

2009 MASON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND INVITATIONAL



TO THE DIRECTOR:

On behalf of the staff, students, band boosters and administration of Mason High School, we would like to welcome you to our eighth annual marching band competition, the "2009 Mason High School Marching Band Invitational". We have worked very hard to make this event the best it can possibly be. Please take a few minutes to carefully read the information provided in this packet to hopefully answer most of your questions. However, please do not hesitate in contacting us should you have any other questions or concerns not addressed.

DATE: Saturday, October 24, 2009

TIME: 12:45 PM National Anthem. First band performs at 1:00 PM

LOCATIONS: Dwire Field at Atrium Stadium
Mason Middle School
6370 Mason Montgomery Rd
Mason, OH 45040

BAND DIRECTORS:

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PROGRAM:

The Mid-States Band Association is comprised of High School Band Directors and Music Educators from Ohio and surrounding states. Bands will perform in the following class order: A, AA, AAA, AAAA, Open, Festival. Trophies presented will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th for each class, Reserve Grand Champion and Grand Champion. Special awards for Best Auxiliary Overall, Best Percussion Overall, Best Music Overall, Best General Effect Overall, and Best Visual Effect Overall will also be presented.

PARTICIPANTS:

A total of 34 bands representing all 5 classes and over 3000 performers will compete for top honors. Schools committed as of this date to participate are:

Indian Hill, Madison, Bethel-Tate, Lawrenceburg, Southwestern, Roger Bacon, West Carrollton, Conner, Vandalia-Butler, Western Brown, Mount Healthy, Goshen, Athens, Milton Union, Columbus East, Simon Kenton, Walnut Hills, Bellbrook, Waynesville, Piqua, Carlisle, Glen Este, Bishop Watterson, Ryle, Loveland, Northmont, Lebanon, Twin Valley South, Silver Creek, Firestone, Hamilton Southeastern, Carmel, Centerville, William Mason.

MSBA JUDGES:

Music Performance – Pat Flynn
Visual Performance – Tony Ballin
Music General Effect – Chuck Smith
Music General Effect – Tom Dean
Visual General Effect – Mark Culp
Color Guard – Kerri Baker
Percussion – Kris Logue

TICKETS:

All admission tickets are for general seating and will be sold at the gate at each site. Ticket prices are as follows: Adults \$8.00 Students \$5.00. There will be \$10 package price for an adult ticket and event program.

HOSTED BY: The Mason High School Band Boosters

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AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDINGS:

Cameras & recording equipment are permissible but please be respectful of those around you by not blocking their viewing. A complimentary video of your performance will be provided to each band immediately following.

AWARDS:

The awards presentation will be held at the conclusion of the competition. Field Commanders should meet at the exit gate (gate where all bands exit the field post performance) during the exhibition performance by Mason High School. No full band retreats are planned.

Note: Please be reminded that the classification for competition is based on the musicians (playing members) in each band. This rule is in place so that bands may compete against comparable sized bands.

CHECK IN:

Upon arrival, your organization will be met and assisted by “Band Hosts” who will be your liaison for the day and, hopefully, be able to answer any questions you might have. Please do not unload your bus until your band hosts have shown up and all students have had their hands stamped by our student helpers.

COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION:

In the Director packet, you will receive (5) passes for actual staff members, pit crew passes calculated at 6 for Class A, 8 for Class AA and AAA, 10 for Class AAAA and Open (based on the entry form information you submitted). All chaperones riding the bus will have free admission by having their hand stamped and one free admission ticket for each bus driver and equipment vehicle driver listed on your application. Please call if you need more band staff or pit crew passes so we can accommodate your needs. There will be an available hospitality room for all bus/vehicle equipment drivers.

CONCESSIONS:

Concessions stands will be operating throughout the competition offering a variety of food and beverage items. The concessions stands will open at 11:30am. You are asked to pick-up and dispose of all trash properly. Trash receptacles will be by the concession stand and along the school side of the truck parking lot. Additionally, please be reminded that NO charcoal grills or open flamed fires are permitted on the campus of Mason Middle School or Mason High School.

CONTEST PROCEDURES:

The contest will be run in accordance with MSBA rules and regulations. You may reference these rules on the MSBA website: www.midstatesba.org. On the campus of Mason Middle/High School, all the rules and regulations of Mason City Schools will be enforced including those with regards to parking in non-designated areas and that the campus of Mason Middle/High School is designated a non-smoking area. Please comply with these policies.

