

UIL Area C 3A Marching Contest

Dear Directors,

We are excited to welcome you to Whitehouse for the UIL Area C 3A Marching Contest on Saturday, October 24, 2026. Please refer to the maps included with this packet for directions, parking, warm-up areas, and other important locations throughout the contest site. A dedicated crew of Whitehouse Band students, parents, and directors will be available throughout the day to assist your band. Many of the stations throughout the facility will have staff members equipped with radios who can contact the press box or other contest personnel if you need assistance.

DIRECTIONS

Please do not rely on Google Maps when navigating the contest facility. The satellite and street images of the area are more than eight years old. Apple Maps currently provides the most up-to-date satellite view. For the easiest route to the band parking area, use the following address as your destination:

**Azalea Animal Hospital
421 Hwy 110 S
Whitehouse, TX 75791**

Once you reach this location, turn onto the street immediately north of the animal hospital. The entrance is west of Highway 110 and will take you to the main contest entrance, where a greeter will meet you.

Important: Do not turn onto N Wildcat Drive from the south entrance. This entrance is EXIT ONLY.

BUSES, INSTRUMENT TRUCKS, FRONT ENSEMBLE & PROP TRUCKS

Parking at the contest site is limited, and we will be utilizing every available space. Bands performing in the morning block, as well as bands that do not advance to finals, may be required to move their instrument trucks and other support vehicles to the Methodist Church parking lot across from the stadium or Whitehouse High School parking areas

Please enter through the designated bus/truck entrance shown on the map and follow the directions of our parking staff. Our parking staff will direct and park each band's vehicles. We will completely park one group before beginning to park the next. If multiple schools arrive at the same time, this may result in a short wait. Buses and support vehicles will be separated into designated parking areas as shown on the map.

SPECTATOR PARKING

Spectator parking will be available on the home side of the stadium, with overflow parking available on the visitor side. Home-side parking is limited, so please communicate with your parents and spectators that they should allow additional time for parking, particularly if they need to use one of the overflow lots. Spectator address:

**Whitehouse Junior High School
406 West Main Street
Whitehouse, TX 75791**

STUDENT RESTROOMS & CHANGING AREAS

The Whitehouse High School Field House, located next to the stadium behind the stands in the end zone, will be available throughout the day. Directors and/or parents must supervise students while they are inside the Field House. Whitehouse High School students will be stationed inside the building to monitor band usage and assist with restroom supervision. The Field House conference room will also have water, snacks, and coffee available for directors and staff. The Whitehouse Junior High band hall restrooms and the stand-alone restrooms near the tennis courts will also be available.

BAND GUIDES

Your assigned band guide will meet you in the parking lot approximately 10–15 minutes before your scheduled warm-up time. Your guide will remain with your group throughout the warm-up and performance process and will provide timing updates before and during your warm-up. Please allow at least five minutes to travel from your warm-up location to the stadium. If you have paperwork that needs to be delivered to Mr. Bullock, your guide can collect it from you and deliver it to the appropriate contest personnel. All required paperwork must be in Mr. Bullock's possession before your performance begins.

WARM-UP AREAS

The contest will utilize multiple designated warm-up areas, as shown on the enclosed map. The warm-up areas include Color Guard, Front Ensemble, Battery Percussion, and Winds. Battery percussion may join the front ensemble warm-up area. However, if the sound begins to carry toward the stadium, the battery will be asked to move inside. The two band halls and cafeteria will be available for battery percussion warm-up. Bands may also choose to combine all members in the designated wind warm-up area. Additional lighting will be available in the band warm-up areas and Junior High common area to assist bands performing later in the schedule.

Food & Drinks

Warm-up areas are food and drink free zones. Please ask sponsors and chaperones to help keep these areas clean and free of trash. If you provide students with water bottles during warm-up, you are responsible for providing trash bags and collecting the empty bottles. Dumpsters are available near Stanton Smith Elementary around Lot A and near the warm-up areas. Each band is responsible for cleaning its warm-up area after use.

