### 2A AREA D MARCHING CONTEST

## Rocket Field, Robinson, TX October 28th 2017

#### Directors.

First of all, congratulations on advancing to the Area D Marching Contest! We are excited to be your host for the day and aim to make this day as stress free as possible.

Please read through the following information carefully. Every effort is being made to ensure a smooth-running, successful contest. The following is information you will need to know.

#### **Contest Locations**

Stadium- Rocket Field 500 W. Lyndale Ave. Robinson, TX 76706

Director/Band Check-in and Truck/Trailer Parking Robinson Junior High 410 W. Lyndale Ave. Robinson, TX 76706

Spectator Parking/Stadium Entrance Robinson High School 700 W. Tate St. Robinson, TX 76706

#### Bus/Truck/Trailer

All buses/trucks/trailers will enter on W. Lyndale Avenue. At the 4-way stop, continue on W. Lyndale through the barricades and park at Robinson Junior High. Trucks and Trailers will continue a little further to the truck/trailer parking.

All spectators will park at Robinson High School and enter through the main gate of the stadium.

Please follow these guidelines for equipment unloading and truck/trailer parking. All equipment vehicles will park and unload in the parking lot closest to the stadium. Buses will park and unload in the Cafetorium parking lot at Robinson Junior High. The vehicles may stay parked in that area until the conclusion of the contest.

#### Director/Band Check-in (from W. Lyndale Ave.)

Upon arrival and parking, all groups will need to check-in at the check-in table. The check-in table will be located on the Cafetorium porch, located at the front of the bus parking lot. At check-in you will receive wristbands, meal tickets (if you purchase them) and any informational updates you might need. Please have all necessary forms and payment ready at check-in.

#### Admission

Admission to the Area D marching contest is \$5. Preschool aged children are FREE. Any school officials and/or those presenting a UIL badge will be admitted free. Spectators will be given a wristband so that after the initial payment, they may enter and exit freely. Please announce to your parents that admission will be CASH ONLY.

#### Restrooms

Restrooms will be available inside of the RJHS Cafetorium. These restrooms are not to be used as changing facilities. Thank you in advance for addressing this with your band.

#### Concessions

The Robinson Band Boosters will run a full concession stand for the duration of the contest. The Robinson Band Boosters are also offering both a lunch and dinner package for you and your band, should you choose to participate. Your patronage is greatly appreciated.

#### Warm Up

You will stage in the ready area 5 minutes before your assigned Warm Up time begins. A band will be warming up in the area as your band arrives, therefore please enter this area quietly with no cadence. *Each director is responsible for entering and exiting the warm up area at the appropriate time.* Please note the times on your schedule. The walk from the warm up area to the performance staging area is fairly short. Regardless, you must leave the Warm Up area at your respective times.

#### **Moving to Rocket Field**

As bands exit warm up, they will proceed down W. Lyndale Ave. and enter the stadium through the North side, Visitor entrance. A very short part of the terrain leading up to the stadium is gravel; please plan accordingly with your front ensemble equipment.

#### Water Station

A water station will be available as you enter and exit the field. Please remind students to use the trashcans provided for their water cups. Priority for water will be given to the band entering the stadium for their performance.

#### Field Entry/Exit

Field Entry- All winds/percussion/guard will enter from the North end of the field. All entering bands will be staged on the turf by the scoreboard. Staging will happen while the exiting band's 2 minute field exit clock is running.

Field Exit- once your performance is finished, bands will exit to the home side, and proceed all the way to the track. Exiting bands will turn to their right, continue on the track and exit out the same gate they entered in. Exiting bands may be held in place in order to facilitate the entrance of the next band. The entrance of the performing band takes precedence over the exit of the previous band.

#### **Field Power**

Power is located on the 50-yard line on the track, on a yellow extension cord. Please feel free to use this as a source of power.

#### **Judges**

Judges will be located on top of the press box (assuming nice weather). Remind students that the concession stand, restrooms, and staging area are visible by the judges. As usual at the Area Marching contest, there are 3 music judges and 2 marching judges. 2 judges from music and 2 judges from marching will rotate captions between prelims and finals.

Your judges are:

Charles Cabrera, Jr. - Robstown (Music) Kyle Friesenhahn - McQueeney (Music)
Leland Sharrock - San Antonio (Music/both) Rolando Molina - Kingsville (Marching)
Tom SoRelle - Lubbock (Marching)

#### **Timing**

Area D will be following UIL clock protocol and running the clock from the stadium scoreboard. Timing penalties will be assessed and determined by Tony Clines, Executive Secretary of Region 8 and Area D contest chairman.

