

**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.

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 90-120 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.

PASSES

The Director will receive up to two director passes, one video pass, and 5-10 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 FREE meal voucher good at the concession stand.

Parents and friends may purchase tickets at the door for \$10 & \$7 (students).

WARM UP

Two official warm up areas (as labeled on the map) are to be used **45 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

Each band will have **14 minutes TOTAL** to enter/perform/exit the field. Bands should arrive at the entrance gate 10 Minutes prior to their performance.

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:

**Joining us from _____(City), ... please welcome the _____ High School
_____(nickname)_____ Marching Band!"**

(pause for audience response)

Their musical selections include the following: (Announcer reads their selections)

(When the band is set up)

**Drum Majors ___(names)_____, _____, _____ you may take the field
in competition.**

(After performance) **The _____ High school band is under the direction of
_____, (rest of staff)...**

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 video pass will be included if you would like a staff/parent to 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.

T-SHIRTS

The official Mountain West T-Shirt will be on sale. All proceeds will benefit the Kappa Kappa Psi Honorary Band Fraternity & ISU Band Scholarship Programs.

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 12:15-1:00pm.

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.