



Northwestern Winter Ensemble Competition

Saturday, March 13th 2010

**Northwestern High School
2503 W. Main Street
Rock Hill, SC 29732**

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 are to park in the 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. If you need additional wristbands they may be obtained at the registration tent for **\$8.00** each. At this time all participating members will receive wristbands. 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 passes as determined by CWEA Policy. All passes will be distributed when you arrive on site.

Passes for Units:

Members Units are entitled gate passes for each contest. The amount depends on the number of units that are represented.

- One Unit = 10 passes
- Two Units = 4 additional passes
- Three Units = 2 additional passes
- Four Units = 1 additional passes

For example if a school has three units, they will get 16 gate passes.

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. Groups will be directed where to store props and tarps.

Admissions

Per CWEA, all tickets are general admission and will be on sale at the main entrance 1 hour before the contest starts at a cost of **\$8.00**. Children 5 and under are free.

Spectator Parking

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

Sound Check

Sound Check will take place 1 hour before the start of the contest. 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 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.

Warm-up Areas, Gate and Performance

Warm Up will be in the B-building gym. The gym will be split into 2 areas. You will move from one side of the gym to the other for body/equipment warm-up. Your guide will show you to the appropriate area and lead your group from this area to the holding area before your performance. Both warm-up areas will be equipped with a Hi-Fi player for your convenience (These are for I-Pods). A parent will notify you when you have 5 minutes remaining and again a 1-minute remaining. Please use only your warm-up time and be ready to move when your time is finished.

Please note: ****All groups will travel to holding outside... even in the event of rain.***

****No large props or pit percussion instruments are allowed in the warm-up area.***

Equipment Padding

Please have all of your equipment and props padded and taped appropriately. All items will be checked before your performance. Units without appropriate padding will not be allowed to perform. Show floors are not considered proper padding. You can receive penalties and/or held responsible for damages. Floor carts must have clean “working” wheels. Percussion units are reminded to tape the bottoms of everything that comes in contact with the floor. (Timpani/vibraphone pedals, keyboard stands, cymbal stands etc.)

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.

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Time Line

We will be using a VERTICAL time line for your performance. Please see the enclosed diagram.

Timing and Penalties

You may obtain the latest Timing and Penalties update from the CWEA website. Go to www.cwea.us and click on the “Resources” tab at the top of the page.

Videotaping

There will be an area provided for videotaping. Your videographer must have the video pass that will be taken up by a monitor. Once they have videoed their group, they will be required to leave. Only one pass is given per unit.

Photography

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

Power Hook-ups

Power will be available on the front and back side of the performance area. Please have a drop cord ready.

Judges Area and Tabulation

Please stay away from these roped off areas and DO NOT communicate with the judges while they are working. Please do not approach the tabulation area. Tapes will be available after your performance.

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. Group will line up in the performance gym.

Critique

Critique will occur **DURING** the awards ceremony in the Director’s Hospitality room. Please sign-up for a time at the registration tent. You must be present at the Critique “*before*” the awards announcements begin in order to participate. Percussion critique will be separate and in information will be in the director’s packet.

Hospitality Room

The hospitality room will be located in C-building by the Warm-up gym. Directors and instructors are encouraged to come by and enjoy food and drink.

First Aid

First Aid will be located inside the main gym area as units exit the floor.

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 (See attached menu for more information). Please see the attached menu.

Practice Facility

See Below

If you have any questions or problems, please call (803)981-1225, (803)984-5012, (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.

Flowers: We will have flowers available for sale. \$2.00 per flower or \$5.00 for 3.

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 Judges Hospitality room, during the awards ceremony.

