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band program

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Red Oak @ Desoto Marching Classic ~ Saturday, October 9, 2010

Schedule

(**Everyone eat a good, healthy breakfast before coming to the band hall)

- 8:30 a.m. Equipment Crew / Pit – meet and begin setting up for morning rehearsal at grass field
8:45 a.m. Report time for everyone else ~ get instruments out, double check reed condition/valves oiled/etc.
* wear show shirts, black marching shoes/socks, AND black gloves to rehearsal
9:00 a.m. Begin stretches and rehearsal
10:15 a.m. To band hall – get into uniform (with hats/gloves). TAKE garment bag with you to contest.
10:40 a.m. Inspection/announcements/traditions
11:00 a.m. Load the buses – snack provided by the boosters on the way.
11:15 a.m. Depart for Desoto
11:45 a.m. Arrive/unload (about 12:15 – head to warm up)
12:30 p.m. Official warm-up time
1:20 p.m. PRELIMS PERFORMANCE!! (full group picture immediately following)
@ 2:15 p.m. Guard and Drumline indoor competitions (we don't have those exact times yet, but this should be correct)
2:30 p.m. Free time for concessions, souvenirs (if available), and watching other bands – jackets off and in garment bags
5:00 p.m. All of Red Oak needs to be together for an exhibition performance by Texas A&M – Commerce marching band
5:15 p.m. Prelims awards announcements! (*in the unfortunate event that were to not make finals, we would load up and head home to Red Oak – back by about 6:15 p.m.*)

** If we make finals, our warm-up time could be anywhere from almost immediately (5:40 pm) to later, depending on our scores. We will simply hear our times, and adjust accordingly.

- 6:30 p.m. Finals begin with Class A and AA winners in exhibition (if they are not in the top 10 already)
(*after we perform in finals, there will again be some free time for concessions/dinner, watching bands, etc.*)
9:35 p.m. Exhibition performances by Blinn College and Desoto HS marching bands (all of Red Oak seated together)
10:05 p.m. Finals awards ceremony
11:00 p.m. Approximate return time back to Red Oak band hall

Contest Notes

- Be VERY careful with your uniform and concessions! Make wise choices and be careful! Lots of choices
- Location address for GPS: 600 Eagle Drive, Desoto (visitor parking lot entrance is from Westmoreland)
- Spectator entry fee is \$5.00 for 13 and over, and \$2.00 for 12 and under (band students/chaperones admitted free).
Please come and support the band! Be loud! Bring a crowd!
- Hydration/safety: it's going to be a warm afternoon. Drink plenty of water when you first get up, and throughout the morning. You can bring your water jug to practice. There will also be water at the warm-up area, and after you leave the field. Bring some sunscreen also – we'll be out in the middle of the day for much of the afternoon, and a sunburn would make a finals performance very uncomfortable!
- DVD's will be on sale at the contest site. I don't have any advance information on costs, pay-up-front or later, etc.
- Photography: a panoramic picture of the marching band will be taken as soon as we leave the performance field. You will be able to order these right after the picture (pay later if I remember correctly)
- The indoor guard contest will be held in the Freshman Campus gym. The indoor drumline contest will be held in the auditorium. See the campus/contest map to locate these areas (posted on the "documents" page of the Red Oak band website). I'm sure spectators will be welcome, but note that both groups perform (usually) at the same time. You won't be able to see both.
- Any electronics you take (not advised) are at your own risk. Do NOT be listening to MP3 players, however, up in the stands.
- B squad students who are not marching are (of course) more than welcome to go with the band and be part of the team. We could use your help some with the pit and drum major ladders. You will also be part of the post-performance picture. (wear your uniform – no gloves. We'll decide later if you also should take your hats).
- As always: *Discipline Excellence Character Unity Service*
The Mighty Hawk band should be the "class" of the contest....both on the field and off. Do nothing that would bring dishonor to your school or to your band. Look better...march better....ACT better than everyone else there.