

2018 Visalia Band Invitational Directors Packet

WELCOME: On behalf of the Visalia Lions, thank you for adding our competition to your parade and field show schedule. We are all excited and pleased you will be attending!

ARRIVAL

All busses should arrive heading East on Main Street. The best option is for your busses to get on Freeway 198 and exit Mooney Blvd. Turn left on Mooney if you are traveling East on 198. Turn right if you are traveling west. Mooney will curve around and turn into Main St.

Middle School busses and trailers will travel down Main Street and then turn right on Giddings Street. All Middle school busses and trailers will be parked on Giddings.

High School busses will continue to travel down Main Street until instructed by a Visalia Lions volunteer. All High School busses will be parked on Main or Conyer Street. Your support vehicles/base camp may not be in the same place as your bus.

CHECK-IN

Band directors should check in immediately upon arrival. **Do not turn in music scores for parade.** This is a change from past years. The check-in station will be located at the corner of **Giddings and Main Street**.

SUPPORT VEHICLES (trucks, trailers, etc.)

High School vehicles will be assigned a specific location. Please do not deviate from these spots. There is limited space. A number of groups will be stationed on the street, but should have plenty of room. Please be courteous of other groups when sharing a location. There will be tons of traffic, so please allot a sufficient amount of time for yourselves when arriving. **Please see details below.**

Lots 1 and 2 – You should enter using Mineral King. Turn right onto Stevenson and then left into the lot.

Lot 3 – (El Diamante, Orosi) You should enter using Mineral King. Turn right onto one of the side streets and then left onto Acequia. You will then turn left into the lot.

On Conyer Street – (Sierra) should enter using Main St. Turn right onto Conyer.

Lot 4 (Golden West) and on Conyer (Mission Oak) should enter from a side street off Mineral King and then turn left onto Main Street traveling west.

Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, Dudley Street (Shafter, Granite Hills), and Turner Street (Hanford, Tulare Union) should enter the same as the bus route and then turn left into your area.

MUSIC WARM-UP AREAS

There are a few options for warm-up areas. **Please use the practice football field located behind the stadium on the corner of Main and Giddings Street.** There are no assigned times on this field. Six to seven groups can fit on this field at once. Please remember to face away from the stadium while playing. **Your second option are the tennis courts next to the practice field.** Once again, please face away from the stadium while playing.

For parade warm-up you may also find a side street or parking lot that will not interfere with the parade competition route. Please keep in mind where you are. You do not want to be heard warming up in the competition area. Face away from Center Street during warm-up. **Do not warm-up in front of Redwood High School during the parade. This interferes with the judges stand on Jacob St.**

COMPETITION

Please arrive on time at the parade starting line. **Refer to the schedule for your allotted time.** There will be someone there to greet you as you line up.

For field competition, the timing and penalty judge will be there to greet you and guide you to the end zone. Your time will begin when the judge tells you to take the field. **Please remember that you have a maximum time of 12 minutes to take the field, perform, and exit the field.**

AWARDS CEREMONY

Middle School Awards will start at 10:00 a.m. in the Mineral King Bowl. Your students should sit as a group towards center field on the home side. Drum Majors and Captains should meet on the East ramp at 9:40 a.m. to line up for awards. After the ceremony everyone must leave the stadium. If parents want to watch the field show portion they will have to buy a ticket. Performing students may re-enter free of charge. Please encourage your students and families to stay for the field competition.

High School Awards will begin at 4:55 p.m. Drum Majors and Captains should meet on the East Ramp at 4:35 p.m. Band members should sit on the visitor's side during competition and the awards ceremony

HOSPITALITY

An air-conditioned hospitality room will be located on Redwood High School Campus, Music Building Room 80, to provide you and your staff with complimentary beverages. Please feel free to visit with your staff.

CONCESSIONS

There will be a concession stand located on the home and visitors side of the stadium. There will also be numerous food trucks located by the home side entrance.

If you have questions during the day, please ask someone in a staff shirt or contact Michael Tackett (559-308-4268).

Thanks again for attending our event and have a great performance!!!

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