



Director's Packet

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Dear Director(s),

I would first like to thank you for choosing Cox Mill High School and The Charger Cup as your destination on October 7th, 2023. This year, we have assembled an incredible panel of judges. Our registration shows a strong representation of some outstanding bands. We look forward to seeing all your wonderful ensembles.

Our Band Boosters have been working hard to ensure this event is educational for your students, hassle-free for you and your support staffs, and an enjoyable day throughout.

This packet contains several important pieces of information. Please read and make your students and parents aware of the different opportunities and expectations that await them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me and I will do everything I can to help.

Good Luck to you as your fall competitive season progresses. We look forward to having you on our beautiful campus of Cox Mill High School at The Charger Cup.

Sincerely,

Drew Carter
Director of Bands
Cox Mill High School
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The following information is also on our website (www.chargerbands.org):

1. Schedule
2. Concession Menu
3. Facility Map
4. Field Map

Parking

An aerial view of the Cox Mill High School Campus has been provided to assist you. Spectator parking lots are noted on the map as well. Booster Volunteers will be assigning parking spots upon your arrival.

Cox Mill High School is located at 1355 Cox Mill Rd. Concord, NC 28027. All buses and equipment trucks will enter on the South side of the building. All equipment truck and buses will be parked along the side and back of school. Please note, equipment trucks and buses will not be parked right next to each other, but they will be close to each other within eye sight. All passenger vehicles (spectators, chaperones, and band staff) will park on the North side of the building. Both entrances will be appropriately labeled with signs.

Should it be needed, overflow spectator parking will be at Cox Mill Elementary which is across the street. There will be a police officer to help anyone needing to walk across the street. We have ample parking, but this option is available as a backup.

Registration

Upon arrival, Band Directors will be directed to the registration table located beside bus parking. Please register your band at this time. **If you are arriving early, please register your band upon arrival.** Students are asked to stay on the bus until the Director registers the band. You will be provided with enough wristbands to cover the number of performers you listed previously.

Band Guides

Each band will be provided with two Band Guides. Your guides will remain with you until your band returns to the bus parking area after performing. The Band Guide will be responsible for directing the band from location to location and answering any questions you may have. If there are any problems with your band guides, please call me at (919) 260-4499.

Passes (Directors-Please make sure your boosters know this.)

At the registration table, Directors will be issued chaperone/pit passes, in the form of wrist bands, at the ratio of one (1) per ten (10) performers. An additional seven (7) staff passes will be issued as well. If you need more, please let us know at the registration table. **Cost of admission is \$10** Children under 5 are free. *We will be able to offer patrons the opportunity to purchase admission using a credit card or cash.*

Dressing Facilities

Changing facilities are provided for your band. Your guide will take you to this area located inside the high school unless instructed otherwise by you. Bands arriving prior to their assigned dressing time will be allowed to use the facilities as they are available. There will be volunteers assigned to maintain the dressing facilities. No bands will be allowed to use the dressing facilities unless accompanied by a male and a female chaperone from your program.

Restrooms

Restroom facilities are available throughout the campus. Rest Rooms will be available in changing areas as well as in the stadium.

Music Warm-Up Area

Please see the aerial view of Cox Mill HS in this guide to locate the music warm-up areas. Bands will be given 30 minutes in the warm-up area. If the area is available prior to your assigned time, you may enter it early. However, the band assigned to the area for a scheduled time has precedence in the area for that time. We will have water available on the way to the performance field at each of the Warm-Up areas.

Front Ensemble Warm-Up

Due to sound carry into the stadium, front ensemble percussion may not warm-up in the equipment truck parking lot. These sections may go to the front of the school with the rest of the band to our regular warm-up areas. The warm-up areas are very large and should easily accommodate all subsections of the ensemble.

Performance

Please arrive at the entry gate (as shown on the enclosed map), front ensemble and props first, at the assigned time. This gate is large enough to accommodate paired marching.

After your performance, everyone will exit out of the same gate that you entered. Water will be available after your performance.

We will provide Gator type vehicles/trailers to help you transport equipment to the field if needed. You can bring your own vehicles to pull your equipment. Our track is concrete and can handle a full-size truck and trailer easily.

Please make yourself aware of the rules regarding timing below. We will have a dedicated individual at field level whose role will be to keep track of all timing.

A drum tap can be used to enter and exit the field. *A full drum cadence should not be used at any time.*

Following a band's performance, they may sit as a group on the away side. Please ensure that there is adult supervision with your group at all times to maintain a proper performance atmosphere. Note: If space is available, bands may sit on the home side of the stands. However, if we request that bands move to the away side over the PA system, please ensure your students comply. Thank you!

Performance Procedures – Rules and Regulations

- a. Each band will have 15 minutes to enter, setup, warmup (optional), perform, and exit the performance area, as defined by the area between the sidelines and the end zones.
- b. The announcement will read as follows, “Joining us from *[School City and State]*, please welcome the *[School]* Marching Band! “The band is under the direction of *[Director]* with assistance from *[Staff]*. The band is field direction of Drum Major *[Drum Major’s name]* and *[read student staff]*. “The 2022 Field School is entitled *[Show Title]* and includes musical selections from *[Repertoire read]*.”
- c. The introductory announcement should be presented no later than 3:30 after the band's entry, earlier upon director request.

