

40th ANNUAL PANTHER MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL

Welcome to the 40th Annual
Eastern Illinois University
Panther Marching Band Festival

INFORMATION PACKET

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT of the
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
PANTHER MARCHING BAND!

The 40th Annual Panther Marching Band Festival

On behalf of Eastern Illinois University, welcome to the 2016 Panther Marching Band Festival. Please direct any questions to Dr. Benjamin Druffel (bjdruffel@eiu.edu)

WE HOPE YOUR VISIT WILL BE ENJOYABLE AND REWARDING.

The 40th Annual Panther Marching Band Festival 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.

Contest assistance is being provided by The Music Shoppe, Box5 Media, the members of Kappa Kappa Psi, Tau Beta Sigma, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Sigma Alpha Iota, and many members of the Panther Marching Band. We are grateful for their spirit of cheerful volunteerism.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification is based on a hybrid system. IHSA School Sizes are used to divide ensembles into Small (1-700) and Large (700+). Ensembles are then divided by band size:

SMALL DIVISION	1A: 1-50 in ensemble
School Enrollment 1-700	2A: 51-70 in ensemble
	3A: 71+ in ensemble
LARGE DIVISION	4A: 1-99 in ensemble
School Enrollment 701+	5A: 100+ in ensemble

Performance order was decided by the date of application to the festival. Bands will perform in order of classification, however exceptions have been made for extenuating circumstances.

ADJUDICATION

A panel of 8 judges will adjudicate the Festival. As an institution dedicated to advocacy and outreach to music education, five nationally reputed judges will adjudicate your band's overall performance from the press box and on the field for visual, musical, and general effect. One specialty judge for each caption will evaluate the auxiliary units (guard, majorettes, dancers), the percussion sections, and the drum majors. All judges will record comments during your competition period. The judges recorded and written comments will be available in the Contest Headquarters following each awards ceremony.

AWARDS

The following awards will be given in each Competitive Class: Participation, Best Music, Best Visual, Best General Effect, Best Percussion, Best Auxiliary, Best Drum Major, and the Top 3 Places. Please have your drum majors/band representatives in uniform present to accept awards during the awards ceremonies taking place after the 1A, 2A and 3A competition and after the 4A and 5A competition.

ARRIVAL

Plan to arrive about one hour prior to your warm-up time. Have buses, etc. use 4th Street to access the "W" (south) parking lot. Hold your students on the bus at this time. ***Our hosts will be ready to receive the first bands at 8:30am. Please email jwhile@eiu.edu if you must arrive earlier so we can be prepared!***

DIRECTIONS

Take Interstate 57 to Exit 190A (Route 16 East) or take Route 130 to Route 16 West. Once in Charleston, take route 16 (Lincoln Ave) to 4th Street (on West side of campus) and head south. The "W" lot will be on the right just past the athletic fields. A map is provided for your convenience and we will have spotters attending to your busses on arrival.

CONTEST HEADQUARTERS - DIRECTORS & STAFF ONLY

All directors need to check in upon your arrival. The Contest Headquarters will be located at the Pond Pavilion next to the "W" lot. Members of the Panther Marching Band will meet each band at the entrance to the band parking area and they will serve as your guide for the event. Wristbands will be provided for admission for band members and additional wrist bands for parent helpers, one for every 10 members of your group. Three passes will be given to each director to view the festival from the press box. No extra passes will be available.

BUS/TRUCK PARKING & STAFF VEHICLES

All buses & equipment trucks will enter 4th Street. See map for traffic flow & parking arrangements. We do not have space for staff/parent vehicles in this area. They may park by O'Brien Stadium or next to Stevenson Tower. Keep your students on the busses until you are met by your host EIU student.

DRESSING FACILITIES

There are no dressing facilities so plan accordingly. As a suggestion, we have our band wear gym shorts and a T-shirt under our uniforms to facilitate dressing near the buses. You may wish to consider this to avoid delays.

RESTROOMS

Restroom areas are located in the stadium next to the Concession Stands. There are no restrooms available in the parking area.

