

## EVENTS

Baton Twirling Corps  
 Parade Corps (Recorded Music)  
 Parade Corps (Live Music)  
 Show Corps (with props)  
 Show Corps (with props and/or scenery)  
 Flag Corps  
 Musical Sections  
 Twirling Teams  
 Dance Twirl Teams  
 Halftime Show Twirl Teams  
 Drill Teams  
 Rifle Teams  
 Mallet Ensembles  
 Corps Member of Year  
 Team Member of Year  
 Solo Color Guard  
 Mallet Contests  
 Drum Contests  
 Solo Rifle  
 Solo Sabre  
 Twirling Duets  
 Solo Twirling  
 Two Baton Twirling  
 Three Baton Twirling  
 Strutting  
 Flag Twirling  
 37th National Collegiate Championships  
 Men's Nationals  
 71st Miss Majorette of America Pageant®  
 Beginner/Intermediate Pageants

### ASSOCIATED EVENTS

66th National Majorette Contest  
 Juv. National's "Little Big One"  
 Show Twirling  
 Group Pom & Danceline  
 Rhythmic Twirl  
*Right is reserved to make any changes*

*THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IS CASH  
 College Scholarship Awards*

*Plus Hundreds of Trophies, Plaques & Medals*

**40 Plus World Open & National  
 Championship Contests**

**TO RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL  
 ENTRY FORM AND CONTEST  
 INFORMATION, WRITE:**

#### AYOP 2016

P.O. Box 266  
 Janesville, WI 53547-0266

Call: 608 754-2239  
 Fax: 608 754-1986

e-mail: [baton@americanbaton.com](mailto:baton@americanbaton.com)

UPS and overnight air should address to:  
 300 S. Wright Road  
 Janesville, WI 53546

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 in schedule, staff, or other AYOP plans.

# America's Youth on Parade

## 51st World Showcase of Youth, Beauty, Pageantry and Tradition

**July 26-30, 2016**

# UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME



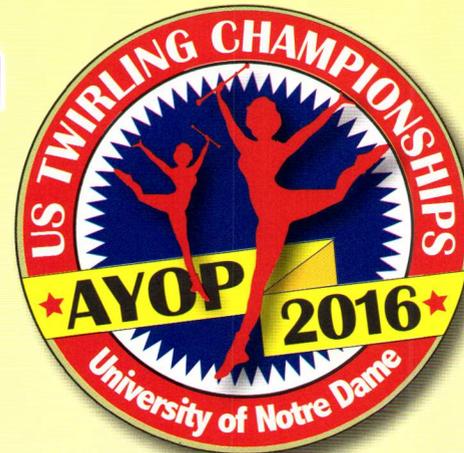
World Open  
 &  
 USA Corps  
 Championships

66th National  
 Majorette  
 Contest &  
 71st Miss Majorette of  
 America Pageant  
 & Coronation



World Open  
 &  
 National  
 Championship  
 Contests

37th National  
 Collegiate Championship



## AYOP INFO

### DATES AND LOCATION

AYOP is officially in session Tuesday, July 26 through Saturday July 30, 2016. All AYOP events are held in the Joyce Center at the University of Notre Dame and at Indiana University-South Bend.

### HELP WITH HOUSING

Housing in the South Bend, Indiana area is tight during AYOP week, but help is available by contacting the South Bend/Mishawaka Convention and Visitors Bureau at: 101 N. Michigan St. Suite 300 South Bend, IN 46601 Phone: 574-400-4023 Fax: 574-850-3555 [visitsouthbend.com](http://visitsouthbend.com)

### REGISTRATION

AYOP registration is handled by mail prior to AYOP in order to save valuable time.

Contact AYOP Headquarters:  
 P.O. Box 266 Janesville, WI, 53547-0266  
 PHONE (608) 754-2239 FAX (608) 754-1986  
 E-mail: [baton@americanbaton.com](mailto:baton@americanbaton.com)