DIRECTIONS: - see directional map at the end

I-71 traveling south - take exit 25. Turn left at the light (towards Kings Island). Turn right on Columbia Road by the McDonalds. Go past Kings Island. Turn right at the light on Western Row Road (note: part way up Western Row there is a left turn to stay on Western Row, a right turn onto Stitt Road and if you stay straight it becomes Tylersville - you will stay straight). * *Western Row will become Tylersville which will go directly to Mason Middle School with the equipment truck parking lot on your right behind the school. Band staff traveling in their own vehicles can park directly across from the buses in their designated lot. Spectators will proceed to the light at the front of the school, turn right on Mason Montgomery Road, turn right at the next light just past the baseball fields at the middle school and park in the high school parking lots. Directional signs will be posted and parking lot attendants will assist you.

I-71 traveling north - take exit 24 (Western Row Rd). Turn left at the light onto Western Row. (note: part way up Western Row there is a left turn to stay on Western Row, a right turn onto Stitt Road and if you stay straight it becomes Tylersville - you will stay straight). See remaining directions above from the * *.

I-75 traveling north - take exit 22 - Tylersville Road and turn right. Stay on Tylersville Road for a couple of miles until you see Mason Middle School on your left. The equipment truck parking lot is on Tylersville Road directly behind the middle school. Directional signs will be posted and parking lot attendants will assist you. Spectators will turn left at the light on Mason Montgomery Road, in front of MMS, turn right at the light just past the baseball fields at the middle school and park in the high school parking lots.

I-75 traveling south - take exit 22 - Tylersville Road and turn left. Follow directions above.

ELECTRIC:

There will be electric provided on the field.

EMERGENCY INSTRUMENT REPAIR/LOAN:

Moeller Music will be on site through the competition to provide limited emergency instrument repair and some loaner instruments. They will be set up in the tunnel under the main spectator side stadium.

ENTRANCE & EXIT FROM THE FIELD: - see map

The front side line and any props will enter the stadium from the truck parking lot in through the main gates and stage on the south end of the track. The rest of the band will come in through the entrance by the visitor's concession. Due to a 71" gate we are requesting all bands to follow this alternate route so as to prevent any problems in getting through the gate. Water tables will be at both entrances. A starter will meet you and escort you to your starting position. You should not enter the field of competition until instructed to do so by the timing judge on the field. All bands will exit through the main gate by the home concession stand. One band host will assist you to exit the stadium and return to your buses while the other band host waits for your packet from the judges.

HAND STAMPING:

Before band members disembark from the bus they must have their hand stamped to allow entrance into the stadium if they are out of uniform. Chaperones are considered those adult helpers who ride the bus. Chaperones will have their hand stamped also for free admission.

HOSPITALITY ROOM:

A hospitality room with hot and cold food and drinks will be open from 11:00 AM until 8:30 PM. Coffee and dessert will be available until 10:00 PM. The hospitality room is located in the Arena lobby just off the truck parking lot and will be restricted to band staff with the appropriate identification provided in the director's packet, to the judges, and the event sponsor.

The bus/truck drivers have access to a separate hospitality room with food and drinks, as well as reading materials and cards. It is located down the side of the school, under the scoreboard along the fence, on your left. Look for the sign on the door.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN:

In the case of inclement weather, the contest will become a standstill show for each band. Following the same time schedules, each band will perform on the track in front of the spectator's seating area or possibly in the main arena at the middle school at their designated performance times.

JUDGES CRITIQUE:

There will be a post competition Judges Critique, by request only, held in the band room. This is located down the side of the school under the scoreboard, along the fence, to the last set of double glass doors on your left, just before the ramp. Band staff will be allowed 5 minutes with judges for: music, visual, general effect, percussion and auxiliary. This will be timed and slots designated in performance order. If band staff misses their appointed time they will have to wait until the end. Judges critique will begin 15 minutes after the awards presentation. If you would like to participate in critique please RSVP by Friday, October 23.

MEDICAL STAFF:

There will be medical personnel on site throughout the entire competition. Please look for the red cross symbol near the main gate or report to the main concession stand if you are in need of medical assistance and they will direct you to the medical booth location.

