

**UIL**  
**Region IX Marching band Contest**  
**Information Packet**  
**2011**

On behalf of Brad Bouley, UIL Region IX Executive Secretary, welcome to the UIL Region IX Marching Band Contest for 2011. We hope this information pack will be helpful in making your final preparations in traveling to Conroe ISD's Woodforest Bank Stadium for the Region IX Marching Band Contest. We wish for you and your students to enjoy a stress free experience and wish you the very best. We are here to help you and if you find yourself in a peculiar situation at Woodforest Stadium, we, along with Mr. Bouley, will make every effort to see you through your difficulty.

**Arrival:**

Upon arrival, a guide will meet you, to help you park your buses and direct your equipment truck(s) to the designated area (visitor's side of stadium), and escort you and or direct you to check in. Please e-mail us at [joallen@conroeisd.net](mailto:joallen@conroeisd.net) about your approximate arrival time so we may make sure someone is there to meet you.

**NOTE: This is the fourth time Woodforest Bank Stadium has been used for a UIL marching contest. We are still making some minor adjustments throughout the morning, so please be patient with us, as this is for your benefit. Buses and trucks will park on the visitor's parking lot. If you have special needs please call or e-mail us in advance. The band will enter through the southeast gate and the front ensemble will enter through the southwest gate. Bands will exit through the north gates and will stop for pictures.**

**Director Check-In:**

All directors will check in with Mr. Bouley in the press box on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Please have all necessary forms at that time if not already mailed to Mr. Bouley.

**Forms reminder:**

- **form #1—signed by your principal**
- **announcer sheet**
- **letter of intent to advance to area competition (4A Only)**
- **statement of compliance**

**UIL Rules:**

Please refer to your UIL Constitution and Contest Rules Book and your UIL/TEA Side by Side found on the UIL web site. Please review all entry/exit rules, timing rules, warm-up time regulations, electronic equipment usage and all other marching band contest matters as directed by UIL and Mr. Bouley.

**Tickets:**

Ticket sales to region IX marching contests “off-set” the charges by the Conroe ISD for electricity usage, police officers and stadium clean-up. A \$2.00 admission is charged for all adults and school-aged children. Children the age of 5 and under are admitted free of charge. Each director shall be allowed **15 chaperones** to enter the stadium without charge in order to work with your bands as pit crews, etc.

**Warm-Up:**

See enclosed map for warm-up locations for warm-up area A and warm-up area B.

All bands will warm-up outside in the parking lot south of the stadium.

- **Metronomes: Shall face away from the stadium and shall not be audible from stadium.**
- **Warm-Up time: Please adhere to UIL warm-up guidelines and policies.**
- **Guard warm-up in the area near your band.**
- **Pit percussion may warm-up on the south side of the natatorium, provided your sounds are shielded by the natatorium. You are asked to have keyboard only as much as possible with no big impacts due to the close proximity of the competition field. You will be asked to stop your pit warm-up if you interfere with stadium performances. An Oak Ridge Band Parent will be in the area to monitor and receive instructions from the press box. This parent will only be doing as they are asked by Mr. Bouley. Courtesy would be appreciated if you are asked to tone it down or stop playing.**

**Performance Area:**

Woodforest Bank Stadium is an artificial surfaced field with no track.

**Stadium:**

No motorized vehicles are allowed on the artificial surface. All golf carts, trailers,, etc. are to remain on the concrete area only.

**Stadium Entry:**

Winds, drum lines, and guards shall enter the stadium from the South end. Band-Southeast, Pit-Southwest.

Do not block any gate with vehicles and equipment to impede the progress of other groups. Please have at least one adult with your pit percussion equipment and students.

**Stadium Exit:**

All pit equipment and prop equipment will exit through the northwest gate-scoreboard side.

Winds, battery, and guard will exit through the northwest gate. (under scoreboard) If possible, please remember to have your boosters have water available after your band's performance.

**Electronic Equipment Usage:**

There are three outlets available, near the 50 yd line. BUT...always have a back up power source for those wonderful “everything is going wrong” moments that may pop up. Also, refer to all new **UIL guidelines and directives for electronic equipment usage.**

## **Directions to the Stadium:**

**If travelling from the south: Take I 45 North, exit Research Forest, remain on the feeder road, turn right on Shenandoah Park Dr, then right on David Memorial Dr. The stadium will be on your left.**

**If travelling from the north: Take I-45 South, exit Research Forest, turn left on Research Forest, turn left on David Memorial Drive, the stadium will be on your right. To make the trip quicker, make a u-turn under the freeway at Research Forest, stay on the feeder, turn right on Shenandoah Park, then right on David Memorial Dr.**

## **Extraneous Info:**

- Instrument repair: located near the natatorium on the south end.
- Concessions: open on the home side only...CISD vendor operates concessions.
- Results: announced every few bands...please pick up your comment sheets/trophy at press box.
- Rest rooms: located at both warm-up areas, both sides of stadium
- Photography: group pictures will be made available and you will take the group photos at the conclusion of your performance on the north end.
- Region 9 Video: video taping will be conducted from the open side of the press box.

Have a great show! Bring all forms. If you need anything, don't hesitate to ask.

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