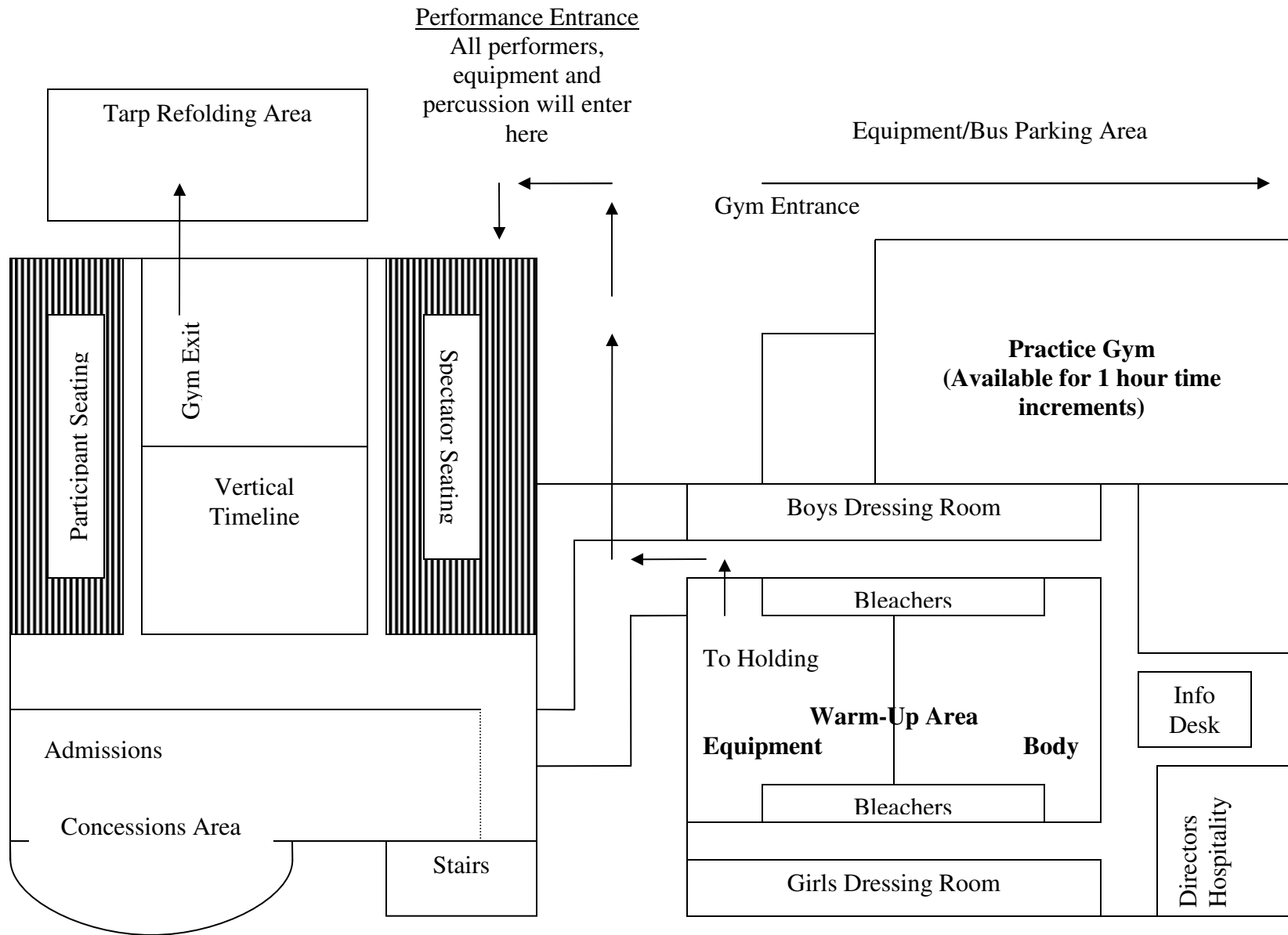
Vendors: There will be various vendors on site for students and parents to purchase items.

Concession

Hot Dog	\$2.00
Chili Dog	\$2.50
Hamburger	\$3.00
Cheeseburger	\$3.00
Hamburger/w Chili	\$3.50
Cheeseburger/w Chili	\$3.50
Pizza Slice	\$2.00
Nachos	\$3.00
Nachos w/Chili	\$3.50
Soda	\$2.00
Bottled Water	\$2.00
Hot Chocolate/Coffee	\$2.00
Pickle	\$1.00
Blow Pops	\$.25
Candy	\$1.00
Chips	\$1.00

Stamm Vending

Dip n Dots.....	\$3.50\	\$5.50
Chili Cheese Fries.....	\$3.50	
Shaved Ice.....	\$2.00	
Cappuccino.....	\$3.00	
Funnel Cakes.....	\$5.00	
Pucker Powder.....	\$2/\	\$3/\
	\$4/\	\$6.00



Performance Entrance

All performers,
equipment and
percussion will enter
here

Tarp Refolding Area

Equipment/Bus Parking Area

Gym Entrance

Participant Seating

Gym Exit

Spectator Seating

Vertical
Timeline

Practice Gym
(Available for 1 hour time
increments)

