

Eighth Annual Sierra Cup Classic

Contest Date: Saturday, October 22, 2005

Gates Open: 11:00 AM

Contest Start Time: 11:50 AM

Admission: \$10.00 General Admission; \$6.00 Senior Citizen/Children

ARRIVAL

When you arrive on the Fresno State campus, please proceed to the parking area your band has been assigned to. Use the parking passes enclosed. If you are in the RED LOT you will be on the corner of Barstow and Cedar Avenues. Enter through gate 6 from Cedar Avenue as indicated on the map enclosed. If you are in the WHITE LOT you will continue south on Cedar Avenue, go right on Bulldog Lane and then right on Millbrook. Enter through the first gate (about ½ way down Millbrook) as indicated on the map enclosed.

A Fresno State official will assist with the parking of your vehicles and will tell your people exactly where they are to park each vehicle. Please note that only busses and official vehicles will park in this lot **with the pass provided**. Band Director CARS (one per school) should park in the VIP Lot on the South side of the stadium with the proper enclosed VIP Parking Pass. There will not be guides assigned to your group. You are responsible to have your band at the gate in the stadium ten minutes before your scheduled performance time. See attached maps for directions to Fresno State and location of sites on campus.

HAND STAMPS

Band members will have their left hand stamped as soon as your busses arrive. Please be prepared to have our Fresno State officials actually board each of your busses before the students begin unloading. We will stamp each student so they may gain access to the stadium. We will have 8 people trying to do this while your busses are parking in order to save you time.

CHECK IN

Our check in location will be just inside the Red or White Lots, depending on the lot you are assigned to. Be sure to make this your first stop since it is here that we will have band director packets with press box passes, video passes (one per school) and any final details available. Your band will not be permitted to perform until check in has occurred.

STAFF/CHAPERONE PASSES

All staff and chaperones will use the official WBA passes distributed by WBA. Be sure your staff has their WBA passes or call a WBA Official to get your passes for this event if you do not yet have them.

PIT PASSES

WBA has indicated a specific number of Pit Passes that we are to distribute to each band when they arrive on site. The passes will be given to you, the director, upon check in. It will be your responsibility to distribute these to your Pit Crew so that they can get into the stadium with your pit. The Sierra Cup Classic Pit Pass is only good for admission into the stadium for your band's performance. These passes will not be transferable so please plan accordingly.

PERFORMER SEATING AREA

Each band will be given an assigned seating area when they are finished with their performance. All bands will sit in the "red seat" area on the west side of the stadium so that they can enjoy the rest of the show. Your band's seats will be clearly marked. Entrance into this seating area will be tightly controlled this year as well. Most

sections of the stadium will be off limits in order to make stadium cleanup a more efficient process. Band directors will receive their post-performance seating assignments upon check in.

WARM-UP AREA

Please see the map enclosed and use the warm-up area indicated on the schedule enclosed. Each group should have a generous amount of time as there are several areas being rotated.

PIT EQUIPMENT

All pit equipment will move in and out of the stadium from the South ramp. We have had problems in the past with some pit vehicles “escaping” down the ramp so we are requiring each group to connect to a security device at the top of the ramp. This is being done for safety reasons and we appreciate your cooperation. Our people will simply attach a hook to a solid location on your rig just in case the brakes do not do their job. Likewise, we will help the rigs up the hill. This system has worked well for us over the years. **Each pit will be lowered down the ramp two groups prior to its performance time so please have your pit at the top of the South ramp plenty early.** All pit crews please follow the directions given by our ramp chief. You will be headed down the front sideline, unload then to the North end till your band is done performing and back along the front sideline to the ramp. Please make any turns wide in order to avoid tearing up the turf and stay off the playing field. **Please give the enclosed pit crew map to your pit crew drivers.**

VIDEO TAPING

Your band will be provided with one Video Tape Pass that will give one person a special box from which to record. **They will NOT be permitted in the press box.** Your videographer will be permitted in this area just a few minutes before your scheduled performance time and they will be required to vacate that area immediately after your band is finished.

CD RECORDING

Your band will be recorded and your group will be given a complimentary compact disk of your school’s performance from that night. It will be in your packets with your score sheets and judges tapes at the end of the evening.

PARKING

Busses and Equipment Vehicles: All busses and equipment vehicles will park in the “Red Lot” or “White Lot”. Please see the map enclosed. Only vehicles with the proper vehicle pass will be allowed to park in these lots. No exceptions! It is your responsibility to be sure that your food vehicle has a pass. Please don’t ask for more. We are already concerned that there is enough space for all bands.

Band Director or V.I.P. Parking: We are providing some V.I.P. spaces in the “Blue Lot” just South of the stadium. Please see the map enclosed. Each band has been given one V.I.P. pass.

Spectator Parking: Fresno State Athletic Department will be selling other lots (“White Lot”) on campus at \$10.00 per vehicle. Please see the map enclosed. Free parking is available at your own risk in the surrounding areas.

NOT ALLOWED

Please advise your parents and supporters that Backpacks, Ice Chest and Strollers are not allowed in the Stadium. No bottles or glass containers, and water bottles not larger than 12 oz are allowed into Bulldog Stadium. Safety is a concern and these are standard regulations.

AWARDS

Awards will be as per the WBA Handbook:

A/AA/AAA Sweepstakes Awards (highest Class A,AA, or AAA Score – Winner is removed from its class)
AAAA/AAAAA Sweepstakes Awards (highest Class AAAA or AAAAA Score – Winner is removed from its class)

1st Place in Each Class

2nd Place in Each Class

3rd Place in Each Class

Best Music in Each Class: Music Perf (Ind) + Music Perf (Ens)

Best Marching/Movement in Each Class: Visual Perf (Ind) + Visual Perf (Ens)

Best Effect in Each Class: Music Effect + Visual Effect

Best Percussion in Each Class: Percussion

Best Auxiliary In Each Class: Auxiliary

WBA RULES AND REGULATIONS

If you are not familiar with the rules and regulations please refer to the official WBA web site at:
<http://www.westernband.org/>

JUDGES

Shirlee Whitcomb, WBA Judges Administrator, has assigned the following judges to our contest:

General Effect Visual: Shirlee Whitcomb (Chief Judge)

Ensemble Visual: Debbie Torchia

Field Visual: John Bradford

Auxiliary: Kathy Whitcomb

General Effect Music: Dan Smith

Ensemble Music: Craig Erker

Field Music: Mark Bacciarini

Percussion: Brett Capelutti

Tabulator: Dee Ariza

T & P: Archie Mendoza

DIRECTORS' LOUNGE

Our Athletic Director, Thomas Boeh, has offered the use of his skybox for an official band directors' lounge. Members of our booster group, the Fresno State Half Time Club, will have an impressive menu of food and drink for you and your spouse to enjoy. Due to size limitations, however, press box passes will be limited to two per school. If your spouse will not be with you, please feel free to share the extra press box pass with your assistant director. Press Box Passes will be available at the Director's Check In.

ONLINE INFORMATION AVAILABLE

In an effort to provide the best possible communication we are providing info and maps on line. Please go to our website www.csufresno.edu/marchingband and click on the Sierra Cup Classic link. Your band boosters and students are also invited to do this.