Important Warm-Up Guidelines

- No wheeled instruments or vehicles are permitted in the wind warm-up area.
- Please keep all roads and access points clear so that other bands can safely enter and exit the warm-up areas.
- Warm-Up Areas A and B include courtyards that may need to be used to maintain access through the area.
- Percussion groups warming up outside must remain as close to the building as possible and must not block the roadway.
- Please be respectful of other groups that are already warming up.
- All groups warming up outside should face away from the stadium.
- Please ask percussion sections to play at a reduced volume while warming up outside.

Warm-Up Timing

Bands will have 45 minutes in their assigned warm-up area if they arrive on time. Bands may not begin warming up before their assigned warm-up time, even if the area is unoccupied. Front ensemble instruments may not be wheeled onto any grass surface. They must remain in the designated front ensemble warm-up area. At the conclusion of your assigned warm-up time, you will proceed directly to the stadium. Please maintain your schedule so that the contest can remain on time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERFORMANCE SCRIPTS

Our announcer will make every effort to read each band's script clearly and accurately. If your script includes names, terminology, or other words that may be unfamiliar to the announcer, please provide phonetic spellings to assist with pronunciation.

FIELD EXIT

Please follow the field-exit procedures shown on the maps provided with this packet. Contest personnel will also be available to assist your group as needed.

PATCH SALES & PEPWEAR

Pepwear and patches will be set up at the home-side entrance of the stadium.

FEEDING STUDENTS

The Whitehouse Band Booster Club will offer meals for \$10 per meal. Your band guide will provide you with meal tickets when you arrive at the stadium. Please distribute the tickets to your students. Students may take their meal tickets to the designated meal-pickup window at the home-side concession stand at the time requested on your order. If students arrive later than their scheduled meal time, they may still receive their meal as long as they have a valid meal ticket. To place an order, complete the Google Form below and indicate the time you would like your band to eat. The Booster Club will have your meals prepared and ready at that time. **All meal orders must be submitted by Tuesday, October 20 at 2:00 p.m.**

[Whitehouse Band Booster Club Meal Pre-Order Form](#)

If your school requires vendors to be added to an approved vendor list, please contact the Whitehouse Band Boosters at whitehousebandboosters@gmail.com.

Booster Club President: Scott Gates

Phone: (903) 253-2872

When feeding your students, please make sure all trash is collected. If you need assistance moving trash, notify your band guide. A large dumpster will be available in the northeast parking lot of the stadium, and our ground crew will routinely collect bags of trash from your band's location.

NEW THIS YEAR

We have made several improvements to help make this year's Area Contest more comfortable and easier to navigate. Water stations will be equipped with a TACO emergency cooling tarp in compliance with WBGT guidelines. Additional lighting will be available in the warm-up areas and Junior High common area to assist bands performing later in the schedule. There will be large, **undeniable** signs marking entrance, exits, and bus parking lots. The gate at the south entrance of N Wildcat Drive will be closed and monitored by Whitehouse PD.

