

Spring Valley Viking Band- Contest Itinerary

Western Carolina University Tournament of Champions- October 20th- 21st, 2017

Friday, October 20

4:00 PM- Call time- Load equipment, luggage, and instruments.

4:30 PM- Quiet Time

5:00 PM- Depart Spring Valley for Fairfield Inn at Cherokee NC. **Bring money for a meal to eat at our Dinner Stop, and for lunch and dinner at WCU on Saturday.**

We will not take time to eat at school prior to leaving.

Saturday, October 21

6:00 AM- Call Time for Breakfast / dressed in bibbers. Check out of rooms.

7:15 AM- Load Buses. - **Dress into bibbers.** Show Shirt, Bibbers, Black Socks, Marching Shoes. Have gloves and Shako with you for inspection.

8:00 AM- Arrive at Western Carolina University. Check in, Unload equipment, Rest Rooms, Uniform Inspection in arcs. (Read the handbook for proper uniform expectations) (Cell phones, ear buds, or any hand held devices are to be left on the bus.)

9:00 AM- Move to the Warm-Up Area "D" in two's.

9:15 AM- Warm-up in Assigned Area "D".

10:00 AM- Move to the performance gate.

10:15 AM- Preliminary Performance.

10:30 AM- Return to the buses and re-stage equipment near the truck. (All students hang up jackets, and store shako and gloves. Stay in show shirt and bibbers. Bring a jacket, preferably with school colors, to wear in the stands.) We will **quietly** and **respectfully** support the other bands as they perform.

Students will have the option of paying to eat a good lunch meal in the WCU Cafeteria, enjoy other campus food offerings, or stay with a chaperoned group and eat food from concessions. All students will return to the stands and sit together. You may go in chaperoned groups to dining locations and pay by cash, debt or credit card. This can also be done in the Courtyard Dining Hall. Dining options other than CYDH, also include Which Wich, Panda Express, Burger Studio, Moe's Southwest (located on the 1st floor of CYDH), Steak and Shake (located at Brown Hall), Chili's (located at Norton Hall)...plus there are a few other dining options at Norton that are not affiliated with Aramark Food Service.

4:00 PM- Western Carolina University Exhibition Performs.

4:20 PM- Awards Ceremony.

5:00 PM Finalists Meeting.

5:30 PM- **At this point, we hope to be selected to perform at finals and follow the remainder of the schedule.**

(If we are not selected to perform during finals, we will load buses/equipment and depart for Spring Valley. We will stop for a fast food dinner on the way home.) We should arrive back at school by 10:30 PM.

Finals Performances for the highest scoring 12 Bands out of 27 in Prelims.

6:45 PM- First Band Performs for Finals.

10:00 PM- Western Carolina University Exhibition Performance.

10:20 PM- Awards Ceremony (Student leaders in full uniform with plumes, minus gloves will take the field. All others will sit **quietly** in the stands by section, showing appropriate respect for each band's performance results.)

11:20 PM- Load buses and depart for Spring Valley. (Students may now use cell phones/hand held devices).

3:30 AM- Approximate arrival at Spring Valley****

Unload and properly store equipment (EVERYONE HELPS!!)

Hang bibbers on hooks, and hang the uniform jackets correctly on hangers in the correct order on the racks. (Garment Bags should not be zipped around the uniform until after they air dry.)

Clean the Band Room. (Take home all personal belongings, throw out any trash)

Get some well-deserved rest and family time.

Students may not leave until all equipment has been put away, and the group has been dismissed!

*** Parents, please be at school waiting for us to arrive at 3:30 AM. Arrival time is approximate, based on ceremony length and traffic conditions. We may be home earlier than expected. **Please do not wait for your child to call you from school before you come to the school. Students may call from cell phones as we get off of the interstate. This will help us all leave as soon as students are dismissed.**

Directions to WCU- Cullowhee, NC 28723:

Since most people use GPS devices, I will not supply directions to the E.J. Whitmire Stadium (State Road 1330). It is a 213 mile trip, estimated at 3h, 20 min.

CARS: Signs will be posted around the stadium to direct spectator parking.

Admission tickets are available for \$15.00 at the gate.