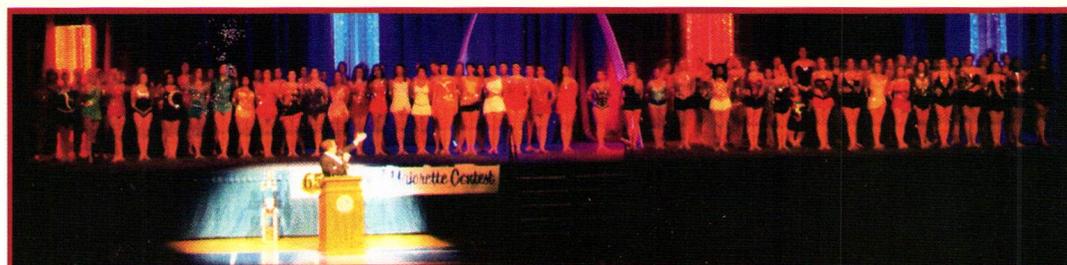
### CONTESTANTS AGE RULE

A contestants age on September 1, 2015 determines his or her competitive age for the entire contest year from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016. In other words, your actual age last September 1 is your competitive age at AYOP.

### STARTING LETTERS, then alphabetical order:

"D" Tuesday Contests  
 "I" Wednesday Contests  
 "N" Thursday Contests  
 "S" Friday Contests  
 "X" Saturday Contests

Each year first day start letter advances 7 letters. Corps will be assigned starting times in advance.



PURPOSE • PERFORMANCE • TRADITION



INTERNATIONAL

*Dedicated To The Advancement of Baton Twirling  
As A Beneficial and Worthwhile Worldwide Youth Activity*

May 16, 2016

NBTA INTERNATIONAL INC.  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
BEVERLY JOHNSON  
Huntington Beach, Calif.  
DON SARTELL  
Janesville, Wis.

The Honorable Governor Nikki Haley  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

Once again, I am asking you to help make our annual America's Youth on Parade Festival at Notre Dame University a memorable and meaningful one for the thousands of young Americans and their families who will be gathered there July 26 through July 30.

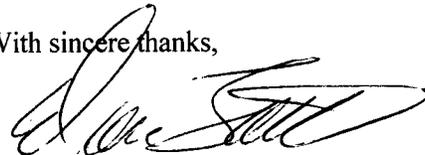
AYOP includes 40 plus national and world championship events including majorettes, marching groups, drill teams, etc. During the festival we will be celebrating National Baton Twirling Week and want to do everything possible to help call attention to the fact that baton twirling is enjoyed by nearly one-half million youngsters in the United States and Canada as a wholesome and worthwhile activity.

We are expecting fine young competitors from your state and would like to ask you **to sign a special proclamation or send a personal message that can be displayed prominently in the Joyce Center, Notre Dame University, during festival week.** There is no doubt that representatives from your state will feel a special sense of pride when they view your proclamation or special message.

This is 51st consecutive year at Notre Dame University, and we sincerely hope you will join us in making it a very special event for the patriotic young Americans on hand.

I will be at my Wisconsin office until Saturday, July 23, at P.O. Box 266, 300 South Wright Road, Janesville, WI 53547. After that time, I can be reached in care of the Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

With sincere thanks,



Don Sartell, Director  
America's Youth on Parade  
Notre Dame University  
July 26-30, 2016

enc: Proclamation

NON PROFIT- THE ORIGINAL and MOST PROMINENT  
BATON TWIRLING ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD

# PROCLAMATION ON NATIONAL BATON TWIRLING WEEK

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WHEREAS, the baton twirling movement has affected the lives of American girls and boys, and now has nearly one-half million active participants; and

WHEREAS, baton twirling has been instrumental in building the confidence and character of these young people, and has provided guidance and training so that they might become better qualified citizens; and

WHEREAS, the art of baton twirling is today one of the largest nationwide beneficial youth movements for girls; and

WHEREAS, baton twirling plays an important part in children's hospitals as a unique and effective method of physical therapy; and

WHEREAS, baton twirlers lend so much color and inspiration to our community; and

WHEREAS, champion twirlers from all over the United States will gather at the University of Notre Dame July 26-30, 2016, to conduct a colorful youth pageant called "AMERICA'S YOUTH ON PARADE"; and

WHEREAS, the grand national baton twirling championships will be conducted as part of the big Notre Dame festival; and

WHEREAS, the 37<sup>th</sup> annual National Collegiate twirling championships will be a highlight of AYOP,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
Governor of the State of \_\_\_\_\_,  
do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, July 24, through Saturday, July 30, 2016,

NATIONAL BATON TWIRLING WEEK

in \_\_\_\_\_ and do urge our citizens to support the colorful and beneficial youth movement of baton twirling.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_