



Branson Marching Invitational 2021 - General Information

Check-In

When you arrive, parent volunteers at the entrance of the school will confirm your parking location with your lead driver. Parking attendants will meet you at your location to help you use your space effectively. Your guides will also meet you at your location.

- There will be no official check-in this year, your guides will have your packet.
- You may use your guides to take you on a tour to walk the route to the stadium, find common areas, access the hospitality areas, etc.
- Please be respectful of space in the lot. Parents are welcome to park with your band, however it is up to you and your staff to decide how to most effectively use your space

Common Areas

The main commons and 1st floor landing (near South Lot, 3 sets of double glass doors) will be open with restrooms and changing areas available.

- Note: please communicate to your students to stay within the approved areas.

Wristbands/Entry Fee

Wristbands will be provided for your directors and parent volunteers: this will be used to gain access to the stadium. You may have any number of parents/helpers on the field when you are performing. We will also be providing extra wristbands for you to distribute to your parent volunteers: please inform your guides if you need more than what are in your packet.

Entry fee is \$8 per adult and \$5 per student K-12.

- Central Ozark Conference schools: we will not be honoring the COC All-Sports Pass since this event is run by our Band Booster program.

Warm-Up

Your ensemble is welcome to conduct music warm-up in the lot. We ask that you face away from the stadium at all times, and if possible put a large vehicle in-between your ensemble and the stadium. If you are using a metronome or gock block, please be considerate of those around you; please face any speakers away from the stadium.

Field Entrance/Exit

A space for visual warm-up will be provided on one of our practice fields 45 minutes prior to your performance if desired. We ask that you do not produce sound on instruments or use a metronome or glock block during this time since the field is in close proximity to the stadium.

All bands will enter at the top of the hill, in-between the Concession Stand and the Softball Pavilion, south of the South lot. A traffic manager will meet you there to ensure any equipment returning up the hill is allowed to pass.

Band/guard will enter the Visual Warm-Up Area through a gate on the left, just past the softball pavilion. Pit/Props will need to continue down the hill to the gate: when they arrive, they will be led onto the track towards the stadium.

After the band/guard completes their warm-up (if desired), they will head to the gate to wait until the previous band is done performing. Bands will wait to enter the performing area until the previous band has left the field, then they may prepare for their performance.

Once performance is complete, the pit/props will **exit through the entrance gate** and return up the hill, and the band/guard will **exit to the back-right of the stadium**, near the scoreboard and walk up the visitor's side pathway behind the scoreboard.

Prop Staging Area

We will be providing two prop staging areas: one on our second practice field, and one in the gravel lot right before you enter the performance field. You are welcome to store props before and/or after your performance in these areas; please be courteous to bands that are moving to/from the field for performance and work with the Branson students/parents who will be on traffic duty by the stadium.

Water

We will provide two water areas: these will be run by our student volunteers. They will be filling up all water bottles: persons seeking their water bottles to be filled will need to hand the water bottle to our students for them to fill. Our students will be wearing gloves and hand sanitizer will be available on the tables.

Hospitality Areas

We will provide two areas for hospitality:

- Director's Hospitality: We will have a hospitality room for directors/staff only in the far-left press box at the top of the stadium. Light food and drink (coffee, water, soda, etc) will be provided, along with a prime viewing area of the field.
 - **We ask that only Directors/staff and their significant others use this room.**
- Bus Driver's Hospitality: Inside the Freshmen Commons, next to the South and Southeast lots. We will provide potluck-style food and drinks, along with a place to relax away from the invitational.

Concessions/Apparel

The Band Boosters will be providing concessions throughout the day: the concessions stand is located at the top of Pirate Stadium. We will also have an Apparel company on-site to purchase official BMI 2021 Shirts and various other gear!