



Crown Jewel Marching Band Festival 2023

Important Tips and Reminders

- 1) An artificial turf field was installed in the Citrus Bowl over the summer. It is EXTREMELY nice and a great field to march on. The temperature on the artificial turf is 30 degrees COOLER than normal turf. Please look over the provided maps as the flow and go in the stadium has changed.
- 2) Upon arrival, please report to the Witt Gym to pick up your school information packet. A copy of your band's announcer sheet will be included in the director packet. If there are any changes, please fill out the Announcer Correction Form and turn in to the registration desk.
- 3) A bus and truck driver's lounge is being provided in the west lobby of the Witt Gym. Snacks and drinks are available.
- 4) One to three guides will be assigned to each band. Guides will be with your band throughout the day. If you have a question or need something, ask your guide.
- 5) Chaperones and support personnel with official wrist bands enter through the west band gate (they may not enter through the main gate). Everyone except directors, staff, and student performers will be required to have a wrist band or ticket. Wrist bands will be provided to you at registration along with up to 5 director/staff passes. Bus Driver passes will also be included in your registration packet. Please refer to the complimentary pass and ticket policies posted on the website. Tickets are also for sale at the main entry gate.
- 6) Yard line markers or numbers are provided on the home side of the field.
- 7) Each band should move from warm up to the stadium 20 minutes before their scheduled performance time arriving at the gate 10 minutes prior to performance time. Please refer to the schedule flow chart that is posted on the website and included in your registration packet. We are running on a very tight schedule, please plan accordingly.
- 8) At the conclusion of your band's performance, your band guide will meet your band on the sideline and escort you out of the stadium. Once you have put away all your equipment, your guide will then escort you and your band to your seating area in the Citrus Bowl.
- 9) If you wish to observe the band that immediately follows your performance, you may move from the field directly to your assigned seats in the north side stands after your performance is over. Please note that the north side visitor stands are only accessible from the north west side of the stadium.
- 10) Busses will be parked as indicated on the campus maps provided. You should maintain contact with your bus drivers in case you need access to your busses during the day or should you need to be picked up on the main campus. Busses and trucks are not allowed to idle for more 20 minutes in our parking lot areas.
- 11) Restroom facilities are available in the stadium and in the Witt Gym.

- 12) A prop staging area (that is a parking lot just north of the stadium) is provided. Your prop trucks may unload and park in this parking lot. Please check the map.
- 13) Stadium seating for participating band members:
- a) We ask that all bands and their official party sit in their assigned seats in the visitor stands when observing performances or during awards. *Failure to comply with this policy is a rules infraction and is subject to penalty.*
 - b) The last **TWO** performing bands should go directly assigned seats in the stands after their performance.
- 14) Location of important areas:
- Festival RegistrationWitt Gym East Lobby
 - Judge’s Hospitality.....Half Hour Inn
 - RestroomsSee Map
 - Concessions.....South Side
 - Warm UpSee Map and Schedule
 - First AidWitt Gym East Lobby & Southeast Stadium Area
 - Band and Chaperone SeatingNorth Side
 - Bus Driver Hospitality.....West Witt Gym Lobby
- 15) We have trailers and crews to help you move equipment and props. Don’t have your parents overwork themselves. Our crews are here to help get you in place on time. Your equipment should arrive prior to your band through the southeast gate. See the specific schedule for when your front ensemble is to move to the stadium.
- 16) Awards Presentation: Please refer to the awards presentation charts and instructions in the registration packet. It is important that these procedures be followed to ensure the awards is dignified and runs on time.
- 17) Remember, if you have any problems or need help, ask your band guide. If they cannot help you they will find someone who can. We want everything to go as smoothly as possible for you, your band, and the festival.
- 18) Air Grams: Please advise your supporters and boosters that air grams are not guaranteed to be announced right before your field performance. While we will do our best to announce them as requested, we often get more than can be announced between bands and we cannot delay the festival. Every effort will be made to air them at some point prior to the announcement of ratings. In the rare event that an air gram is not announced at all during the festival, we apologize in advance. Please understand that we are not able to refund payments for unannounced air grams. Air grams are considered a non-refundable donation.
- 19) You will receive information about your performance video and adjudicator comments in your school packet.
- 20) Electronic cords and hook-ups are the responsibility of the participating bands. An outlet is located near the 50 yard line, but off the track (power is likely but not guaranteed – bring your own back-up). Please bring cords at least 50 feet in length. Also read the specific rules regarding electronics and hookups in the official festival rules.