



Riverside Unified School District

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Dear Directors,

Thank you for participating in our 46th Annual Riverside Unified Lester Oaks Memorial Tournament. For all the returning bands to our campus, thank you for choosing our tournament. If you are attending for the first time, WELCOME.

This year's host is the Ramona High School Dynasty Band & Color Guard under the direction of Brian Gallagher. If you have any questions that a volunteer parent or student can't answer, please feel free to contact me. Simply call my cell phone at (951) 588-5353 and I will assist you the best way possible.

ARRIVAL/CHECK IN/WRISTBANDS:

When you check-in, your students will be given a wristband that will allow them entry into the stadium on the away side. **All students must reenter from the spectator gates, near the ticket booth.** You will not be allowed to enter through the pit or band gates.

At check in you will given a total of 7 chaperone wristbands (back side) and 6 staff member wristbands (front side) I hope you understand this is a fundraiser for our programs and we can use your assistance monitoring this fairly.

ADMISSION:

Tickets will be available at the ticket booth accessed through the parking lot of the stadium. General admission is \$10.00, children, seniors and military are \$7.00, and children under 5 are Free. Uniformed Bus drivers will be granted complimentary admission, just have them report to the ticket booth.

CONCESSION STAND:

A variety of food and beverages will be on sale to your students, chaperones, and band parents. There will be several venders located in our facility on the home side. The Riverside Unified School District PROHIBITS COOKING/FOOD PREPARATION in their parking lots. You are asked to adhere to this policy. This is a fundraiser event and we encourage all participants to support the host school by purchasing food at the concessions stands in the stadium.

BUS PARKING:

Parking access for buses and support vehicles will be off of Jefferson St. **Please do not pull in to the parking lot on Magnolia.** Please refer to the map for directions. All spectators and staff members should park on the street within the surrounding neighborhood or in the spectator lot off Magnolia. On campus parking will be for the judges and handicap only, which is located in the main stadium parking lot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Per SCSBOA regulations, a tournament announcer will be provided and we will use the Pre/Post Show Announcement Forms you submitted. If you have not submitted to us we will use information from your application.



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PERCUSSION EQUIPMENT:

Please make sure you have adequate staff or pit parents to assist moving your percussion equipment to and from the performance area. You should plan on moving the equipment by hand once you arrive at the stadium gates. Please be at the stadium 15 minutes prior to your performance time so that we can pre-stage the equipment. No Gas Powered Vehicles are allowed on the track.

AWARDS CEREMONY:

For our awards ceremony at our tournament I would like to invite **up to 4 student leaders for your program** to join us on the field to receive awards for your program. Please have them report to the band entrance/exit gate immediately when the last band in performance is on the field before awards. We have a lot of bands here today please advise your students that a quick salute would be appreciated.

WARM-UP:

Band warm-up, color guard warm-up, and percussion warm-ups can take place on the main campus (in all warm up areas, instruments/Dr. Beat **MUST** face away from the stadium). You may warm-up in these areas as long as you wish. It is your responsibility to move to the final staging area on time! This is located at the back gate to the stadium. It is a long walk from the school to the gate, so please allow yourself ample time. The head judge will not wait to see you standing at the back gate. When it is your time to perform the announcement will be made to take the field whether you are there or not. Additionally, please be considerate of other groups on campus and the competition, and be careful about the volume of any amplified metronomes.

CHANGING AREAS/RESTROOMS:

All uniform changing must take place in your vehicles not the bathrooms on campus. There is no locker room available. We are opening up three sets of restrooms for your students and guests to use while on our campus. Those are located in the 350 wing, the 10/20 wing and the 50/60 wing. All are accessible from the student parking lot. There are also restrooms available in the stadium for spectators. Please do not use the restrooms as a changing area.

HOSPITALITY:

Please see the map provided at the competition for this location. Please advise your organization that this is a private area to all band directors and staff members only.

FIRST AID:

There will be a designated first aid area at the stadium performer entrance/exit gate.

LOST AND FOUND:

Lost and found is located at the Stadium Ticket Booth.

NON-SMOKING CAMPUS:

Ramona High School is a non-smoking campus as is the entire Riverside Unified School District.

PROGRAMS:

Tournament Programs will be on sale near the ticket booth and throughout the stadium for a small donation. Please encourage your spectators and students to purchase a souvenir program.



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Remember these will be the final memoires for our seniors.

ADJUDICATION/CRITIQUE:

We will be utilizing SCSBOA judging for our tournament. We have an outstanding panel including:

Tom Hrbacek-Head Judge
Melissa Palmer-Music Performance
John Rush-Music Performance
Charles Wolf-Music Effect
Jim Bunselmeier-Visual Performance
Dean Hickman-Visual Effect
Tommy Goddard -Percussion
Scott Ruiz-Auxiliary
Magdalena Gutierrez-Wolf-Tabulator

JUDGES COMMENTARY:

Just a reminder you should have received your drop box folder from SCSBOA for your commentary files to be sent today. If you do not have access to this please contact the SCSBOA office.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

In the event of inclement weather prohibits our stadium to be used for our competition, the tournament may be moved inside the Gym as a standstill performance. These scores will not count for SCSBOA Championships.

Once again I know you have many choices in your fall schedule, especially this weekend and I thank you for attending the Riverside Unified School District 46th Annual Lester Oaks Memorial Tournament! If there is anything I can do to help you out while on our campus here please don't hesitate to ask! See you soon.

Musically yours,

Brian Gallagher

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