TICKETS

Adults \$10.00; Students and Senior Citizens \$5.00. Children 5 and under are free. Festival Programs will be available for \$5.00.

PHYSICAL WARM-UP AREAS

Each band may use the physical warm-up area located to the east of the "W" lot. Please use the side designated A or B no earlier than 30 minutes before your music warm-up time. There is space on and around the field for silent stretching prior to warm-up.

MUSIC WARM-UP AREAS

Each band will be allowed a music warm-up period of 30 minutes. Please be prompt. The schedule cannot permit early warm-up. Please face South to ensure that sound does not disrupt the band performing in O'Brien Stadium. A map has been included for your convenience and reference. Long Rangers and other P. A. equipment may not be used during the festival. The sound carries to the stadium and infringes on other competing bands. Please plan accordingly.

ENTRANCE & EXIT FROM THE FIELD

Bands will enter the stadium via the Southeast gate and will exit from the Southwest gate. As one band exits the field, the following band will enter. ***Following your performance, you may pass in review in front of the Home side from North to South along the front portion of the Track.*** This will help eliminate traffic jams at the gate. Please be careful not to use vehicles that might damage our field/track. **Motorized vehicles are not allowed on the field.**

All pit crews will remain at the Southwest gate while the previous band completes its performance. Approximately 8 minutes before your band begins competition, your pit percussion will be brought to a staging area on the track. Please do not disturb the competing band. Lawn Tractors and ATV's are acceptable for moving your equipment. ******LARGE TRACTORS AND AUTOMOBILES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE TRACK PER UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS******

PERFORMANCE

Each band may perform up to 10 minutes in length with an additional 3 minutes allowed for entrance and on-field warm-up. There is also an allotted 2 minutes for exit off the field before cadences must cease. Use of pyrotechnics,

pressurized canisters, flammable materials, and other hazardous substances is expressly forbidden. Additionally, the discharge of firearms will not be permitted. A .5 point/per minute penalty will be assessed to any group going over 15 minutes.

POWER SUPPLY

We will have power outlets available for your use of amplification in the pit. **However, competing bands must provide power cords. We recommend AT LEAST a 100' extension cord.**

HASH MARKS

Since O'Brien Stadium is lined for collegiate football, temporary hash marks will be provided for high school dimensions. These will be adjusted in between bands.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photos will be available immediately following your band's performance on designated stairs of Lantz Arena. Once at the photo area, please divide your band into individual sections. Don Fisher (the Band Department GA) will be present to facilitate the photograph.

BAND MEMBER SEATING

Students may 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

Concessions will be provided at the concession stands located under the home stands. Concessions are sub-contracted through the university so we do not benefit from this service. One may find many fast food restaurants in the University Union Food Court and on Route 16 (Lincoln Avenue) just North of the stadium.

HOSPITALITY FOR DIRECTORS & STAFF

Each director will be given three press box passes for the director and two additional staff members. You may view the competition from the Victory Suite where refreshments will be available. No one will be allowed in the adjudication areas of the Press Box. No other parents, drivers or students are allowed in the press box.

JUDGES CDs & SCORE SHEETS

Directors may pick up the judges CDs immediately following the awards ceremony on the track. There will not be a judges critique session for directors following the awards ceremony.

REMINDERS

Make sure your students bring needed medication, inhalers, bee sting kits, etc.

RAIN

One of the advantages of our performance venue is great drainage and NO MUD! The show will be cancelled only at such time as the safety of spectators or performers is in question. Every attempt will be made to complete an entire class before such a decision is made. Eastern Illinois University cannot return registration fees as they are already encumbered for judging fees and the cost of running the contest.