QUESTIONS & CONTEST CONTACT

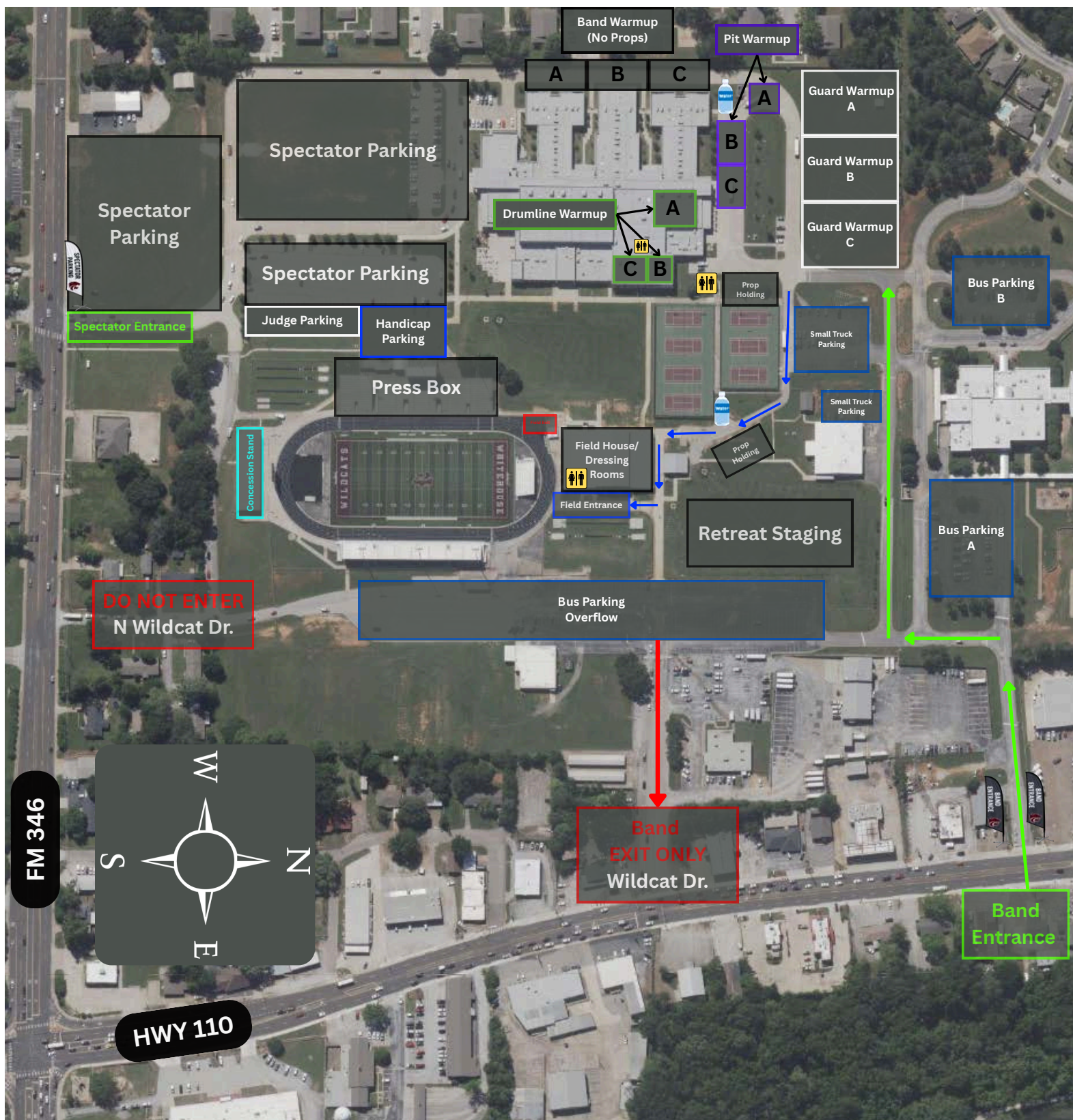
If you have any questions regarding the contest, facilities, parking, warm-up areas, or other logistics, please contact:

