

**Raytown Marching Festival**  
**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Information**

**Parking**

Bus parking will be at Raytown Central Middle School (10601 E 59th Street) (Located off Blue Ridge Blvd) and at the adjacent transportation lot. Turn EAST onto 59th Street and watch for the parking host to direct the buses & equipment trucks to our designated parking areas. Equipment can be dropped off at the stadium (behind the high school) and enter the field through the south gate. Please have any guest attending the festival park in the north high school parking lot.

**School Hosts**

You will have a personal host for your school from the time you unload until your clinic after the field show. Your host will be available to you to assist you in locating where your band needs to be at any given time. They will help you with any questions you might have about the day's events.

**Concession Information**

Food will be available for your band to purchase, at the concessions. These are normal concession stand prices. This will be available throughout the day. If you prefer to buy a lunch for your entire band and pay with one check we can arrange this, please let me know soon.

**Admission to the Field Show**

Admission is \$5 for anyone over the age of 5. Equipment helpers will have their hands stamped at the equipment gate for the field show for easy entrance & readmission at all gates. All other parents will need to enter at the main gate. If you plan to have your band completely out of uniform (street cloths), they will need to have their hands stamped for readmission to the stadium. As long as they have like shirts on, they will be admitted to the stadium.

**Indoor Drum Line**

Color Guards and Drum Lines will both warm-up in the small gym (next door to the large performance gym). Both groups will perform in our main gym. All color guards need to have the routine music on CD if possible. NOTE: Indoor Drum Lines will only be judged on what you have prepared (you will not be forced to do an indoor moving drill).

**Warm-Up Fields**

All bands will warm-up at the lower practice field (east of the stadium). This field is Raytown Central Middle School's field and is in good shape and will be lined with a viewing tower for the directors. (Please do not allow students on this tower). Although this field is further away from the stadium, we still ask that bands face away

from the stadium during warm-up. Your warm-up time is exactly 40 minutes prior to your performance time. You will leave the lower field and move to the stadium 10 minutes before your performance time.

### **Field Show Performance**

Our stadium features outstanding Field Turf. **NO vehicles** of any kind will be allowed on the field. We are extremely happy with the field, and I'm sure you will enjoy it. Pit equipment will enter and exit the field from the south gate. You may drive equipment trucks to this gate and on the track only.

### **Judging**

Bands will receive an individual score for each caption. These scores will be added together and then converted to a rating. You will receive a list of the scores for each band at the end of the festival, however these will not be announced at awards or posted online. They are strictly for your information as you prepare for rest of the season.

### **Field Show Clinic**

Immediately following each band's field show, the band will move to the air-conditioned large gym (the same location as the indoor events). You will have 20 minutes to work with your clinician. **We will provide cold water to each band as they enter gym after their performance.** Each band will receive a DVD of the performance.

### **Awards**

The Awards ceremony will begin immediately following the final band. We will be awarding rating plaques for all field performances and indoor events. Trophies will be awarded for the best sections in each class. One trophy will be awarded to the overall "Grand Champion." All directors and students representatives (drum majors, color guard captains, etc.) in uniform should be on the track at 5:55pm.

Our goal is to provide a unique marching festival that allows each band to have a positive and educational experience. Feel free to call me with any questions or concerns.

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