-[PAUSE if necessary]: “The Charger Cup is proud to present in competition performance, Drum Major(s) *[Drum Major(s) name(s)]* and the *[School Band Nickname]*.”

Class Assignments

Class assignments were based upon natural breaks in the registered bands when considering the number of wind performers (horn line)

Adjudication

We will be using caption weights as our scoring. We have assembled a panel of some of the most experienced people in all levels of music and marching band performance.

Judge Assignments:

Music Performance-David Robinson

Visual Performance-Matt Townsend

Music Effect-Martin Dickey

Visual Effect-Matt Liner

Color Guard-Zakia Ruffin

Percussion-Jesse Willis

Tabulation Process

The scores assigned by the judging panel will be tabulated as follows:

Music Performance (30%)
Visual Performance (30%)
Music Effect (20%)
Visual Effect (20%)
Percussion (0%)
Guard (0%)

After scores are tabulated, if two or more bands have the same final score, the higher placement will be awarded to the band with the higher performance total (sum of Music & Visual Performance scores) if there is still a tie, highest music effect total.

We will be utilizing Competition Suite for adjudication, which will require you each to register with an account ahead of the event. Directors will receive recorded commentary in real time through the Competition Suite app.

Awards Ceremony

Please advise your band representatives to listen carefully for the announcements made directing all band representatives to assemble for the awards ceremony. This will occur just before Cox Mill's performance. Directly following the evening award ceremony, Directors will be given the opportunity to pick up their comment sheets, judge's commentary, and recaps.

Awards

An awards ceremony will be held at the end of all performances. This ceremony will be representatives (drum majors, captains, etc.) only. The following awards will be given in each class:

1st and 2nd Place Band in each class
1st and 2nd Place Music Performance
1st and 2nd Place Visual Performance
1st and 2nd Place General Effect (sum of Visual & Music Effect)
1st and 2nd Place Percussion
1st and 2nd Place Color Guard

In addition, the following awards will be given:

The Spirit of Cox Mill Award
Charger Cup Pit Crew Award
Class 1a/2a Grand Champion
Class 3a/4a Grand Champion

Video Taping

A video file of your performance will be provided. We ask that spectators only make videos of their band. No power source will be available in the stadium for spectator videos.

Concessions

Cox Mill Band Boosters will have an abundance of concessions for your enjoyment while at the competition. Please visit our concession stand for your nourishment needs and refrain from grilling or cooking while on our campus. **Again, bands and spectators are NOT allowed to grill out in the parking lot per school policy. Additionally, Cox Mill will NOT provide indoor space for food preparation/consumption. Please remember this is a FUNDRAISING event for our band program and would like for you to take advantage of all the food we are offering. Concessions are card or cash only.**

Band Grams

The Charger Cup will provide your students and guests the opportunity to send congratulatory comments to band members via Band Grams. Band Grams will be read off as the band comes on the field.

Stadium Policies

Please remind all chaperones and spectators that **Cabarrus County Schools are smoke-free and weapon-free.** This includes the use of e-cigarettes and vapes. Police will be in attendance and will address violations. No umbrellas, coolers, drinks, or other food items will be allowed into the stadium. **According to Cabarrus County Schools policy, only clear bags are allowed inside the stadium. Directors, please notify your families of this policy ahead of time.**

Weather/Rain Policy

In the case of heavy rain and/or lightning, performances will be moved inside. The auditorium and auxiliary gym will be reserved for warm-up. Performances will take place in the main gym, facing the home side.

Band Director Hospitality

A Band Director's hospitality tent will be set up in the end zone. We encourage you and your staff to visit this area for refreshments throughout the day. This area is reserved for staff only, please no chaperones or band parents.

Bus Driver Hospitality

Bus drivers will be given a coupon that will be good for a drink, a meal item, & chips /or dessert item from our concession stand.

Instrument Repairs

Tommy Boyd from Charlotte Band Instrument Service will be inside the stadium to handle any emergency repairs in the stadium. Please send an adult representative to him with your repair needs.

First Aid

We will have certified Atrium Health Athletic Trainers available at the location indicated on the map for any first aid needs.

Additional Concerns

If you should have any questions or concerns, we will do everything possible to accommodate your needs. Questions on the day of the event may be addressed to your band guide. Please feel free to contact Director of Bands, Drew Carter at 919-260-4499 with questions prior to, the day of, or after the day of the event.

Charger Concessions

Chicken Tenders \$5

Chicken Tenders meal w/side fries \$7

Pizza (1/12 of XL) \$3

Hot Dog \$3

Hot Dog meal w/side fries \$5

Nachos \$4

Large basket of Fries \$4

Mozzarella Sticks (5) \$5

Pickles \$1

Popcorn \$1

Peanut M&M \$2

Airheads Xtreme \$2

Sour Punch Straws \$2

Cotton Candy \$2

Water \$2

Soda \$2

Gatorade \$3

Logistics Map



*I-85. Not I-80

Field Map

