



September 20, 2026

Dear Director,

We would like to welcome you to the Desert Ridge High School Marching Invitational on Saturday, October 3, 2026. Desert Ridge High School is located at 10045 E. Madero Avenue on Crismon between Baseline and Guadalupe. Please review the following important information. For your convenience we have included site maps for ease of unloading and parking when you arrive at our school. We look forward to serving as your host for our marching invitational.

BUS/TRUCK PARKING:

All buses and trucks must enter off of Madero Avenue; look for the Desert Ridge High School marquee. You will then turn into the bus lanes on the East side of the school. Please pull buses all the way up to the check-in area. Trucks will be instructed to go into the truck parking lot near the stadium. Remain on the bus until a parking attendant asks you to unload. After checking-in, our attendants will direct your buses where to park. You may unload and proceed to your designated warm-up area/silent warm up at that point. Please see the map and schedule enclosed for your designated warm-up time and location. **PLEASE NOTE: THE EQUIPMENT TRAILER PARKING LOT IS RESERVED FOR THOSE VEHICLES ONLY. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

CHECK-IN:

There will be a check-in table when you pull into the East bus lane. At the check-in area, you will be given your director's packet and the ABODA allotment of wristbands for admittance into the show. Any additional wristbands needed for your pit crew or

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chaperones will need to be purchased at \$10.00 each (ABODA set price) through GoFan. Any parents arriving as spectators will need to pay full admission price.

WARM-UP AREAS:

Your band will be assigned a warm up area for music. There will also be open SILENT warm up areas (guard, marching, breathing, stretching) in the school courtyard or on the practice field. Students are not allowed to warm up or practice in any other area around campus other than your designated areas. In addition, please face your band away from the competition field as they are warming up. Noise travels and it can disrupt bands that are performing. Please have your students be courteous of those bands performing on the field. The ABODA Head Judge could assign a score penalty if there is an issue. Thank you for your cooperation.

BAND ENTRANCE/EXIT:

Your band will enter at the Southeast end of the field. The entrance would be considered Side 2/Side B, rear end-zone corner. The pit entrance is at the Southwest end of the field. This is considered Side 2/Side B, front end-zone corner. All performers will exit the Northwest Side 1/Side A front end-zone corner. Only performers, along with staff and chaperones who have a wristband on, may enter these gates. Everyone else must enter through the spectator entrance. **MOTORIZED VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE TRACK!!** You will be only allowed to hand push pit equipment and carts.

BAND SEATING AFTER YOUR PERFORMANCE:

Bands may sit on the home spectator side if space is available. Band seating on the spectator side of the stands is limited to the outside sections. However, if the stands begin to fill, we will kindly ask to have students move to the visitor side for the remainder of the show.

DIRECTORS/STAFF HOSPITALITY TENT:

All directors and staff are invited to visit our hospitality tent located in the North end zone of the field. Enjoy a warm meal along with an assortment of sides and desserts. Please be sure to visit the hospitality tent after your band's performance.

VIDEO PASS:

There will be a designated place at the top of the spectator section for one (1) member of your staff/boosters to record your performance. They will need to have their ABODA Video Pass. Please remind your parents that due to copyright laws, only the designated videographer will be allowed to record your performance.

CONCESSIONS:

Please let your students and parents know that there will be a full concession stand available for their dinner needs. Cash or card will be accepted. **NO outside food or drinks will be allowed in the stadium area.**

AWARDS CEREMONIES:

There will be one award ceremony. Please have your drum majors and guard captains report to the South End Zone (Side 2/Side B) prior to their respective awards ceremony. Ranking plaques and captions awards will be handed out. Per ABODA guidelines, there will be only 1 caption, per caption, per Division handed out.

CRITIQUE:

There will be critique after the awards ceremony for those directors who signed up. Please see your schedule in Competition Suite for your critique time.

ABODA JUDGING PANEL:

Music Performance - Jon Gomez
Music Performance - Amy Brewer
General Effect - Matt Casarez
Visual Performance - Sierra Rogers
Overview - TJ Mack
Percussion - Peter Wood
Auxiliary - Sarai Johnson
Chief Judge - James O'Halloran
Contest Coordinator - Dennis Smith
Tabulator - Kayme Williams

SPECTATOR ENTRANCE:

Spectators may enter on the West side of the stadium. Parking is in the large South student parking lot off of Crismon. All tickets are \$10 each. Children 5 and under are free. Gates open at 1:15pm. We will be using GoFan for ticket purchase.