PARKING:

Spectator parking: Is plentiful but will be restricted to the Mason High School and Mason Intermediate Campus lots. All general admission parking is free.

Band staff parking: For band staff who do not ride the bus, parking has been set aside directly across the street from the truck parking lot at Heritage Presbyterian Church.

Equipment vehicles parking: Based on the number of vehicles submitted on your application they will park in the east lot directly behind Mason Middle School as indicated on the map. For a smooth flow of traffic, there is a specific entrance and exit with the exit being at the traffic light on Tylersville Road. Boosters will be available to help direct bands to the appropriate parking lots. Every effort will be made to provide parking space for buses next to their equipment vehicles although this is not a guarantee. We also request that bands not arrive more than two hours prior to performance time in order to eliminate any parking conflicts with other events that are using the parking facility earlier in the afternoon.

Handicap Parking: The handicap parking is in the truck parking lot in a reserved area right next to the stadium. There is wheelchair access to the stands from behind the stadium that avoids all stairs. There is a special wheelchair designated area.

Bus & Truck Security: Please assign a bus driver or other responsible adult to watch over your buses and equipment during your stay. We are unable to provide security for each participating school.

PROPS:

Props must enter the stadium through the entrance designated on the map. They will not be allowed to enter with the band due to a restrictive 71" wide gate. Props and front side line will enter through the same gate.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Micah Ewing 513-398-5025 ext 30273 or ewingm@mason.k12.oh.us. For day of competition needs call Micah at 513-289-9137.

RESTROOM FACILITIES:

There are restroom facilities that may be accessed from outside the school located just around the corner to the left of the large scoreboard mounted on the school. In addition, there are restrooms available at the front of the school near the warm-up areas if you enter at the Theatre Entrance of the school. Dressing rooms are not available. Restrooms are provided in the hospitality area for band staff and judges only.

SCHEDULE:

We would greatly appreciate your help in keeping to the schedule. Please make note of your warm-up times and arrive in sufficient time to be ready to go on time.

SEATING:

General admission seating is on the home side. Movement into the stadium will be restricted once a band takes the field. There is a special wheelchair designated area (see parking for handicap parking). The visitor's side of the stadium will be reserved for participating bands to watch the competition.

Note: All band members must be chaperoned at all times regardless if they are in uniform or not. It is the responsibility of each participating band director to ensure that their students conduct themselves in a positive and mature manner at all times during the competition.

SPECTATOR ENTRY:

The main spectator entrance is directly across from the parking lots at Mason High School. The ticket booth will be open at @ 12:00 pm. There is an additional ticket booth off the truck parking lot for those using the handicap parking in this lot.

TAPES & SHEETS:

Audio tapes and complimentary video tape will be brought to the band director as soon as they are available from the press box - usually within 15 minutes. Your band host will deliver your packet. Judges score sheets, tabulation and recap sheet will be available at the award's table after the Award's Presentation.

