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**FALCON FEST MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday, September 22, 2018**

**DIRECTOR INFORMATION**

**General and Spectator Information**

1. Wheaton North High School and all stadium areas are NON SMOKING, including Vape products.
2. Spectator gates will open at 3:00pm. Opening Ceremonies will take place at 4:00pm and the first band will perform at 4:15pm. Awards will be presented at approx. 8:30pm.
3. Handicapped parking will be available at the main entrance to the school off of Thomas Street. Please notify a parking attendant if handicapped parking is required. A wheelchair accessible restroom is inside the school through the doors by the field house/event headquarters, directly across from the stands. The south field entry is handicapped accessible.
4. Please notify your students and their parents that complete contest information is available at our website, [www.wheatonnorthband.com](http://www.wheatonnorthband.com).

**Ticket Information**

Adults	\$10.00
Students with a valid ID	\$5.00
Seniors (age 55 and up)	\$5.00
Children under 5	Free

**Parking and Arrival Information**

1. Please direct your **bus drivers to arrive at the campus from Geneva Road turning South onto Morse Street and directly to the Wheaton North Campus**. AVOID traveling through downtown Wheaton due to trains and construction.
2. Off of Morse Street, you will be directed to enter the parking lot at the first entrance by our parking volunteers. Please have your support vehicles follow your buses. After your buses and support vehicles are parked please have your director exit to the Registration table, located in that lot at the school building.
3. At the Registration table you will meet your hosts, receive this registration packet, which will include a school map, performance schedule, wristbands for staff ONLY, and any other related information. Registration can also accept payment for the contest in the form of check if applicable.
4. Please instruct all your students and chaperones to stay on the buses until they are marked (see below) for entry to the competition.

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5. Entry into Event, all performing members [students], chaperones and staff will either receive a wristband or have their inside wrist marked. We consider Chaperones and Staff differently:

“**Staff**” is anyone working directly with students on your production. Wristbands will be given to the director as field entry passes and admittance to the front stands. A maximum number will be given based on the staff names you provided. If you require more, a request will need to be made (by directors only) at the event headquarters. Additionally, Staff are welcome to take a break and have a complementary drink or snack in our Hospitality room. Additional people who need field access (this includes pit, prop, or podiums crew, etc.) will receive a wrist mark along with your chaperones.

“**Chaperones**” are all other adults who are responsible for the behavior of your students throughout the day who are not on staff. Chaperones and students will receive a designated mark on inside of their wrist. This will allow students and chaperones entry to the **back visitor stands/overflow seating only**. Entry marks will occur on your buses by your WNHS host prior to students/chaperones exiting their bus.

### **Bus Parking Areas**

For the safety of students in the bus parking areas, we ask that they assemble/prepare near their buses only prior to their warm up departure time. If you are providing a meal, we ask you use the grass areas adjacent to the parking lots as noted on the campus map. As a reminder NO instrument tuning or playing of any kind can take place in the bus parking areas due to proximity to performance area. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

### **Emergency Instrument Repair**

Emergency instrument repair (provided by Quinlan and Fabish) will be located inside door 14 on the North Side of the school adjacent to the bus parking lots Your host will direct students to this area in case of an emergency.

### **Dressing Room**

We will not be able to provide a large area for students to change into or out of uniforms. Students will need to change on buses or in the bus area. Your group is responsible for personal items left in the area or on buses, etc. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. There is limited access to indoor Restrooms available for students and chaperones. This is located just inside doors 13 and 26 adjacent to the bus parking areas. These rest rooms are not intended to be changing areas. **WE NEED YOU TO RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT YOU SEND INTO THE BUILDING** and also please monitor their behavior while they are guests in our building.

### **Warm-Up**

Your host(s) will direct your band (including color guard and drum line) to assembly, warm-up, and performance areas. **Please exercise care in crossing Papworth Street going to and from the warm-up area.** You will have a 35-minute warm-up. Warm-up areas will have limited water but no restrooms. Warm-up fields are not lined. We are giving you 10 minutes to assemble your band and walk to/from the bus areas to warm-up and another 10 minutes from warm-up to the performance area. Your host will direct you when you should prepare for warm-up and when to depart for warm-up. Please note you will not follow the same path to/from the bus area and to the performance field, we ask that you please follow your host.

