



Northwestern Winter Ensemble Competition

Information and Procedures

The Northwestern High School Winterguards and Band Booster club would like to welcome you to the Northwestern Competition. Enclosed in this packet you will find information covering most activities, procedures, and services available to groups attending this year's competition. Maps indicating the recommended routes to get to Northwestern High School as well as an overview of the school facilities are enclosed. Also, you will find a schedule listing warm-up, holding and performance times.

Arrival Procedures

Upon arrival at Northwestern High School you will turn onto campus at the Bus/Equipment Entrance (See Map), in between Northwestern High School and Rawlinson Road Middle School. Only buses and accompanying equipment vehicles will be allowed to enter the Bus/Equipment Entrance. Spectators' vehicles may not follow the buses at this entrance and park in designated spectator lots (See Map).

Registration and Bus Parking

Buses should stop at the registration tent (See Map) where you will receive any updated information, official contest times, and chaperone wristbands. At this time all participating students will be stamped. You will be assigned a specific parking area for your buses and equipment vehicles. Please follow the instructions of the parents parking the buses so that we can have adequate room for all groups. Each school will be provided 10 passes. All passes will be distributed when you arrive on site.

Equipment Vehicles

Equipment trucks/trailers will park in a separate lot away from the gymnasium. All equipment can be unloaded and loaded at this location. Please be considerate of others, as space will be limited in this area.

Sound Check

Sound Check will take place from 12:00-1:00 p.m. After this time, sound checks will only take place during show breaks.

Staging Areas and Props Storage

All groups will be staged in "D" Building on campus (See Map). You will be able to store your equipment and be escorted to the dressing areas from this location. Please be in the staging area at least 20 minutes prior to your scheduled warm-up time so that your designated guide can escort your group to the warm-up area. An information desk (parent staffed) will be located in the staging area. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL AND THE NORTHWESTERN BAND BOOSTERS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEMS LEFT UNATTENDED IN "D" BUILDING DURING THE COMPETITION. We will do the best we can to monitor the staging area. Leave personal items at your own risk. Tarps and props will be stored under a covered area located between "D" and "E" buildings (See Map). Tarps and props will need to be removed and loaded after the group performs. Anyone that has special circumstances will need to contact Will Archie at warchie@rock-hill.k12.sc.us prior to the competition.

Dressing Areas

Dressing rooms are available in the locker rooms in "C" Building and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The men's dressing room is located on the right side of Warm-up Area A (See Map) and the

women's dressing room is located on the left side of Warm-up Area A (See Map). Please have an adult chaperone or staff member in the dressing rooms with your students at all times. Dressing room priority will be given to groups that have extenuating circumstances and have to move into warm-up and performances. The dressing rooms will remain open after the awards for groups that wish to change. Please be courteous, as facilities are limited. We are not responsible for items left in the dressing rooms unattended.

Tickets

All tickets are general admission and will be on sale beginning at 11:00 at a cost of \$6.00.

Warm-up Areas, Gate and Performance

There will be 2 warm-up areas. Warm-up Area A and Warm-up Area B (See Map). The warm-up areas will be run as equipment and body warm-up. Each unit will be given 16 minutes in their assigned warm-up area (this is for body and equipment). The warm-up areas are pre-assigned on the enclosed schedule sheet. A parent will notify you when you have 5 minutes remaining and again at 1 minute. Please use only your warm-up time and be ready to move when your time is finished. It is the instructor's responsibility to have their unit at the gate on time.

Please Note: No large props of pit percussion instruments are allowed in the warm-up areas.

Performance Procedures

CWEA guidelines apply for all performances. There will be a black full tarp down for the entire competition. Please review the attached gym maps and time line chart so you can prepare for your performance and fold your floor tarp appropriately.

Videotaping

There will be an area provided for videotaping. We would ask that you only video tape your group out of respect for the other performing unit.

Photography

Please refrain from the use of flash photography, as this is very dangerous to the performers.

