 Happy Birthday America! We will participate in some very special performances today. At 10:00 AM, LVW will march in [Chelmsford, MA for their July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade](#). LVW has a break before we march that evening in the [Wakefield, MA July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade](#), which steps off at 5:00 PM. After the parade, we will celebrate our nation's birthday by watching some fireworks. Our housing for tonight at tomorrow is at Wakefield High School. (50 Miles)
- July 5 Today we have many things planned! Our schedule will depend on the day's schedule for the Bluecoats (TBD). We begin the morning with a short and very focused rehearsal. Then we head to Boston and have several hours to tour the [Freedom Trail](#). The Freedom Trail is a 2.5 mile red-brick walking trail that leads you to 16 nationally significant historic sites, every one an authentic American treasure. Preserved and dedicated by the citizens of Boston in 1958, when the wrecking ball threatened, the Freedom Trail today is a unique collection of museums, churches, meeting houses, burying grounds, parks, a ship, and historic markers that tell the story of the American Revolution and beyond. We have a special treat in store for tonight – LVW will observe the evening rehearsal of DCI champion contender Bluecoats, who just happen to be staying at the same school as LVW! (30 Miles)
- July 6 We say farewell to the Boston area and head back to the Midwest. We will again spend the night at Valley Christian School in Youngstown, OH. (612 Miles)
- July 7 Today is a travel and parade day. We leave Ohio and head to Traverse City, Michigan for the next three days! After a VERY QUICK unpack and move in, we march in the [Touchstone Energy Junior Royale Parade](#) at 6:15 PM. You will be amazed at the beautiful floats and the number of bands that participate in the two parades in Traverse City. ([www.cherryfestival.org](http://www.cherryfestival.org)) After the parade tonight LVW will take in the sights, sounds, and tastes of the world famous "Cherry Festival" grounds. Our housing through Saturday is Trinity Lutheran Church and School, LVW's "Home away from Home" for the past twenty-plus years.(464 Miles)
- July 8 Rehearsal and Show Day! After a few hours of rehearsal in the morning and afternoon, we appear in the [Cherryland Band Classic Field Competition](#). You won't want to miss this show, which will be held at beautiful Thirlby Field, just a block from our housing.
- July 9 LVW marches in the [DTE Energy Cherry Royale Parade](#) at 11:15 AM. Lots of bands, floats, and cheering spectators make this one of the greatest parades you will ever march in! After a light lunch we head back home for some well-deserved days off before we conclude our season the next week. From Traverse City to Appleton is 530 miles. That gives us a grand total of just under 3000 miles covered over the past week and a half. We give praise to our Heavenly Father for his sustaining love and grace on our Eastern Tour!