

Welcome to the 33rd Annual Greater Atlanta Marching Band Festival. We trust that your stay here will be enjoyable. Below is information that will assist you throughout this event and as you prepare for your day.

Director/Staff Passes: Each band will receive a name tag for each band director and tickets for all staff members. Staff tickets are based on the information you sent in your registration and will be available at the check-in table in your packet. If you need additional staff tickets, please contact Scott Stanton directly for approval.

Chaperone Passes: Each band receives a chaperone pass based on a one pass per ten students. In addition, field crew passes are given on a one pass per twenty students plus one pass per truck driver. Additional chaperone/field crew passes may be purchased at check-in for \$5.00 (gate is \$8.00). After check-in, chaperone passes will not be available at the discounted rate.

Bus Driver Passes: All bus drivers will receive a bus driver pass. This pass allows admission into the festival and the bus driver hospitality room. The bus driver hospitality room is located in the chorus room.

Student Passes: All band members will be stamped upon arrival at the festival. Please keep your students on the buses when you arrive so we can make sure their hands are stamped.

Arrival: In order to allow for time to park, check-in, and take care of other needs you may have, please plan on arriving at least one hour before your Warm-Up time.

Check-In Process: The check-in table is located at the front of the school across from the stadium and will be clearly marked. Please submit the following at check-in: GAMF Announcement sheet and the Critical Absences Sheet. Please be sure these forms are easy to read for our announcer. You will receive a map of the school, event schedule, and all passes/badges for your group. You will receive your performance bond and will need to sign that you have received this check.

Dressing Rooms and Rest Rooms: Dressing rooms and restrooms are available in the main building. The entrance is at the check-in table. Each dressing room hallway has two bathrooms available for your students to use during their time in the dressing area. While in the stadium, several bathrooms are available for all to use.

Warm-up: Each band has a designated warm-up time and warm-up space. Please look at the school map for your specific area. Bands, drum lines, front ensembles, and auxiliaries may NOT warm-up in the equipment parking area. Doing so interferes with the performances on field and will create problems for the judges. If you wish to have your front ensembles warm-up with the band, please let our equipment people know.

Map of RCHS and to RCHS: Enclosed in the director's packets are maps of the school and to RCHS. The school map shows the entrance for buses and equipment trailers. Please be sure to give a copy of these maps to your bus drivers and equipment truck drivers. Please note that the band entrance takes you by warm-up A. Please be respectful of bands warming up in that area. There is a staircase going down to the entrance of the field – please make your students aware of this as they are going to the field. The band exit goes up a ramp, but will take you up to the equipment area.

Awards: Student leaders/officers should be on the field to accept awards. Bands will be assigned areas on the field for the contest awards. Please inform your students of their assigned yard line and space (three steps left and right of the yard line). This information will be included in your packet upon arrival to RCHS.

Coolers: Please note that coolers are not allowed in the stadium.

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE GREATER ATLANTA MARCHING FESTIVAL! WE ARE HONORED TO SERVE YOU TODAY AND HOPE YOU WILL HAVE A FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE!!!