Awards Ceremony and Retreat

Awards ceremonies will be held at the conclusion of the competition. It will be a "captain's only" retreat. Directors are reminded to listen for the announcement concerning where to pick up scores at the conclusion of the contest. Recap sheets will be issued to all participating groups at the conclusion of the awards ceremony.

Concessions

A full line of concession food items will be available throughout the day including the following: pizza, hotdogs, hamburgers, nachos, bottled water, 20oz sodas, chips, dill pickles, assorted candies, and bake sale goods.

Spectator Parking

All spectators parking will be in front of the performance gym and in the adjacent parking lot (See Map).

If you have any questions or problems, please call (803)981-1225, (803)984-5013, or e-mail me at warchie@rock-hill.k12.sc.us . These are the emergency contact numbers.

All performing groups are asked to sit on the “visitors” side of the gymnasium after their performance.

Air Grams: We will be selling air grams for \$1.00. Please advise students that inappropriate messages will not be read and that these air grams are non-refundable.

Concessions:

We will have concessions available during the entire competition. Please support this stand. There will be pizza, hot dogs, chips, candy, and assorted drinks.

Directors Hospitality:

There will be a director’s hospitality room available to directors and staff members only. Please do not allow other members access to this room.

We will have food and drinks for you there. Please feel free to drop by.

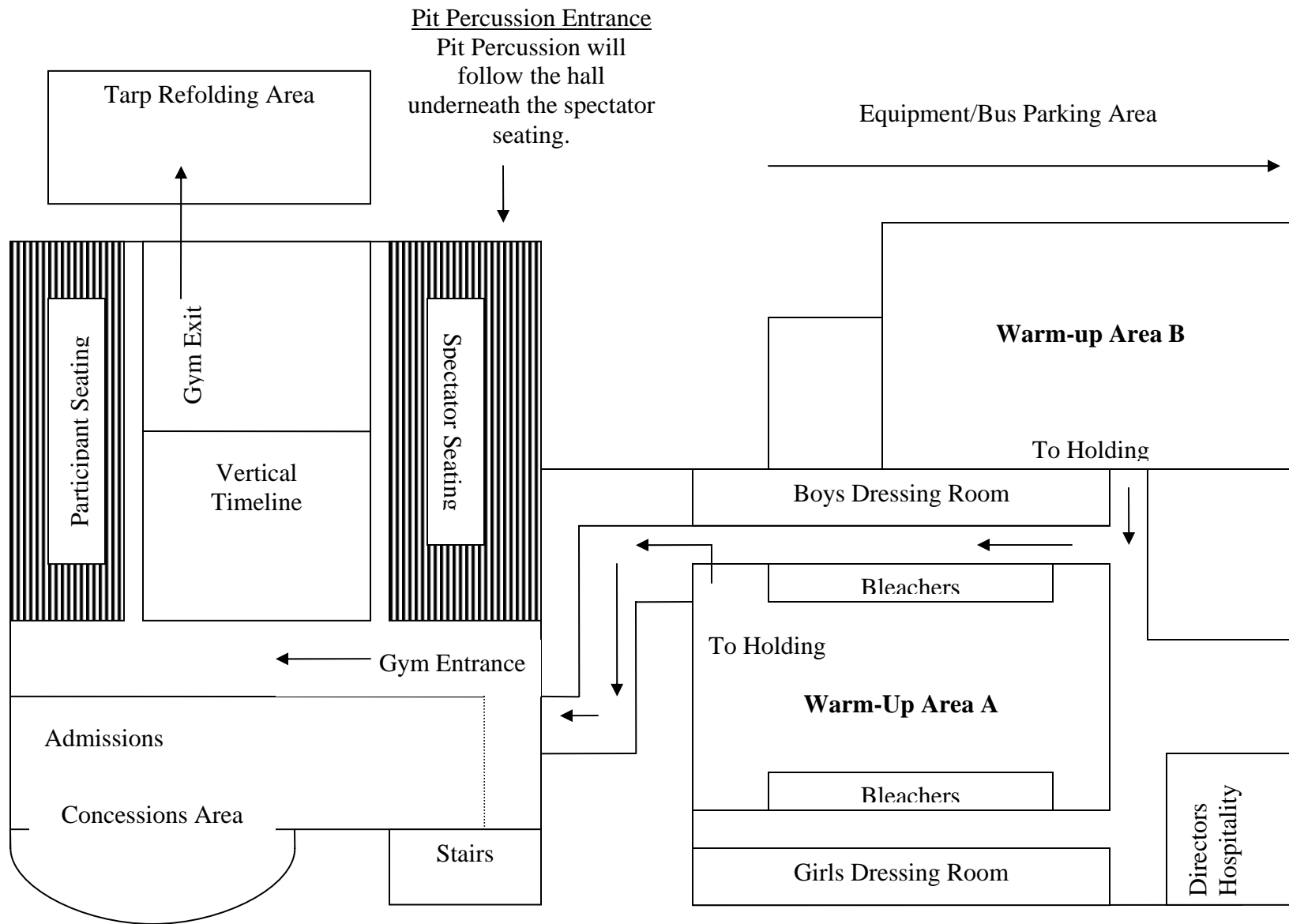
Critique: Critique will be in the hospitality room.