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## **Pit Warm-Up**

Your pit/front ensemble performers have a separate warm-up area on the east side of our school located near door 26 as noted on the campus event map. These students can arrive in this area according to the warm-up times on your performance schedule. Please note they need to be in the performance-band/pit holding area a minimum 5 minutes ahead of your band's arrival, which is indicated on the performance schedule. A WNHS volunteer will direct the pit instruments and students to this holding area. We will also have WNHS volunteers stationed near the walkway, south of the performance field to assist.

## **Prop and Podium Staging**

Space will be provided near the entry area and gate to the performance area for your parent/staff volunteers who will need field access. Please instruct them to not enter the holding area until their band arrives back from warm-up.

## **Performance Details**

This contest will be run under Bands of America (BOA) contest rules and will use BOA judging sheets. The judging panel will be a standard BOA panel with the addition of separate percussion, drum major, and auxiliary captions (these captions will not be figured into your final score). The complete BOA Official Procedures and Adjudication Handbook can be viewed from a link on our festival page: [www.wheatonnorthband.com](http://www.wheatonnorthband.com) under the Falcon Fest tab.

From the band holding area, your band will be directed into position to enter the field as the previous band exits. After your performance, your band will exit the field to the track and exit the stadium through the north gate of the Performance Holding Area (this is a "side 2" exit. see enclosed map). Exit and entry gates are the same. Pit percussion musicians and equipment will enter and exit the performance field from the north end of the field.

As a courtesy to the next band, after your band has finished performing, we ask that drum lines stop playing as they enter the end zone. Bands will not troop the stands.

The Timing and Penalties judge will keep track of all infractions under BOA rules. Because our show is early and in an effort to promote the educational aspect of the activity, penalties will be recorded but not assessed in your final score.

## **Seating**

Spectator seating will be in the main grandstand on the east side of the field. Please have your band sit in the west (visitor) stands or overflow seating WITH your chaperones. Please note these areas on the map. We also ask that you kindly remind your students they are guests to our campus and to please place any trash in the provided receptacles and not leave refuse in the grass areas. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

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## **First Aid**

A first aid tent is located at the NW exterior corner of the Field House near the bus parking lot. Should an emergency occur, please contact your host or the nearest volunteer with a walkie-talkie/or cell phone. If a band member needs first aid, a chaperone MUST accompany them to the first aid tent. Please make sure the chaperone has the necessary permission slip/medical information for the band member when they enter the tent. Depending on the reason for the visit to the first aid tent, an incident form may need to be filled out. We appreciate your cooperation in sending a chaperone with the student. Please note, the health and safety tent is staffed by parent volunteers. We are not allowed to administer any medications.

## **Concessions**

The north (main) Concessions Stand will open at 3:15pm and offer standard concessions including hot dogs, hamburgers, bratwurst, pizza, nachos, popcorn, candy, and soda.

The south Concessions Stand will carry a limited snack selection of water, Gatorade, soda, candy, chips and popcorn. There will also be a Dippin' Dots vendor. We hope this will alleviate the long concessions lines that are sometimes encountered at our show.

**NEW** this year is concessions available to marchers adjacent to the bus parking lot! Adjacent to the bus parking lot and Door 13, this concessions area is geared towards marchers, chaperones and crew. Selections will include hot dogs, soda, water, chips, and candy.

## **Awards**

Retreat will be drum majors and color guard captains only. Please have them assemble at the North field entrance after Wheaton North's performance at 8:15pm.

Score and recap sheets will be available at the Tabulation Table following the evening awards.

## **Inclement Weather Schedule**

Should inclement weather arise, the contest will be held indoors running as close to the original schedule as possible. Information regarding an indoor performance will be available at the Registration Table. Awards will be based on music scores only. Judges will provide tapes for your standstill performance.

Should we move to an inclement weather schedule, please have students change into their uniforms on the buses, as no changing areas will be available.

**On event day, please call Falcon Fest Chair Julie Westberg (630.772.1580) for information and emergencies.**

**Thank you for participating in the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Wheaton North High School Falcon Fest!**