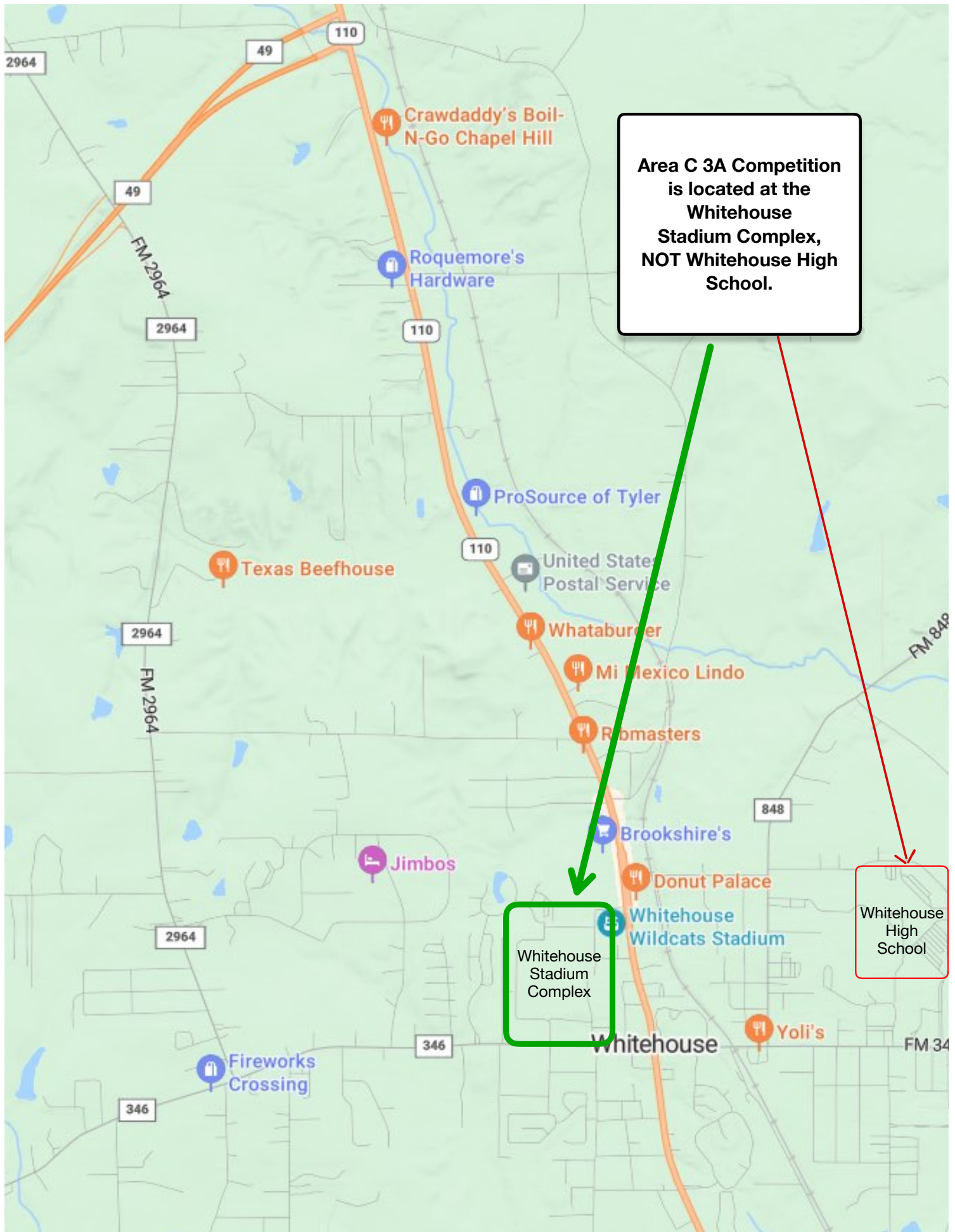
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Field Flow Instructions

HOLD: Groups will move from Warm-up A, B, or C to the HOLD area. If your group has a front ensemble, sound equipment, props, drum-major stands, etc. (auxiliary) they may move to the **red** HOLD area indicated. **Movement of auxiliary is allowed during the on-field band's performance, but every effort must be made to avoid being a distraction to the performing group, judges, and audience.**

READY: During the previous band's 2-minute exit, your group will move to the **yellow** boxed READY position using any space within those boxes with the appropriate group. From READY position, you will receive a verbal countdown indicating you may take the field for set-up/warm up, starting your 5-minute clock. Neither performers nor equipment are allowed on the 100-yard performance surface before the 5-minute clock starts. Marching students may not stage READY position past the zero yard line. Auxiliary may not stage past the 20 yard line.

EXIT: Band should exit to the front right and go out the Field Exit or front left and into the home (if space allows) or visitor stands. Front and back auxiliary should follow the path off the field and around the track out the Field Exit gate. Please stay on the outside of the track as you exit and allow oncoming bands access to the field.

Questions? Please email or call.

Mike Bullock
Executive Secretary
UIL Region 21