Directions to Northwestern High School

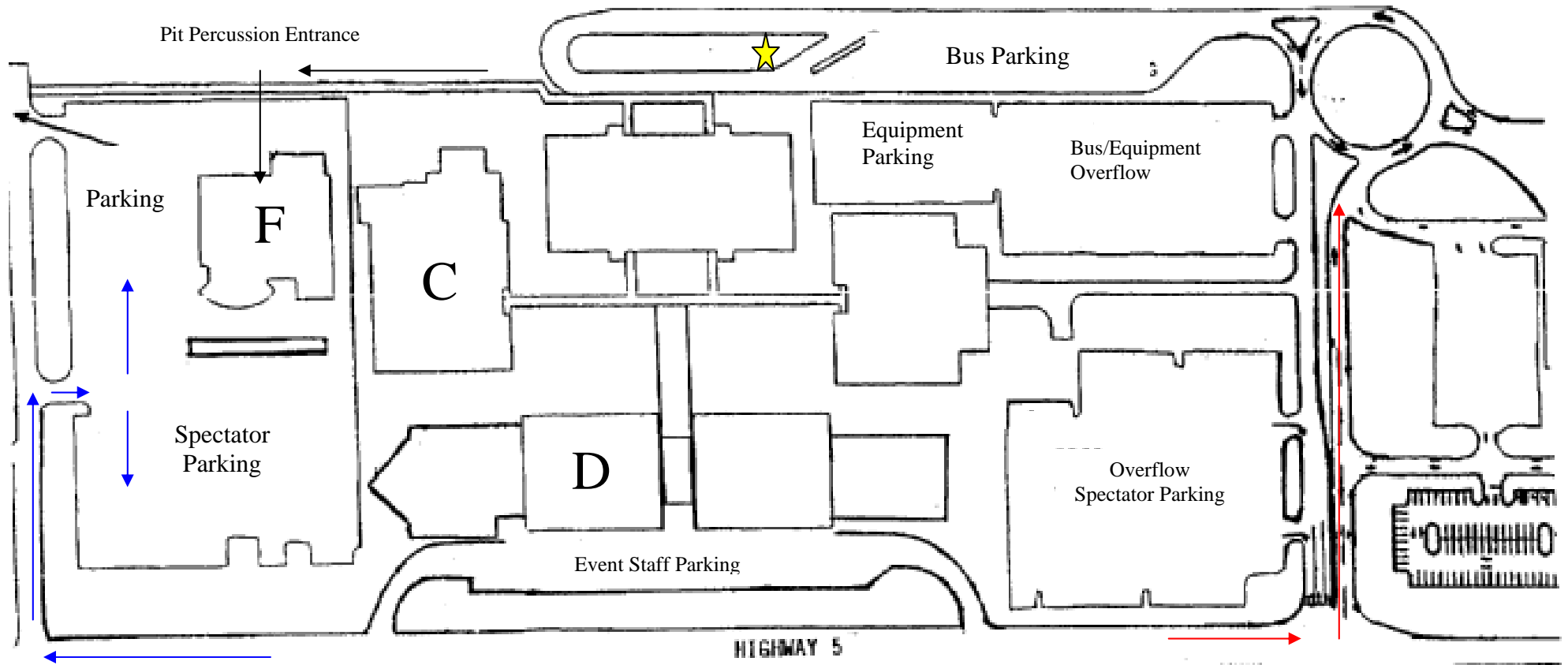
From Charleston: Take I-26 to I-77 around Columbia. From there you will take I-77 to Rock Hill. Take exit 82-B in Rock Hill, which will put you on Cherry Rd. You will stay on Cherry Road for about 5 miles. Continue to Highway 5 or Main Street. Turn right onto Main St. and continue for about 2 miles..Northwestern will be on the left.