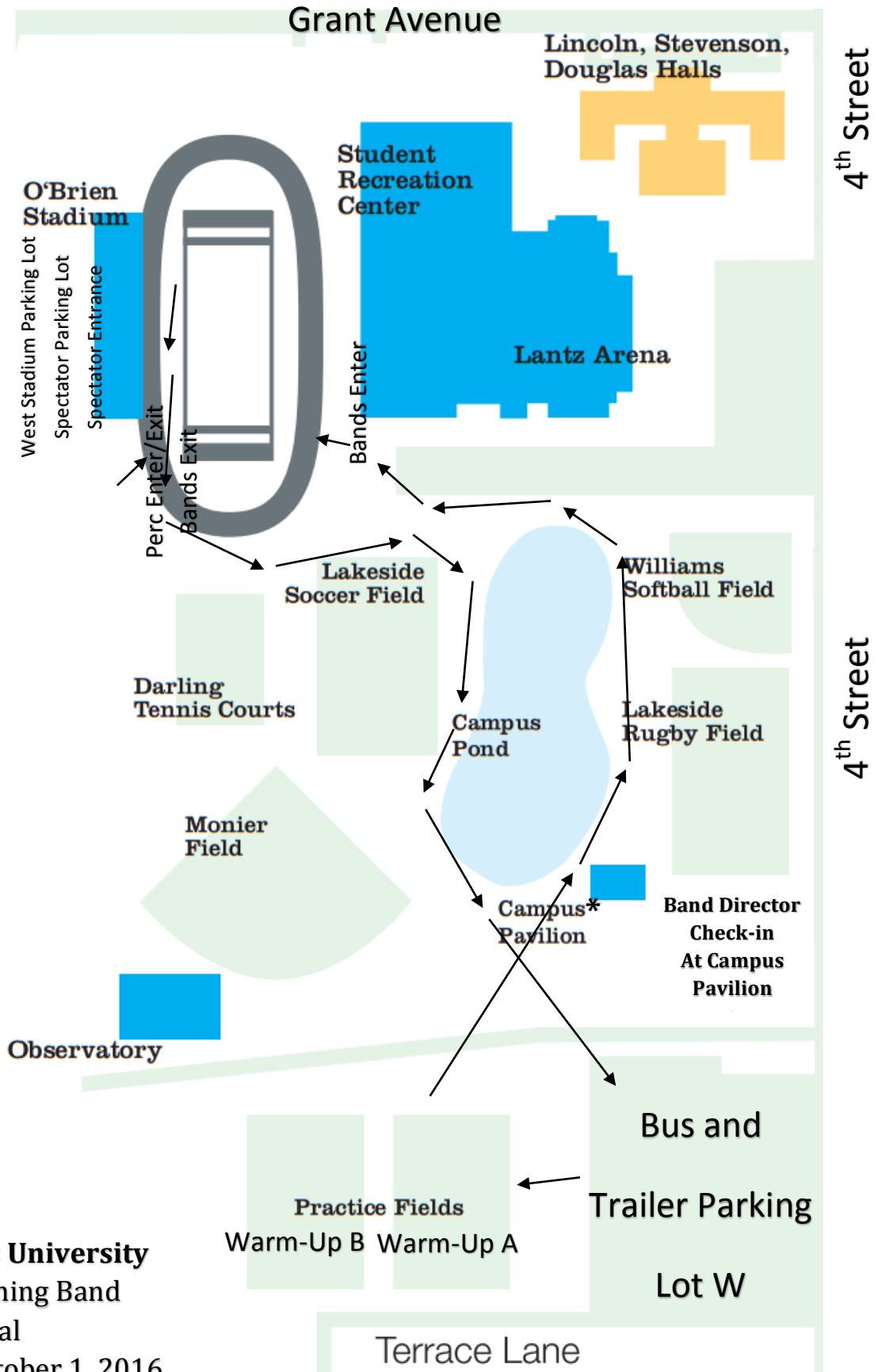
INSTRUMENT REPAIR

A representative from Music Shoppe will be on hand throughout the day to assist with musical needs. They will be located south of the West parking lot of O'Brien Stadium. ***Thanks to the Music Shoppe for repair services during the contest!***

BEST OF LUCK! We hope you have an enjoyable and educational experience at the Eastern Illinois University Panther Marching Band Festival. Thank you for your participation and please continue to share your suggestions with us.

QUESTIONS

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