Boys Dressing Room

Bleachers

To Holding

Warm-Up Area
Equipment **Body**

Info
Desk

Admissions

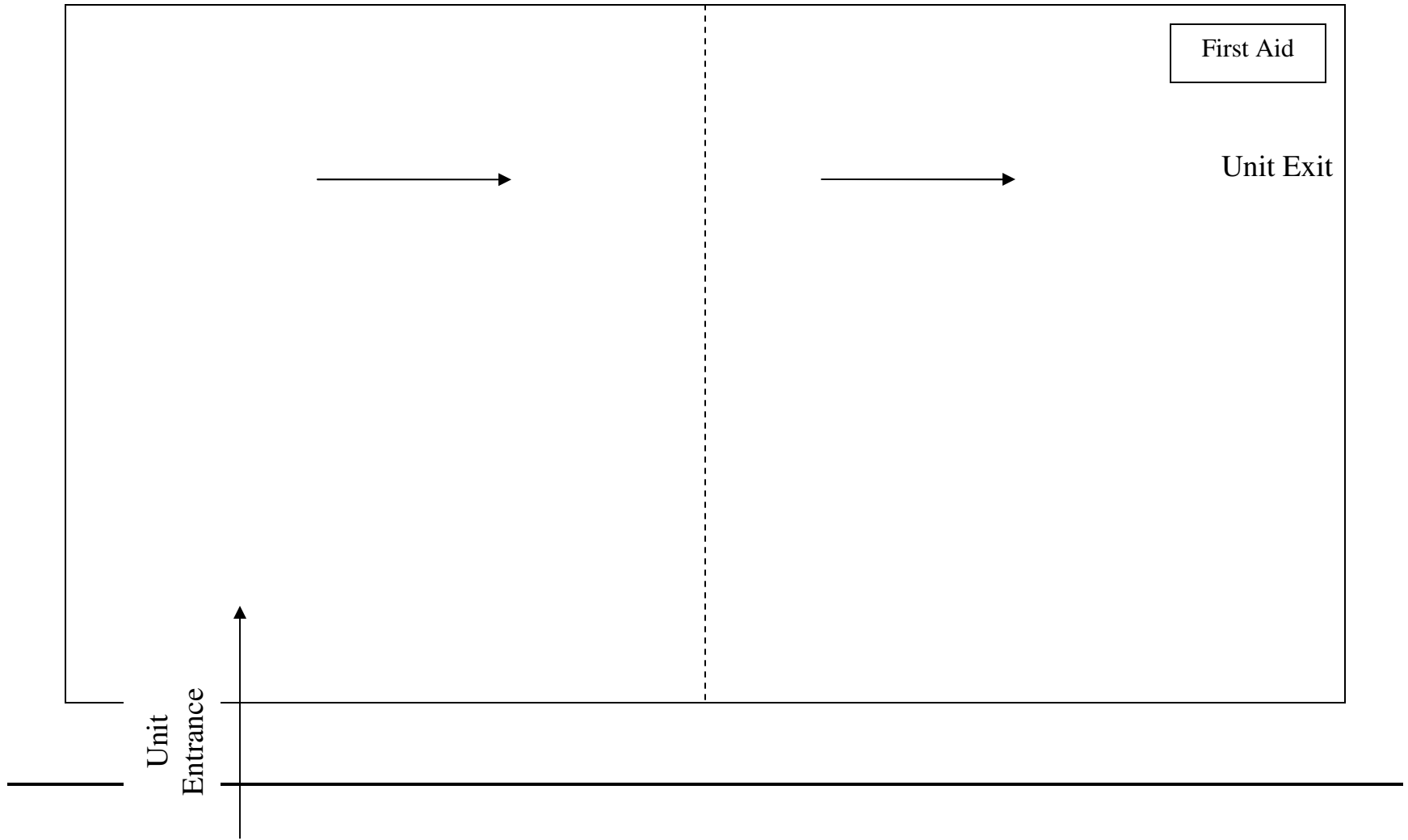
Concessions Area

Stairs

Bleachers

Girls Dressing Room

Directors
Hospitality



Practice Facility

We are offering the use of a gym to practice.

Cost: \$20.00 per Hour

The group will have exclusive use of the gym to pull out there tarp and have a full practice. There will be a volunteer present to keep track of time. If you are interested you need to sign-up in advance. The first time slot is scheduled for 9:00 AM and the last slot is for 6:00 PM. **There are only 10 slots and it is a first come, first serve basis.** If you would like to sign up for a slot you need to email Will Archie at warchie@rock-hill.k12.sc.us ASAP. Groups can sign up for multiple executive hours **if available.**

If you have not signed up and would like too, please look at what spots are available at the registration table. You can sign up there.