From Columbia: Take I-77 to Rock Hill. Take exit 82-B in Rock Hill, which will put you on Cherry Road. You will stay on Cherry Rd. for about 5 miles. Continue to Highway 5 or Main St. Turn right onto Main St. and continue for about 2 miles. Northwestern will be on your left.

From Greenville/Spartanburg: Take I-85 to exit 102. Turn right onto Hwy. 198. This will lead you directly to Hwy. 5. Take Hwy. 5 to Rock Hill. Once you reach the city limits of Rock Hill, Northwestern High School will be on your right.



Northwestern High School CAMPUS MAP



- Registration - Units will be guided in the direction they need to travel.

"C" Building - These are the warm-up facilities

"F" Building - Performance Facilities

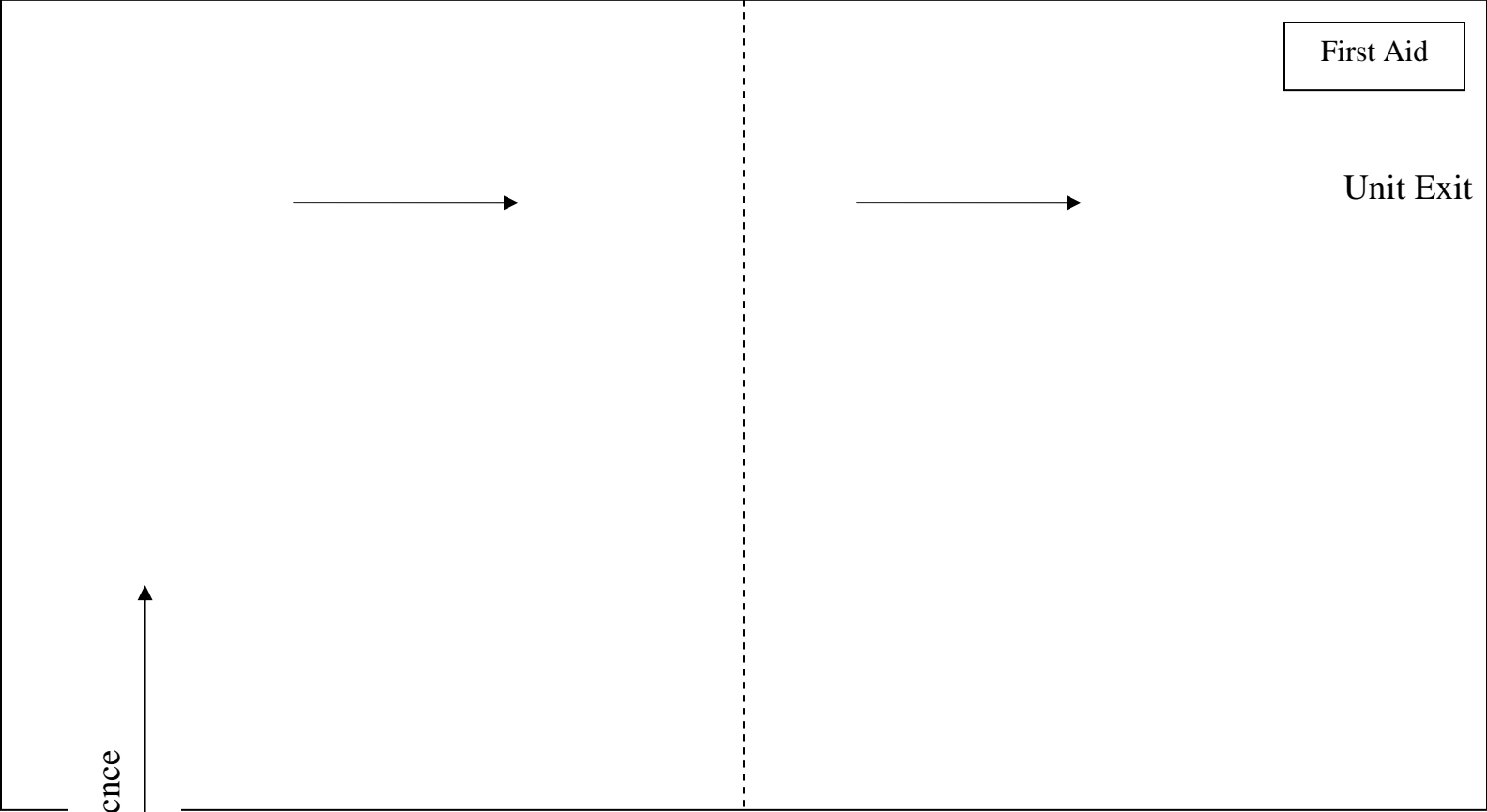
"D" Building - Staging

Red Arrows - Buses and Equipment Trucks will turn in at the red arrows. Equipment trucks will follow the loop. Buses will go straight after the first part of the loop.

Blue Arrows - Spectators will enter between Northwestern and ATC.

FOOD LION
SHOPPING
CENTER
FOOD LION

MEADOW LARK
DRIVE



Unit Entrance

First Aid

Unit Exit

Spectators / Judges
Fold your Floors for a VERTICAL timing
line as illustrated above

