

ODESSA MARCHING INVITATIONAL DIRECTOR INFORMATION PACKET

October 27, 2012

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Location of Contest: 713 S. Third Street, Odessa, MO 64076
- Students will be stamped when you arrive, and directors/staff and bus drivers will be given passes. You will also be given 8 additional wrist bands for those helping your band on and off for performances.
- There will be a band director lounge with food and drinks inside the high school - enter the doors on the northwest corner of the building (small set of double doors adjacent to the spectator parking lot).
- Bus drivers will each receive 2 vouchers for meals at concessions, and unlimited hot chocolate and coffee will be provided. There will not be a room/lounge available for bus drivers.
- Please remind your band parents that there is an entry fee for the festival. On occasion we have parents that get upset that they “only want to come and watch their kid” and get upset they have to pay to get in. As you know, is very expensive and time intensive to put on a marching festival.
- Spectators are not allowed to park in the bus/truck parking areas. Encourage your band parents to arrive early and carpool if possible.
- Restrooms for changing will be available at the high school beginning at 12:30 PM and through the remainder of the day.
- There will be port-a-pots located in and near the bus parking lots.
- The available restrooms at the high school are not large, so using your vehicles as changing areas may be your preferred option.
- Spectator restrooms will be available at the performance field (next to concessions).
- Admission (one ticket for both indoor and field):
 - Adults - \$7 (program included)
 - Children 6 and Over - \$5 (Under 6 are Free)
 - Seniors - \$5
- AirGrams - \$2

PARADE

- Buses and band equipment vehicles may arrive as early as 10:00 AM. See the Bus Route Map for further details about road closures - please share this information with your bus driver(s).
- There are no changing stations available at the parade site. Please plan on arriving with students in uniform and ready to depart your bus(es) quickly. After unloading, your bus(es) and equipment vehicles will leave to park at the Odessa Sports Complex.
- Your ambassador will greet you with your director packet, bus driver passes, and staff wrist bands (8).
- An OMI volunteer will stamp the students' hands upon arrival.
- See the Parade Map for the warm up area and judge locations.
- Your ambassador will lead you to the line-up/start area in advance of your step off time.

- The parade is .7 miles with no corners judged. All judges judge music, effect, and visual.
- Bands wishing to stop and perform for the judges may do so, providing there is no interruption to the flow of the parade.

INDOOR

- Directors wishing to sound check their music may do so between 12:30 and 1:15 PM.
- Approximately 30 minutes prior to your scheduled warm-up time, your ambassador will lead you from bus parking to the high school.
- Drumlines will warm up in the band room or the small gym. Guards will warm up on either side "A" or side "B" of the small gym.
- After warm-up, your ambassador will lead you to the performance gym.
- Performers will enter and exit the gym from the back and stage-right. See the Indoor Map for entrance and exit locations.
- Your group will be announced as you enter the gym.
- Entry and exit times from the gym are included in your performance time slot (7 minutes for guards, 9 minutes for percussion).
- There is no requirement for drill/movement for percussion units.
- All flag poles must have crutch tips on both sides, all rifles must be padded, and all shoes must have soft, non-marking soles.

FIELD

- Bands participating in only the field portion of the competition - an OMI volunteer will stamp your students' hands upon arrival. Your ambassador will greet you with your director packet, bus driver passes, and staff wrist bands (8).
- Approximately 30 minutes prior to your scheduled warm-up time, your ambassador will lead you from bus parking to the warm up field.
- Bands may warm up in the parking lot as long as their sound does not carry over to the performance field. Please face north or west if you warm up in the parking lot, and be mindful of other bands warming up nearby.
- The front ensemble/pit will take a slightly different path than the rest of the ensemble. Percussion equipment can take one of two paths. 1) Follow the sidewalk from the middle school parking lot, past the visual warm-up site, through the spectator parking to the performance field. 2) Percussion equipment being pulled by a golf cart, gator or other vehicle may want to follow College street out of the bus parking lot, and then turn right onto 3rd street and right into the spectator parking lot. See the Field Map for a complete lay-out of the area. The red arrows indicate the path the band will take from bus parking, through warm-ups, to performance.
- The band enters and exits the field from the south gate (stage right) and the pit percussion enters and exits the field from the north gate (stage left). While on the track, all support vehicles must be driven by Odessa Marching Invitational volunteers.
- Drum majors will be asked to meet at the north end of the track to line up for the awards ceremony which will begin at approximately 8:00 PM.