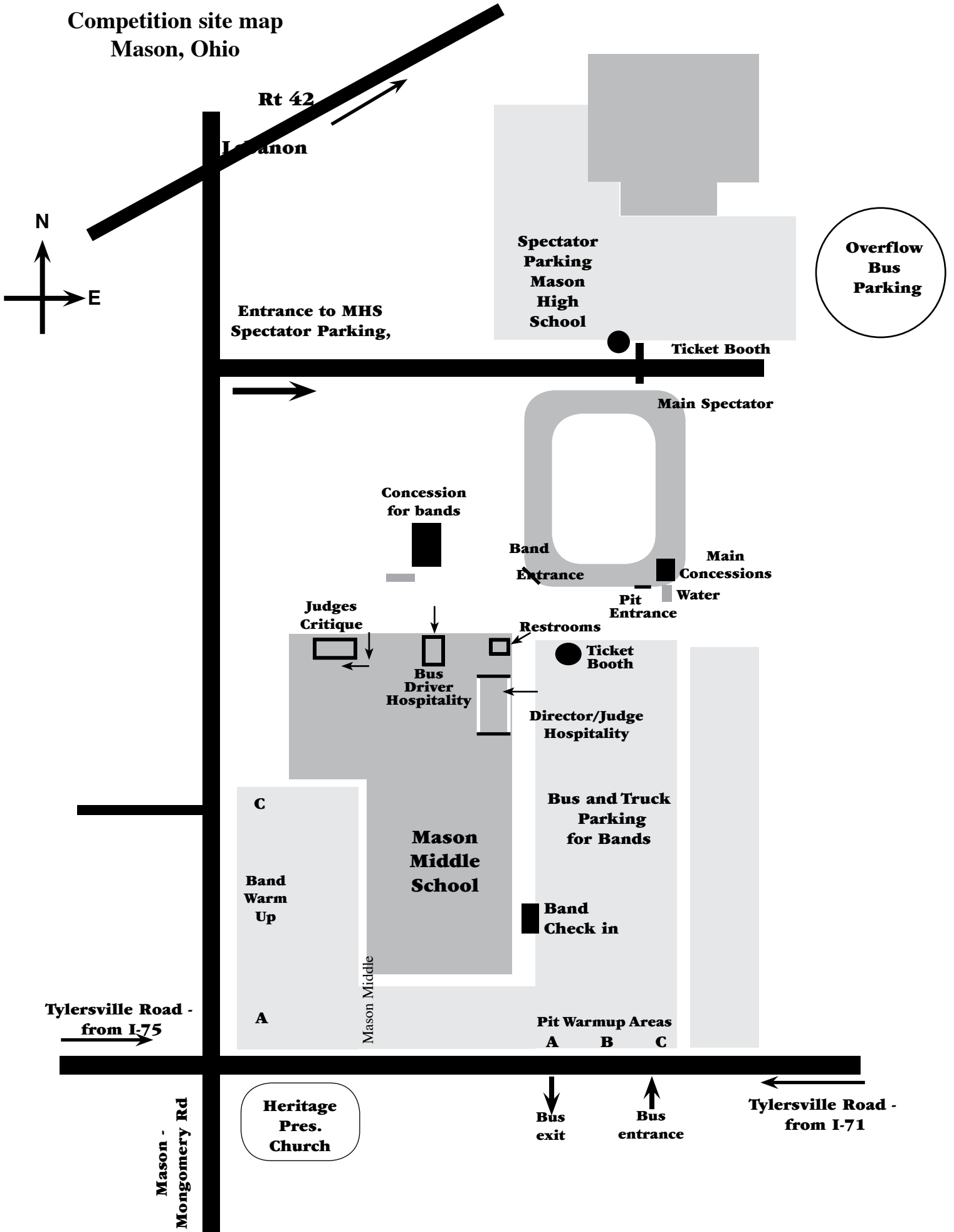
WARM-UP AREAS:

Warm-up areas for front side line are separate from the rest of the band. Everyone else warms up in A,B,C areas located at the front of the school. Front side line Warm-ups A,B,C are located on the south side of the school along Tylersville Road. Each band will be allotted forty-five (45 minutes) in the warm-up area. Please make sure your band is completely out of the area by the time your 45 minutes is over so that the next band will be able to enter the warm-up area on time. Your band host will lead you to your assigned warm-up area and help you move from the warm-up area to the field entrance. You will be given you a 5 minute warning and a 1 minute warning before your time in the warm up area is over. As you prepare for warm-up please keep in mind that other bands will need to transit around your band during your warm-up. The supervisors in this area will assist you with leaving a path so that other bands may transit around you without interrupting your warm-up. Your cooperation with this process is greatly appreciated.

WATER:

An outdoor water spigot is available to fill up water jugs for your band. It is located along the track side of the school by the large scoreboard.

**Competition site map
Mason, Ohio**



Rt 42

Lebanon



**Spectator
Parking
Mason
High
School**



**Entrance to MHS
Spectator Parking,**

Ticket Booth

Main Spectator

**Concession
for bands**

**Band
Entrance**

**Main
Concessions**

**Pit
Entrance**

**Judges
Critique**

**Bus
Driver
Hospitality**

Restrooms

**Ticket
Booth**

**Director/Judge
Hospitality**

C

**Band
Warm
Up**

**Mason
Middle
School**

**Bus and Truck
Parking
for Bands**

**Band
Check in**

**Tylersville Road -
from I-75**

A

Mason Middle

**Pit Warmup Areas
A B C**

**Mason -
Montgomery Rd**



**Bus
exit**

**Bus
entrance**

**Tylersville Road -
from I-71**

Directional Map Mason, Ohio