Unit and Class	Check In	Staging	Warm Up Time	Area	Holding	Performance
Cadet						
Magna Vista <i>Lancer Cadets</i>	12:18	12:38	12:53 - 1:07	A	1:13 PM	1:18 PM
Kannapolis Middle School	12:25	12:45	1:00 - 1:14	B	1:20 PM	1:25 PM
Saluda Trails Middle School	12:32	12:52	1:07 - 1:21	A	1:27 PM	1:32 PM
Rock Hill <i>Garnet Cadets</i>	12:39	12:59	1:14 - 1:28	B	1:34 PM	1:39 PM
Northwestern <i>Cadets</i>	12:46	1:06	1:21 - 1:35	A	1:41 PM	1:46 PM
Break						1:53 PM
Scholastic Regional A						
Randleman High School <i>North Carolina</i>	1:03	1:23	1:38 - 1:52	B	1:58 PM	2:03 PM
North Cobb High School <i>Blue Georgia</i>	1:10	1:30	1:45 - 1:59	A	2:05 PM	2:10 PM
Ninety-Six High School	1:17	1:37	1:52 - 2:06	B	2:12 PM	2:17 PM
Lewisville High School	1:24	1:44	1:59 - 2:13	A	2:19 PM	2:24 PM
Ardrey Kell High School	1:31	1:51	2:06 - 2:20	B	2:26 PM	2:31 PM
Porter Ridge Visual Ensemble	1:38	1:58	2:13 - 2:27	A	2:33 PM	2:38 PM
Goose Creek High School <i>Gold</i>	1:45	2:05	2:20 - 2:34	B	2:40 PM	2:45 PM
Percussion Scholastic Concert A						
Magna Vista Percussion Ensemble	1:52	Info @ Registration	2:23 - 2:37		2:47 PM	2:52 PM
Percussion Independent Concert A						
Forest Hills High School	2:01	Info @ Registration	2:32 - 2:46		2:56 PM	3:01 PM
<i>Collective Rhythm Percussion Ensemble</i>						
Scholastic AAAA						
Socastee High School	2:12	2:29	2:44 - 3:00	A	3:07 PM	3:12 PM
Magna Vista <i>Warrior Winter Guard</i>	2:20	2:37	2:52 - 3:08	B	3:15 PM	3:20 PM
Lugoff-Elgin High School <i>Utopia</i>	2:28	2:45	3:00 - 3:16	A	3:23 PM	3:28 PM
McMichael High School	2:36	2:53	3:08 - 3:24	B	3:31 PM	3:36 PM
White Knoll High School <i>Blue</i>	2:44	3:01	3:16 - 3:32	A	3:39 PM	3:44 PM
Shelby High School	2:52	3:09	3:24 - 3:40	B	3:47 PM	3:52 PM
