



SCBDA State Marching Contest
Saturday, October 27, 2018
Harry Parone Stadium

Spring Valley High School, Columbia, South Carolina

Director Information

Enclosed in this packet, you will find information covering the activities, procedures and services available to our guest bands attending this year's **2A/4A State Marching Band Championships**. Maps indicating the recommended routes to get to Spring Valley High, as well as an overview of the campus are enclosed.

Please insure that your band meets the scheduled times. All personnel and equipment must be clear of the field fifteen (15) minutes from the assigned performance starting time. The SCBDA will have a timing and penalties judge for this event. The flow of the band and pit is shown on the enclosed maps.

Please arrive at the bus lot directly off of Sparkleberry Lane in front of Spring Valley High School for band check-in as soon as you arrive (At the Traffic Light). This is where you will pick up your director's packet, wristbands and parking passes.

Water Stations will be available for your band before and after warm-up, and after your performances. **Restrooms and Changing areas** (two female, two male) are located inside the Fine Arts Building adjacent to the bus parking lot. (see map).

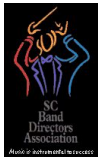
Note carefully the following key elements in competition procedures:

Arrival

Upon arrival at Spring Valley High School, you will turn at the traffic light off of Sparkleberry Lane into the entrance of Spring Valley High School lot marked *Bus & Equipment Parking*. You will be parked by order of arrival (***Due to space limitations, only band buses and accompanying equipment trucks and trailers will be allowed into the bus parking lot.***)

Spectator vehicles or staff vehicles may not follow the buses into the parking lot. Cars and other personal vehicles should park in designated spectator lots. I suggest that staff ride buses to this event. Free parking, first come-first serve, is available on campus. See enclosed maps.

When you arrive, our Band Coordinator will be at the Welcome Tent to greet you. You will receive a director packet, 6 staff badges and 15 chaperone/pit crew wristbands at this location (these numbers are set by SCBDA). In addition, each bus driver will receive an armband. Our volunteers will stamp band members' hands only (not adult chaperones or volunteers). Bands over 100 members will be given an additional chaperone pass per every 8 students over 100. Additional wristbands may be purchased at Band Welcome Tent for \$10 each.



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Guides

A Spring Valley Band Guide will be assigned to your band. They will accompany you to your warm-up area and be available to answer any logistical questions that you may have. Your guide will know the assigned warm-up and gate times for your band, but the director is responsible for following the printed schedule. If there are any special situations that occur during the day, your guide will contact appropriate personnel for assistance.

Bus Parking Lot

You will be assigned a specific parking area for your buses and equipment vehicles. Please be advised that open space in the bus lot, as well as the campus in general, will be extremely limited. Trash containers will be accessible in the parking lots.

Please note: For the safety of participating students and their equipment, the Bus Parking Lot has been designated a "Secured Area" with entry restricted to band buses and supporting equipment trucks/trailers. All parents, staff, (and other) vehicles will need to park in the public parking areas. See map for locations.

Handicapped & Spectator Parking

Handicapped parking will be available directly in front of Spring Valley High School. All Spring Valley parking lots are free and are marked on the enclosed campus map. They are located in front of the stadium. *We discourage parking in nearby neighborhoods and in tow-away zones.*

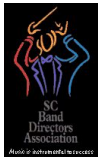
Equipment – Pit, Props, and Trucks

Equipment trucks/trailers may follow your buses into the bus parking lot. Vehicles carrying props, pit instruments and other large equipment should park so they may be moved to the rear gate staging area for unloading if desired.

Please allow yourself enough time (at least 10 minutes) to have the pit move from the bus parking lot to the stadium via the designated route. All pits and bands will return via the same route. See the enclosed maps.

Props

If you need to move your prop vehicle over to the back area of the high school, please notify the parking director. Depending on the complexity of your props and equipment, please allow plenty of time to get to the stadium for set-up.



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Field Guidelines

Harry Parone Stadium is equipped with a grass surface surrounded by a track. Golf carts and small 4-wheel type vehicles will not be allowed on the field or track surface to transport equipment. Vehicles should only drive along the field sideline. Props and percussion equipment that will be pushed on the field, are required to have air filled turf tires, which will not sink in or leave “ruts” on the turf.

All staff, cart drivers and non-performing personnel including field support and pit crew must be wearing a staff name tag, wrist band or have a ticket to enter the stadium. Only staff with name tags and pit crew with wristbands will be allowed into the field, as per SCBDA rules.

Warm-Up Areas, Gate & Performance Times

We have four outside warm-up areas, one of which will be assigned to your band based on their scheduled warm-up and performance times. These are located adjacent to Spring Valley High School. See attached maps. Your guide will show you to the appropriate area and lead you from this area to the stadium. Please be considerate of others when sending your drumline and/or pit off for a separate warm-up. Bands are not allowed to warm up at their buses, as per the SCBDA Marching Committee.

Please warm up facing away from the stadium/school. The center field, between the designated warm up areas, is off limits to traffic or warm up of any kind.

All bands are scheduled to perform in ***fifteen (15) minutes intervals***. This means that each band has that allotted time to set-up, perform and exit the field. Bands must report to the gate and begin their performances according to the posted schedule.

Director & Staff Hospitality

Please feel free to visit our Director & Band Staff Hospitality area where we will have complimentary drinks and food. It is located inside the Spring Valley Commons (Cafeteria) located next to the stadium. This area is for band directors and band staff only, and will be marked accordingly.

Concessions

A full line of concession food items will be available. See the attached menu. We will have a full concession menu at the visitor side, and another full concession facility and food vendors will be located on the home side as well.

Tickets

General admission tickets will be on sale at a cost of \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for high school students and younger. ***There will be 15 chaperone and pit crew wristbands provided in the director's packet at the welcome tent.*** Bands over 100 members will be given an additional chaperone pass per every 8 students over 100. Additional wristbands can be purchased at band check-in.



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Seating of Bands

Bands should all sit in the Visitor Stands. Please be aware and sensitive to bands entering and exiting the competition field as you travel to and from the visitor stands.

Souvenir Programs

Souvenir programs for the event will be available and in the stadium area at a cost of \$5.00 each. One complimentary copy will be provided in each director's packet.

Videos & Cameras

Video recording of preliminary and finals performances is strictly prohibited. Videos are available and for sale in the stadium concourse area. Still camera photos will be allowed and can be taken from the spectator area of the stands. Please do not take still photos from the field.

Each band director will receive a complimentary DVD of their band's performance(s).

Pressbox

The pressbox is strictly off limits to directors, staff, students and parents. Only authorized personnel with appropriate credentials will be allowed to enter.

Awards Retreat Info

A full band retreat ceremony is planned following the finals performances. See the attached information for all information related to the finals retreat ceremony.