

**Idaho State University
Mountain West Marching Band Invitational
Director Information Sheet**

Welcome to the ISU Mountain West Marching Band Invitational!

Please read this information before attending the festival. Also, in partner with the SEI Marching Band Circuit, please refer to event procedures listed here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vDRw7dBbRe2SPq-As0Pcy9Cfw3CFHI8qUHW_Mg9EyTY/edit#

ARRIVAL

Maps and driving directions are enclosed. Upon arrival, ISU Student volunteers may stamp the hands of all STUDENT PERFORMERS either on the bus, or as they exit the bus. This will give all students access to enter/exit the arena as they wish.

An ISU volunteer will assist you through the warm up/performance process. They will meet your school approximately 90 minutes before your performance (or 8am for early groups).

Notes for Parent Boosters:

- You may reserve or block off sections of seating so that you may all sit together. Please be considerate of others and do not reserve seats that won't be filled.
- No objects, such as balloons, may be released inside the Holt Arena. The structure of the facility makes it impossible to retrieve such objects.
- No food or drinks will be allowed in the Holt Arena except those purchased at the concession stand. ISU will have their concession stand open during the competition for your convenience. You may bring lunches or drinks, but they must be eaten outside in the parking lot or on the bus. Holt Arena personnel will enforce their food policy.
- Your band Director has contest rules that must be followed if you are helping with the band. Please contact him/her for additional rules that may apply to you.

PLEASE REFER TO THE SEI DOCUMENT ON PERFORMANCE, RULES, and PROCEDURES:

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PASSES

The Director will receive passes and field passes in their packet upon arrival. These will also allow your staff and volunteers to enter/exit the arena as they wish. Directors will also receive a \$10 meal voucher good at the concession stand.

TICKETS

Parents and friends may purchase tickets at the door for \$10 & \$7 (students). **PLEASE NOTE** that this is the only source of income for paying for the use of the Arena. Encourage your parents to help support this event. Group Rates for non-performing school bands can be purchased at \$2 per ticket.

WARM UP

THREE official warm up areas (as labeled on the map) are to be used **55 minutes** before your performance time. You may warm up before this time preferably in the “green” parking lot/grass areas on the Map (away from the arena) if needed (while space is available). **PLEASE DO NOT INTERFERE WITH OFFICIAL WARM UP SPACES.**

The Practice Field (on the other side of the arena) IS NOT AVAILABLE

PERFORMANCE – Please refer to the SEI Competition Handbook for specific Performance Times, Rules, and Procedures.

ISU has scheduled bands in 15 minute intervals.

PERCUSSION ADVICE

In general, higher pitched snare and tenor drums are **AMPLIFIED** within the dome. It is recommended that you ask these students to adjust (softer 20-25%) for optimal balance.

Consider placing any mallet percussion as close (backed up) to the front sideline (or on the field) for maximum benefit. **POWER** is available; bring your own extension cord.

NOTE: Balloons, confetti, or anything else impossible to clean up is **NOT** permitted on the field. This also goes for smoke effects, and fire is not permitted. Bigger wheels (over 4”) are much easier to move on the turf. Please carry all equipment that could possibly damage the field.

Script:

Between (3) minutes 15 seconds to three (3) minutes 30 seconds, the announcer will introduce the band as follows:

*“Joining us from (Band city), please welcome the (Hometown) High School Marching Band!”
(pause for audience response)*

(Announcer reads their program and/or selections)

If your drum majors are going to salute, it should occur no later than when the announcer says:

*“(Competition Name) is proud to present Drum Majors _____ and _____ and the
_____ H.S. marching Band.*

A drum major salute is not necessary to indicate that the band is ready to start.

PHOTO

We have contracted with a professional photographer to take an "Action Shot" of your band during the show. A poster size (approximately 12"X18") shot of your band will be sent to your school after the festival. Individual performer photos (taken during your performance) will be made available for FREE to your students through a website link (that we will send you).

VIDEO

One parent may videotape the performance from the lower level press box. Mr. Video will be providing all directors with video from the top of the press box. Videos will be on sale to students throughout the festival. (Usually takes 4-6 weeks)

CONCESSIONS

Concessions (food & beverages) will be sold throughout the event.

VENDORS

Mr. Video, North Star Percussion, and Avant7 Design, will be selling items in the North Hallway.

DIRECTOR'S AREA

The Directors/Judges "Bennion Room" is on the North West corner of the building, next to the concession stands. Directors are welcome to lounge or meet and greet each other. Coffee, snacks, and beverages provided. Please allow judges to eat lunch without interruption from 12:00-1:00pm.

EMERGENCY

Any one of the ISU student volunteers will be able to contact Tom Kloss in case of an emergency/problem. Inform Arena Staff for immediate medical emergencies.