Central Cabarrus <i>Green Winterguard</i>	3:00	3:17	3:32 - 3:48	A	3:55 PM	4:00 PM
Rock Hill High School <i>Distinction</i>	3:08	3:25	3:40 - 3:56	B	4:03 PM	4:08 PM
Break						4:16 PM
Scholastic AAA						
Mt. Pleasant High School	3:26	3:43	3:58 - 4:14	A	4:21 PM	4:26 PM
West Forsyth High School	3:34	3:51	4:06 - 4:22	B	4:29 PM	4:34 PM
Northwestern High School <i>JV</i>	3:42	3:59	4:14 - 4:30	A	4:37 PM	4:42 PM
South Pointe High School	3:50	4:07	4:22 - 4:38	B	4:45 PM	4:50 PM
Dinner Break						4:58 PM
Scholastic AA						
North Cobb High School <i>A Georgia</i>	4:43	5:00	5:15 - 5:31	A	5:38 PM	5:43 PM
White Knoll High School <i>Silver</i>	4:51	5:08	5:23 - 5:39	B	5:46 PM	5:51 PM
Central Cabarrus <i>Gold Winterguard</i>	4:59	5:16	5:31 - 5:47	A	5:54 PM	5:59 PM
Mount Tabor High School	5:07	5:24	5:39 - 5:55	B	6:02 PM	6:07 PM
Sun Valley High School	5:15	5:32	5:47 - 6:03	A	6:10 PM	6:15 PM
Percussion Scholastic Marching SA						
McMichael High School Indoor Percussion	5:23	Info @ Registration	5:52 - 6:08		6:18 PM	6:23 PM
Percussion Independent Marching A						
Ad Infinitum	5:32	Info @ Registration	6:01 - 6:17		6:27 PM	6:32 PM
Fusion Winter Percussion	5:41	Info @ Registration	6:10 - 6:26		6:36 PM	6:41 PM
Scholastic A						
Summerville High School	5:50	6:07	6:22 - 6:38	B	6:45 PM	6:50 PM
Northwestern High School <i>Varsity</i>	5:58	6:15	6:30 - 6:46	A	6:53 PM	6:58 PM
Concord High School Winter Guard	6:06	6:23	6:38 - 6:54	B	7:01 PM	7:06 PM
Independent A						
Lincolnton Independent	6:14	6:31	6:46 - 7:02	A	7:09 PM	7:14 PM
Percussion Independent Marching Open						
Palmetto Percussion	6:22	Info @ Registration	6:45 - 7:07		7:17 PM	7:22 PM
Independent Open						
Etude Winter Guard	6:32	6:48	7:03 - 7:21	A	7:27 PM	7:32 PM
End Time						7:41 PM