

UIL Area C 4A Band Directors,

We are very elated to host the UIL Area C Marching Contest this year. It is my hope that you find our facilities complimentary for your students/staff/spectators as you prepare for your performance. Please note that all ticket information will come from Mr. Bullock. Here are a few items that you will need to know in order to maximize your Pine Tree experience:

Spectator Entrance: All parents, vendors, and other spectators will be directed to the **HOME** side of the stadium. All spectator ticket information will come from Mr. Bullock. **Please note: Follow the attached map!**

SPECTATOR ENTRANCE
Pine Tree Pirate Stadium
3737 W Loop 281, Longview TX

Bus & Truck Entrance: All buses will park in the Parkway Elementary & Pine Tree Middle School parking lots and equipment trucks will park in the **VISITOR** parking lot behind the visitor stands.

- **Your buses will need to enter from Loop 281 and go to the Elementary & Middle School Entrance.** They will be directed by PTISD Parents/Staff to specific parking locations (please see map for details).

BUS ENTRANCE
Pine Tree Middle School School
601 Pine Tree Parkway, Longview TX

- **YOUR TRUCKS AND TRAILERS, will need to enter the stadium entrance** and go to the East Visitor Parking Lot and will be directed by PTISD Parents/Staff for specific parking location (please see map for more details). **Please note: You must follow the attached map!**

TRUCK & TRAILER ENTRANCE
Pine Tree Pirate Stadium
3737 W Loop 281, Longview TX

Changing Rooms and Bathrooms: We ask that students use the visitor side bathrooms for changing. Please have directors/parents supervise your students, and check the restrooms after they leave.

Hospitality Room/Contest Office: Our hospitality/contest office is located in the press box and can be accessed via elevator near the front gate of the home side stands. Signs will be on doors indicating the location of the elevator to the press box. **The judges will be on the mezzanine level (floor 2). Please do not access this area from the elevator. Also, access from the stands will be closed, so there is NO access to this level or the press box.**

Tabulation Room: Also located in the press box. Please understand that this room is off-limits.

Water Stations: Water will be provided at the band entrance/exit to the stadium and at the warm up area.

Band Entrance & Exit to Stadium: All Band Front ensembles and props will **ENTER** the stadium on the **SOUTH EAST SIDE**, and will **EXIT** the **SOUTH WEST** (exit stage left). Each group's student escort will guide you from parking to warm-up and into the stadium.

Band Escorts: Band escorts will be leaders of the Pine Tree High School Band (we will have a couple of adults helping, too) and are there to answer your questions regarding schedule, restroom & changing area, water,

entrance/exit areas, and warm-up areas. They will meet you at your buses 20 minutes prior to your warm-up time to welcome you to the contest. They will then guide you 10 minutes before warm-up to your warm-up areas which is a good 5-minute walk from the stadium. **Please remember that staying on time is your responsibility, not the escort's.**

Warm-up: Quiet stretching in the parking lot is allowed, however rehearsing, playing instruments, drum major whistles, cadences, taps, metronomes, & organized marching should be done only in the designated warm-up areas. Starting warm-up early is not allowed unless directed by the Executive Secretary. The warm-up time slot includes entry into & exit out of the warm-up area. Each group will have 45-minutes for warm-up (if you get there on time). Please do not infringe on other band's time slots.

- *You will need to face away from other bands and away from the stadium and I ask for everyone to be courteous.*
- *We ask that you lower your metronome volume and face it away from the stadium so that it will not impede others' warming up or band performances and adjudication.*

Your escort will guide you from warm up to the field entry gate. At that point, a UIL Official will take over and will direct you to the designated waiting areas, including giving you a countdown to start your 5-minute set-up.

Power: We will have electrical power access from the field level for any group who may need it. Thankfully, we have not had any wireless frequency issues and I do not anticipate any issues during the contest. We are turning off all wireless receivers to our PA system.

Exiting the Field: Your escort will guide you through the SouthWest field exit, and then to your preferred location.

Visitors Side: The visitor side will be open for seating, but please make sure directors/parents supervise your students.

Director's Verification: At the end of Prelims, one director from each band is asked to meet in the pressbox to review scores and draw for Finals order.

Videos of your performance:

Video of your performance will be on a jump drive distributed at the Directors Meeting following prelims.

Concessions: The Pine Tree Band Boosters will be operating full service concessions at the stadium during the contest. Your patronage would be much appreciated.

Prelims and Finals Retreat: There will be a drum major retreat at the end of prelims and a **full band retreat for finals**. Have your drum majors in uniform at the Southwest gate prior to the beginning of the prelims award ceremony.

Finalist bands will receive a map after prelims describing retreat.

Seating of Bands: Please remind your students and parents that the bands are being filmed and your group must be quiet when seated in the stands. Spectators and participating band members may be seated on the press box side (West, Home Side) of the stadium. Only if needed, bands may also use the visitor side stands for seating and to hear the prelims awards announcement; **adults must be monitoring them in the visitor stands if you choose to sit there.**

Area Contest T-Shirts: Pep Wear will be selling t-shirts, etc. Their trailer will be located just to the north of the home stands on the Pirate Plaza.

The Pine Tree High School Band staff and parents look forward to making this a wonderful event and assisting you in any way possible. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Trash: There will be dumpsters by the bus parking. Please have your boosters put the collected trash from your bands in these dumpsters. If a dumpster is not in your vicinity, please bag your trash and put it in one location. There will be custodial workers driving through the parking lot picking up bagged trash. Please make sure your people are cleaning up after themselves. Thank you for your cooperation.

We are very excited to host the UIL Area Marching Contest. If you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to contact me at jsmith3@ptisd.org or 903-715-5182.

Sincerely,
Jason R. Smith

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CLICK THIS LINK: [UIL AREA C 4A MARCHING CONTEST](#)



UIL AREA C 4A MARCHING CONTEST
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026
PINE TREE PIRATE STADIUM
LONGVIEW, TX

ONLINE TICKET SALES ONLY

\$7 + credit card fee

Children 6 and under are free.

**EQUIPMENT AND
SPECTATORS ONLY**
Entrance from Loop 281
(Main Entrance)

BUSSES ONLY Entrance
from Loop 281 (Middle
School Entrance)

Check In
Tent

Bus Parking

Bus Parking

Bus Parking

Warm Up
A.B.C

Spectators

Equipment Trucks

F.E. Warm Up Areas

Water Station

Truck and
Trailer
Parking

Spectator
Parking

Performer
EXIT

Instrument Repair

Water Station

Spectator Exit

Nurse Station

Performer
Entrance (Props,
F.E., Band)



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 behind those line 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. Front Ens, etc. may not stage past the 20 yard line.

EXIT: Band should exit to the front and go out the Field Exit. Front and back equipment should follow the path off the field and around the track out the Field Exit. Please stay on the outside of the track as you exit and allow the next band to have the inside track and access to the field.

Questions? Please email or call.

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