

February 14, 2010

Dear Director:

Thank you for participating in the 21st Annual Storm Percussion/Colorguard Invitational [SPI] on Saturday, March 6, 2010. Enclosed you will find the information you need to make this a successful day for you and your students. We are looking forward to a great show and appreciate your looking over this entire packet and all the important enclosures, **including a school map.**

DIRECTIONS: From the North – take I-5 South until you hit the I-205 exit. Take the I-205 exit and immediately take the first exit--134th St./Salmon Creek. Turn right on 134th and go west approximately two miles to Skyview High School.

From the South – Take either I-5 or I-205 north until you reach the 134th/Salmon Creek exit. Take the exit, turn left on 134th St., and go west approximately 2 miles to Skyview High School.

BUS/TRUCK PARKING: Turn right on 11th St. (just prior to the school) and park in the back parking lot. Buses will be instructed to unload and then park next door at Alki Middle School. The back parking lot will not be open until to 7:00a.m. **Do not set up before the lot opens. Please check with the parking coordinator if you wish to set up tents near your truck. Parking will be very tight.**

SPECTATOR PARKING: Enter the front parking lot at the stop light marked ‘Skyview High School’ and park anywhere in the front of the school. Please do not park in the back lot area; it is reserved for the equipment trucks and as a warm-up space.

CHECK-IN TABLE: The check-in table is located inside the front door of the school. There will be volunteers there to direct you to warm-up areas, storage areas, concessions, and to answer your questions.

STUDENT CHECK-IN: Upon arrival at Skyview please make sure all performing members in your unit get their hand stamped. **Staff members and adults should use the staff passes the circuit gave you earlier this season.** No additional free passes will be issued from Skyview.

HOST AREAS: Each school will be assigned a hallway area to use for storage of **small** props and personal items. Please keep an adult in your assigned area **at all times** to supervise students and personal items. **Do not leave valuables** and do not use your hall space as a warm-up areas.

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD IN THE HALLWAY AREAS. This is a Skyview High School rule. We ask that you respect this rule, so we can continue to use these spaces during future competitions.

SPECTATOR ENTRANCE: The spectator entrance will be the school’s front doors.

ADMISSION: Tickets will be \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students with ASB card and seniors [60+]. There is no charge for children five and under. All seating is general admission. All spectators will receive a wristband.

FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND THE SCHOOL: Spend some time early in the day learning what the flow pattern is for getting into the gym and getting out after your performance. There is one doorway from the Commons that will accommodate large percussion equipment. It is located to the right of the snack bar and leads to the back of the school. All other doorways will not fit your largest timpani or other large equipment. There is also an elevator for heavy equipment and floors.

PERFORMANCE ORDER/SCHEDULE is determined by the circuit. Please do not contact us to change your schedule. Contact Ron Comfort at roncomfort1@gmail.com with any questions.

PERFORMANCE FLOOR ENTRANCE: Everyone who enters the gym through the performer's entrance **must have a hand stamp or wristband. Any parent (or staff member) entering the floor area to help push or carry equipment must also have a wristband or a circuit pass.** Adults who do not receive one of your group's passes, should expect to purchase an admission ticket, just as our parents do when we travel to your show. This is a standard policy for all shows in our circuit. Please do not expect the volunteers at the doors to let you in without a hand stamp, wrist band or a circuit pass, **even if it is just prior to your performance!**

CHANGING AREAS: The main locker room areas (located behind the main gym) will be open for costume changes. Please help us by keeping these areas clean. Do not play instruments or use colorguard equipment in these areas!

PROP/FLOOR STORAGE: The wrestling gym (located near the back hallway behind the gym) is will be the floor re-folding area. Floor storage areas can be located on the main floor near the vendors' tables. Carts and floors must be parked neatly to allow all floors to fit in these small areas. **Volunteers will direct you to the appropriate floor storage areas. Follow their directions!** If at all possible, plan on using your equipment vehicle!

WARM-UP SPACE: If the weather permits, we would prefer all groups warm-up outside. In the event of rain, we will open up a part of the Commons Area for colorguard equipment warm-ups and a hallway area for body warm-up. **Please do not use the hallways for any equipment warm-up except where the warm-up schedule dictates.**

The drumline warm-up areas will be located in three of the downstairs wings. We will post a schedule with warm-up times. In the outdoor areas, please restrict your playing warm-up to the back area (near the bus/truck parking) or tennis court area. If there is no track meet, you may also use the track area. In the event of rain, we will provide large tents by the tennis courts for warm-up. Do not monopolize these areas as they are intended for all groups. The tents are not to be used to store equipment and props.

Please! Do not rehearse with percussion instruments in front of the school (south or west of tennis court area) **or beyond school boundaries on the east side of the building.** We have a very sensitive neighborhood and we like to respect their wishes when possible.

PERFORMANCE ENTRANCE: Performing groups will enter the gym from the inside of the building (east side of gym). You must enter at the bottom of the gym and walk around the back hallway to the opposite side of the gym. You may bring your equipment into the gym up to the center line and then wait for the timing judge to begin your time.

PERFORMANCE EXIT: Performing groups must exit to their right (as you face the audience). Once you clear the center line of the floor, timing will stop. All equipment and props will go out the side door to the gym on the West side. **Under no circumstance may equipment be left in the gym after your performance, or in the floor folding area.**

VIDEO TAPING: We will video each performing group and then give you the copy as a courtesy for attending our show. Groups will receive DVDs after finals with both performances.

Video taping of individual groups needs to be done only from the upper part of the bleachers so you do not block other paying spectators' views. **DO NOT VIDEO TAPE FROM THE SECOND FLOOR LEVEL!** Please be considerate of people behind you.

SOUND CHECKS: Colorguards may do a sound check only during the times allowed by the NWAPA. Please consult the rules on the website--www.nwapa.us. Our sound engineer will do a good job of controlling sound even if he does not have a level ahead of time.

FOOD CONCESSIONS: Our concessions stand will be open for breakfast! We will have fresh hot coffee, tea, and etc., cold drinks, and plenty of fresh, hot food all day! A menu is included. We hope you will support us by eating your meals here!

GROUP MEALS: Groups that bring in food are asked to serve and eat outside. Please pick up all garbage. If you need additional trash bags, ask a volunteer! **Please do not use the school hallways for eating.**

TOBACCO/ALCOHOL: Tobacco and alcohol are prohibited on any portion of the Skyview campus. Please abide by these school regulations.

AWARDS: We will have a separate awards program after the percussion finals and again after the colorguard finals. Please make sure that each group has representatives on the floor for awards. **This is not a full retreat and we will only need one or two representatives for each group.**

Thank you again for participating in the 21st Annual Skyview Percussion/Colorguard Invitational [SPI]. SPI is the oldest continual running show in the Northwest. We appreciate your continued support! Please do not hesitate to ask one of our volunteers for any help you might need.

Have a wonderful day!