Bands may use the 5-minute field entrance in anyway they deem appropriate in order to prepare for their performance. The announcement of each band will occur with 45 seconds remaining of the 5-minute clock. The actual timing and adjudication for the show will begin at the end of the 5-minutes. The official performance clock will count down completely through the 8-minute allotted performance time as well as the 2-minute field exit time. At the conclusion of the performance the postscript will be read. Once the 2-minute field exit is complete, the field must be clear of all equipment, instruments, and props.

#### **Verification and Results**

Results will be announced at the conclusion of both prelims and finals. One director from each band will need to verify scoring and results before the announcement occurs. Verification will occur at the designated location announced.

#### **Seating of Bands**

Once your performance is complete, bands may be seated on either the home side or the visitor side. Please note- in order to accommodate as many bands on the home side as possible, please seat your band as compactly as you can.

#### **Announcement of Advancing Bands to Finals/State Marching Contest**

Advancing bands will be announced at the end of prelims for finals and at the end of finals for the State Marching Contest. One director from each performing band should report to the designated meeting area at the conclusion of both prelims and finals.

#### **Spirit Wear**

Pep Wear will be present for the duration of the contest. Their trailer will be located between the home side stands and the concession stand.

#### **Contest Office**

The Contest office will be in the press box of the stadium. *This is not a public area.* One director from each band will be called at the conclusion of both prelims and finals.

#### Questions

Should you have any questions regarding UIL rules, performance regulations, electronics, etc. please contact Tony Clines, Area D Contest Chairman at 254-644-5128 or <a href="mailto:tcreg8@gmail.com">tcreg8@gmail.com</a>.

Should you have any questions about the performance site, please do not hesitate to call Wylie Gore or Robin Williamson.

Robinson High School Band Office- 254-662-3840 ext. 582

Wylie Gore (cell)- 325-668-4074

Robin Williamson (cell)- 254-224-1590

We are very excited to host the Area D marching contest. It is our goal to make this contest day as stress free as possible. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to serve you better!

Sincerely,

Wylie Gore Director of Bands Robinson ISD

#### **Inclement Weather Contingency Plan**

In the event of inclement weather during the Marching Contest at Robinson High School and Rocket Field, the following procedures should be followed:

- 1. Tony Clines or the contest host will declare a "Severe Weather Delay" and the contest operations will cease.
- 2. The time will be noted.
- 3. An "all call" will go out on the radios and cell phones advising contest staff of a weather delay.
- 4. The announcer will announce that all bands and spectators should seek cover immediately and return to their buses and vehicles.
- 5. If there is a band on the field performing, they will be allowed to finish their performance before returning to their buses or Robinson Junior High School.

#### **Severe Weather or Lightening Delay**

- 1. Bands in the warm-up area will be given the choice of going into the Robinson Junior High Cafetorium or returning to their buses.
- 2. Once bands reach the Cafetorium, they will not be allowed to play or rehearse.
- 3. Once the all clear if given, bands and spectators will be given time to get back into place.
- 4. Once groups have returned to their place a 30 minute warm-up will begin and the contest will proceed.

#### **Tornado Warning or Severe Thunderstorm Acitivity**

- 1. Students in the warm-up area and everyone in the vicinity of the bus parking will be asked to relocate to the Robinson Junior High School Cafetorium. All contest operations will be relocated to Robinson High School.
- 2. Any band en route from warm-up to the stadium will be directed back to the Junior High Cafetorium.
- 3. Any band performing will be escorted to the field house.
- 4. Spectators may be relocated to Robinson High School.

Please see attached campus map for additional guidance concerning the function of the contest and safety precautions.

# Robinson Band Boosters 2017 Pre-Ordered Meal Packages

# Option # 1

Bush's Chicken

2 Tender Rolls

Bag of Chips

Fountain Soda or water

\$5.00

# Option #2

Hamburger

(Cheese \ Vegs available)

Bag of Chips

Fountain Soda or Water

\$5.00

School Name:				
Director/Chapero	on Name:			
Contact Cell phor	ne#			
Meal package:	Option 1 —	@ \$5.00 =		
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Time you want meals ready for delivery:				
Total Amount paid:		cash	check	(please circle)
Please make checks payable to: Robinson Band Boosters				
Meals will be ready for pick up after the time requested for delivery				
Tickets for meals	with instructions w	ill be giv	en at ch	eck in
Email form back to Robinsonbandboosters@gmail.com				





