

Vicksburg Bulldog Invitational 2018
Director Information

Included with this letter you should find a full schedule as well as a site map. Please notice where the bus parking will be at the culmination of your performance and awards.

Please note your warm-up time. You have been assigned a warm-up area as well. After your warm up you will be escorted by our student guides to the staging area. Please respect the other bands and do your best to stick to the given times. Your band will be given 5 minutes to move from warm up to staging. We will communicate any delays to our guides so you will know in warm-up if that is to occur. There will be restrooms reserved for students at the staging area.

When the band before clears the field, please feel welcome to set up props, flags, podiums, electric. We do have power at the front of the field if you choose to use it. You may play an on-field warm up at your discretion. If you have your own announcer, please have them report to the press box during your staging time. (If you will be using our "house" announcer, please bring a printed copy of your announcements with you. It is helpful for you to phonetically spell out drum major names and/or director names that may be difficult to pronounce.

At your performance time our announcer will share with the audience who is entering the field. When your band is set and ready we will ask your drum majors **"Is your band ready for competition?"** Please have your drum major salute and begin your show.

Seating is available on both sides of the stadium. There may be enough room for bands to view from the home side throughout parts of the day. Try to use the ends of the home side bleachers to allow other patrons the best viewing. Please remind your students to remain respectful during the other bands' performances. We will have volunteers to help control the flow of guests in and out of the stands at appropriate times.

We will have hand stamps for your staff, equipment help, students, and chaperones. Please let your parent chaperones know that if they do not have a stamp they will not be allowed into the stands unless they then purchase a ticket.

Gate admission is \$6.00 for everyone school age and older. Programs will be available for purchase.

Our concession stand will be open all afternoon/evening. If you plan to arrive early and have your band eat in our concessions, it may be advantageous to let us know so we can plan accordingly. If you have specific meal questions please direct those to 2018bulldogmbinvtational@gmail.com

Please make sure to make it up to the director's lounge area next to the press box to get your final envelopes. Included with these envelopes will be a DVD of your performance, all adjudication comments, and your director "goody" bag.

All envelopes not picked up at the time of awards presentations will be taken to the track to give to your drum majors to make sure they make it home. Your drum majors will be directed to the East end of our track, closest to our soccer field, for awards presentation prep. They will march out for the award presentation as a group. When presented with any award it is customary for drum majors to step forward and share their salute with the home drum majors and the audience.

We are excited you've decided to join us for our annual Vicksburg Bulldog Invitational. I hope to meet all of you I don't know and be able to catch as many of your performances as possible. Good luck and good skill in your preparation. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call, text, or email.

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