**Saturday, October 12, 2019**

***Event Details***

Welcome to the ***42ND Annual Greater Atlanta Marching Band Festival***! We trust that your stay here will be enjoyable. Please read the information below to assist you with preparation for the contest.

***Check-In Process:***

The registration table is located at the end of the bus lane route and will be clearly marked. Please submit your Announcement Sheet and Absence Form at registration if you did not send it via E-mail prior to the event. **Please provide phonetic spellings for names that you think may be challenging to pronounce**. You will receive a map of the school, event schedule, and all wristbands for your group.

***Director/Staff Passes:***

Band directors will receive a name badge. Staff members will receive wristbands. We will provide wristbands for the number of staff members you indicated on the information sheet. These will be available at registration. If you need additional staff wristbands, please contact Jacques Jones directly via E-mail.

***Student Passes:***

All band members will receive a wristband upon arrival at the festival. Please keep your students on the buses when you arrive so we can make sure they receive their wristbands.

***Bus Drivers, Chaperones & Equipment Crew Passes:***

All bus drivers will receive a wristband. This pass allows admission into the festival and the hospitality room. Chaperones are admitted free at the ratio of **one (1) chaperone per ten (10) students**. Additional wristbands will be available for purchase at registration. All equipment crew members must have a wristband to enter the field. Any field and equipment crew members above the number specified on the registration form will be charged half the price of admission.

***Hospitality Room:***

We take great pride in providing an atmosphere in which directors, staff members, and bus drivers can relax and enjoy some great refreshments throughout the day. The hospitality room is located in the Chorus Room.

***Arrival:***

We recommend arriving no later than one hour prior to your warm-up time. This will allow adequate time to check-in, park, and to take care of any other logistical items.

***Admission & Program Pricing:***

Adults and Youth - $10

Students 5 – 12 years old - $5

Children 4 years old and under – Free

Event Programs - $3 each

***Dressing Rooms and Rest Rooms:***

Dressing rooms and restrooms are available in the main building for use upon arrival. Our greeters and band guides will direct you to these areas.

***Warm-up:***

Each band has a designated warm-up time and area. Please reference the site map for more details. Bands may NOT warm-up in the equipment parking area. If you wish to have your front ensembles warm-up with the band, please inform our equipment crew and student guides.

***Entrance and Exit of the Bands:***

Bands will enter from the corner of Side 2 on the home side of the stadium. Horn line and battery percussion will exit the field towards the back corner on Side 2. Front ensemble members and all props will exit from the corner of Side 2 of the marching field.

***Map of RCHS:***

Enclosed in the directors' packets are maps of the RCHS campus. The campus map shows the entrance for buses, equipment trailers, and spectator parking. Please be sure to share this information with your bus drivers and equipment truck drivers.

***Concessions:***

The Rockdale County High School Band Boosters will have a variety of foods available for purchase during the Festival. Bands are encouraged to pre-orders meals. Please let your students and parents know that we will be accepting credit/debit cards as well as cash for purchases. Please note that coolers and personal food items are **NOT** allowed in the stadium.

***Recap Sheets:***

Packets containing judges’ comments and recap sheets will be available immediately after the awards ceremony.

***Performance DVDs:***

Directors will receive a complimentary copy of their performance (High Definition Video) on a USB flash drive. Directors may also purchase an additional copy of their performance on a USB flash drive for $25.00. Blue-ray recordings of the entire contest may be purchased for $75.00. (Please allow 2 weeks for delivery). USB Flash Drive recordings of the entire show are available for $100.00.

**Thank you for your attendance at the Greater Atlanta Marching Festival!**

**We are honored to serve you today and hope that you will have a fantastic experience!**