

DATE: Monday, February 1, 2017

VISITOR INFORMATION: (402) 434-5348 OR (800) 423-8212

### NSAA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS: LINCOLN INFORMATION

The Nebraska State Championship tournaments provide special opportunities for the athletes and coaches who have worked hard all year and won a place in the Nebraska School Activities Association state finals. The Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) recognizes the importance of this achievement and wants to make this visit a true championship experience! The facilities being utilized this year are the Devaney Sports Center, Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lincoln Southeast High School, and Lincoln East High School. In order to welcome the high school basketball players from your area, we offer the following information:

## **CONSTRUCTION AND TRAFFIC CHANGES**

www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/projects/street-closures

Yankee Hill from 70<sup>th</sup> to Sutherland

## **PARKING**



The City of Lincoln welcomes visitors attending the State High School Basketball Tournaments and would like to remind you about downtown parking options. The city will be offering pre-paid parking at the Red 1 parking garage (555 "R" Street) conveniently located across from Pinnacle Bank Arena. Reserve a space by visiting <a href="www.parkandgo.org">www.parkandgo.org</a>. The city also offers the First Hour FREE in their other Park & Go facilities.

**Downtown:** Approximately 20,000 spaces are available in metered, on-street spaces and in parking lots or garages available for general public use daily. The city's Parking Services Division operates all city parking facilities and can be contacted at (402) 441-PARK (7275). Parking for oversize vehicles can be arranged by calling Pinnacle Bank Arena at (402) 904-4444 or PolygonCorp at (402) 770-7659.

**Rates:** On-street metered spaces offer time limits ranging from 10 minutes to 10 hours. Parking meters are enforced Monday-Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and are \$1.25 an hour. Pay by phone by using the Passport Mobile app or website: <u>m.ppprk.com</u>. Public facility rates vary from an event rate of \$5.00 day of game at the Red 1 and Green 2 garages, or

\$4.00 online at <a href="www.parkandgo.org">www.parkandgo.org</a>. Normal daily rates give you the First Hour FREE, \$1.25 per hour, with a maximum of \$11.25 for all day parking. Please check the Parking Services website at <a href="www.parkandgo.org">www.parkandgo.org</a> for more information about parking rules and regulations or contact them by phone at (402) 441-PARK(7275).

## **Downtown Parking Facilities**

#### www.parkandgo.org

Red 1 Garage
555 R St., 441-PARK
Lumberworks Garage
700 N St., 441-PARK
Market Place
925 Q St., 441-PARK
Carriage Park Garage
1128 L St., 441-PARK
Cornhusker Garage
1220 L St., 441-PARK
Green 2 Garage
530 P St., 441-PARK
Larson Building
1317 Q St., 441-PARK

West Depot Lot 676 O St., 441-PARK Haymarket Garage 848 Q St., 441-PARK Que Place Garage 1111 Q St., 441-PARK Center Park Garage 1120 N St., 441-PARK University Square Garage 101 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St., 441-PARK Blue 3 Garage 535 P St., 441-PARK

# Pinnacle Bank Arena Parking

Public parking will be available on a first come, first serve basis all days in the Festival Space (accessible off of Sun Valley Blvd.) and the premium garage attached to the arena for \$5.00.

All team filled buses will utilize Gate 2 to park their bus and enter the arena. Only buses with teams and coaches will be allowed to utilize this gate for parking. They will enter into the arena through the door on the right hand side of Dock 1. There will be attendants present to assist with this and a sign that states, "Team Entrance."

Gate 4 will be for NSAA officials and is a permit parking only gate.

All cheerleaders, bands, etc. can be dropped off on R Street in front of the arena. We ask that the buses then park in the Festival Space at no charge. If they are not dropping off, they are more than welcome to use the pedestrian bridge to come over to the arena. There will be no street closures around the arena for any of these days. All bands must enter into the building on the south side through the main entrance. They will not be allowed to enter through the team entrance.

If you have any questions on parking around Pinnacle Bank Arena please contact Nikki Devor at 402-904-5695 or <a href="mailto:ndevor@smglincoln.com">ndevor@smglincoln.com</a> and she will be happy to assist you.

# Please do not park in any private lots not charging specifically for parking! These are private lots and your vehicle will be towed.

On Thursday, March 9, games are played at Pinnacle Bank Arena, Devaney Sports Center, Lincoln Southeast High School, and Lincoln East High School. Pinnacle Bank Arena and Devaney Sports Center will be the sites of games on Friday, March 10. On Saturday, March 11, championship games will be played at Pinnacle Bank Arena and third place games will be held at Lincoln East High School.

Pinnacle Bank Arena – Downtown parking is listed above.

<u>Lincoln Southeast High School</u> – Free parking is available in the school parking lot.

<u>Lincoln East High School</u> – Free parking is available in the school parking lot.

<u>Devaney Sports Center</u> – University Lots 56 &59, \$5.00 in and out permitted same day purchased. Lot 58 and midway \$5.00 Park & Go no in and out permitted. From the west, enter on North Antelope Valley Parkway and West Entrance Road. From the east off of 27<sup>th</sup> Street, enter at Entrance 4, off of Salt Creek Roadway. Parking will be in the lot on the north side of Devaney Sports Center in Innovation Campus.

# **SPECIAL SERVICES**

Lincoln is thrilled once again to host the State High School Boys Basketball Tournament March 9-11, 2017. As a courtesy to participants, friends, family, and fans, the Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau will be setting up information tables at each tournament site on Thursday and Friday of the event. CVB staff and volunteers will provide helpful resources to tournament goers while they are in Lincoln. Fans should plan to stop by the tables to pick up a free Lincoln Visitors Guide along with additional information to help you enjoy your stay in Lincoln, including a special value listing of state tournament retail and restaurant specials to enjoy during tournament weekend. And, of course, we'll be happy to answer questions about the city. A wide array of Lincoln information is also available at <a href="https://www.lincoln.org">www.lincoln.org</a>.

In addition to the information tables at all sites, Convention and Visitors Bureau staff will be on hand at each of the venues throughout the tournaments. Please look for staff wearing a black CVB vest at the information tables. They can answer any questions you may have about what's new in Lincoln or directions to and from venues.

As a special welcome, the Lincoln CVB has once again implemented the Ambassador Program to assist the coaches and teams throughout the tournament. One Ambassador has been selected per team to help in any way possible in an effort to make this year's tournament an enjoyable and memorable championship experience. Ambassadors will contact the team coach prior to their arrival in Lincoln.

# **OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS**

The Lincoln CVB offers an easy way for visitors to find accommodations in Lincoln. The Lincoln Visitors Center line, (402) 434-5348, has up-to-date information on room availability and refers callers to hotels with vacancies. You can also check out lodging information at www.lincoln.org.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Your Capital City offers many entertainment opportunities including six bowling alleys, several movie theatres, a roller skating rink, indoor and outdoor ice skating rinks, Champions Fun Center at 15<sup>th</sup> and Cornhusker Highway, the Lincoln Children's Museum at 1420 P Street, Laser Tag at 6600 N 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Lost in Fun at 8431 Cody Drive, Defy Gravity at 345 Speedway Circle and much, much more! While visiting we encourage you to check out Lincoln's many shopping and dining opportunities.

We are happy to assist in making reservations or calling ahead for your team at any point during your stay. Please visit our information tables if interested in this service.

For more information or to get a copy of the Lincoln Visitors Guide, please stop by your Lincoln Visitors Center at 201 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street in the Lincoln Station located in the Historic Haymarket or call the Lincoln CVB at (800) 423-8212.