

The 28th Annual Concord Marching Band Invitational

The 28th Annual Concord Marching Band Invitational is fast approaching and plans are complete. We sincerely hope that our invitational will be an enjoyable and educational experience for you and your band. This letter should take care of most last minute questions. Please feel free to call if it does not. You can reach me or the music secretary, Shirley Dyer, at 875-4105.

CONTEST HEADQUARTERS - DIRECTORS ONLY

Please be sure to check in upon your arrival.

The contest headquarters is in the lobby of the Beickman Performing Arts Center. Complimentary staff passes may be picked up in the headquarters upon arrival. Judges' tapes will be available here following your performance, and results and recap sheets will be located here at the conclusion of the awards ceremony.

BUS PARKING & STAFF VEHICLES - These vehicles will be parked in the parking lots located to the west of the football field. Band parents will be there to assist you. *All busses & equipment trucks will enter from County Road 24. See map for traffic flow & parking arrangements.*

BAND HOSTS/COMPLIMENTARY PASSES - Members of the CHS band or adult boosters will meet each band at the entrance to the band parking area. They will serve as your guide for the event and will provide each band member, chaperone, pit crew member, and driver with a wrist band for admittance to the contest. Complimentary passes for staff members will be available at the Contest Headquarters.

DRESSING FACILITIES - A girls' dressing area will be provided in the Cafeteria as shown on the map. A boys' dressing area will be provided in the Activity Center as shown on the map. Restrooms are located across the hall from the Cafeteria. Please caution students not to leave things in the dressing areas as they are not secure.

RESTROOMS - Restroom areas for students and chaperones are located in the concession building at the football field, and in the main hallway of the school inside Door #12. Restrooms are available for directors and staff in the Contest Headquarters.

TICKETS - Admission prices for the contest are: Adults \$6.00; Student, Preschool, & Senior Citizen \$4.00.

TICKET CO-OP SALES - Each participating band receives 100 adult tickets to sell to patrons in their community. Each school may keep 50% of the sales of each adult ticket sold (Possible \$300 maximum) and return to Concord High School the other 50%. Checks may be made payable to Concord Music. Please return any unsold tickets and money to the Contest Headquarters when you check-in.

PHYSICAL WARM-UP AREAS - Each band may use the physical warm-up area located west of the band practice field beginning 30 minutes before your music warm-up time.

MUSIC WARM-UP AREAS - Each band will be allowed a music warm-up period of 26 minutes, which will begin 39 minutes prior to the scheduled performance time. Please be prompt. Both warm-up areas are located northwest of the high school. Your host will assist you.

ENTRANCE & EXIT FROM THE FIELD - Bands will enter the stadium from the Northeast gate and will exit from the Southwest gate. Your host will assist you.

PERFORMANCE - Each band may perform a show of 6-10 minutes with an additional 3 minutes allowed for on-field warm-up, entrance and exit. There will be no penalties.

NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED ON THE PERFORMING FIELD.

BAND MEMBER SEATING - Band members are encouraged to watch the show from the visitors' stands. Students may also sit in areas of the home stands that are not needed by patrons with tickets. Please remind your students to be courteous and appreciative of all performing bands. Please do not move in and out of the seating area during a performance.

CONCESSIONS – We appreciate your patronage of our concession stand. We will also have Nelson's chicken available while supplies last.

VIDEO RECORDING- Michiana Video will be making wide-angle DVD's of all participating bands. If you wish to purchase a DVD of your band's performance please bring \$20.00 cash or check made payable to *Michiana Video* to their booth located near the concession stand.

BATEMAN PHOTO - will be available to photograph your group immediately following your performance. This is an opportunity to get an early season photograph of your band.

AWARDS - All awards will be presented at the conclusion of the contest. Festival participants will be awarded a plaque. The following awards will be given in each Competitive Class: Participation, Best Music, Best Marching, Best General Effect and the Top 3 Placings. Please have a band representative in uniform present to accept the awards.

HOSPITALITY FOR DIRECTORS - Refreshments will be available in the Contest Headquarters for directors only please.

BUS DRIVERS – Please make your bus drivers aware that we are unable to provide a hospitality area for them this year. We will be giving all bus drivers free admittance as well as a complimentary coupon to be used at our concession stand.

JUDGES' TAPES & CRITIQUE - Directors may pick up their judges' tapes immediately following their performance in the Contest Headquarters. There will be a judges' critique for directors immediately following the awards ceremony in performance order.

RAIN PLAN - In the event of rain, we will run the contest with music performance in McCuen Gym following the same schedule. Warm-up A will be the Activity Center. Warm-up B will be the BPAC Stage. Uniforms are optional.

THANK YOU for participating in the 28th Annual Concord Invitational and 3rd Annual Non-competitive Festival. We hope you have a wonderful experience! Please feel free to call if you need further assistance. Music Office 574-875-4105. My Cell 574-849-9703.

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