OTHER INFORMATION:

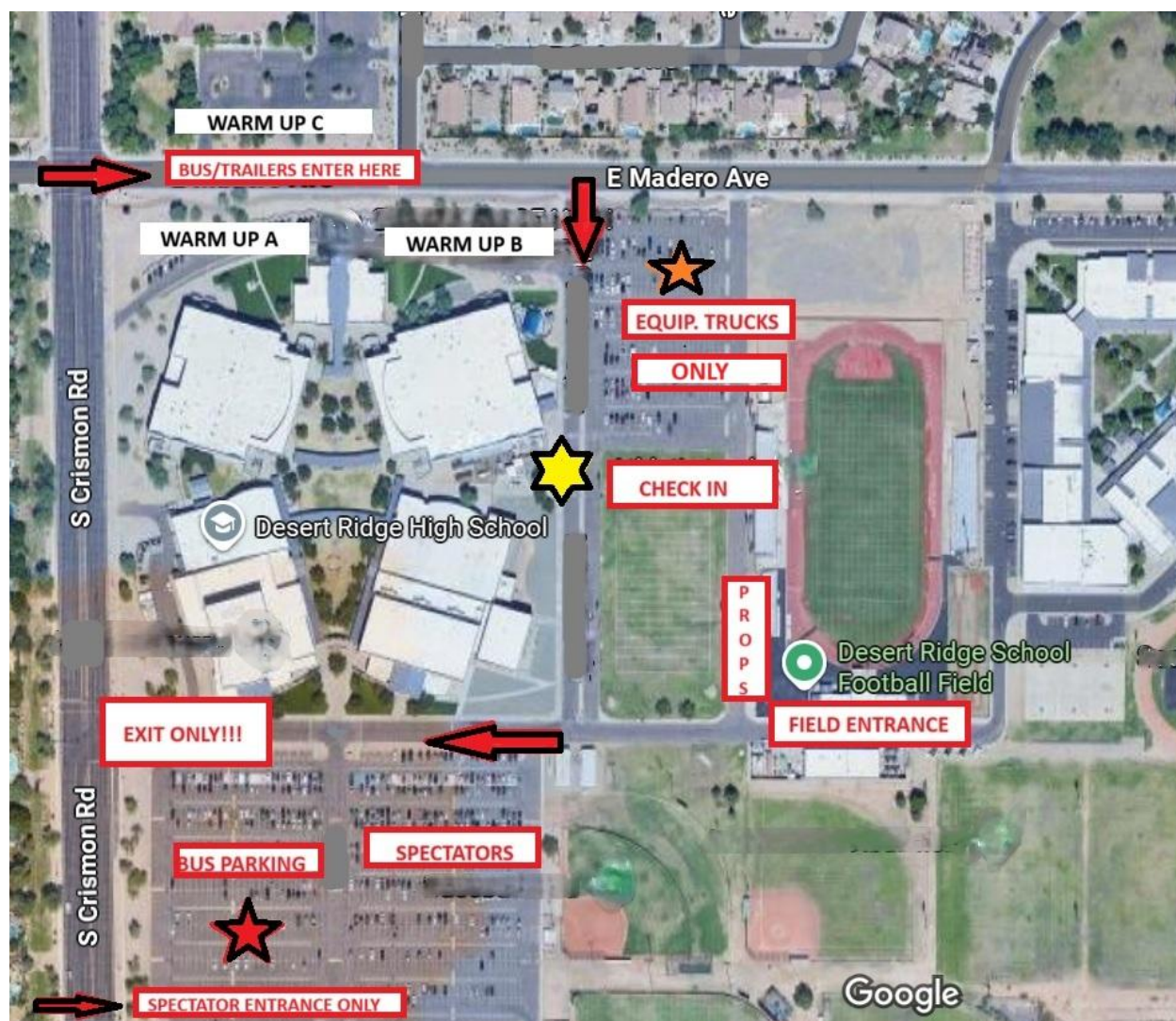
***If your buses and trailers are planning to arrive before 11am, please notify us so that we can be prepared for your arrival. Our cell phone numbers are listed below in case you need to get a hold of us on Saturday.

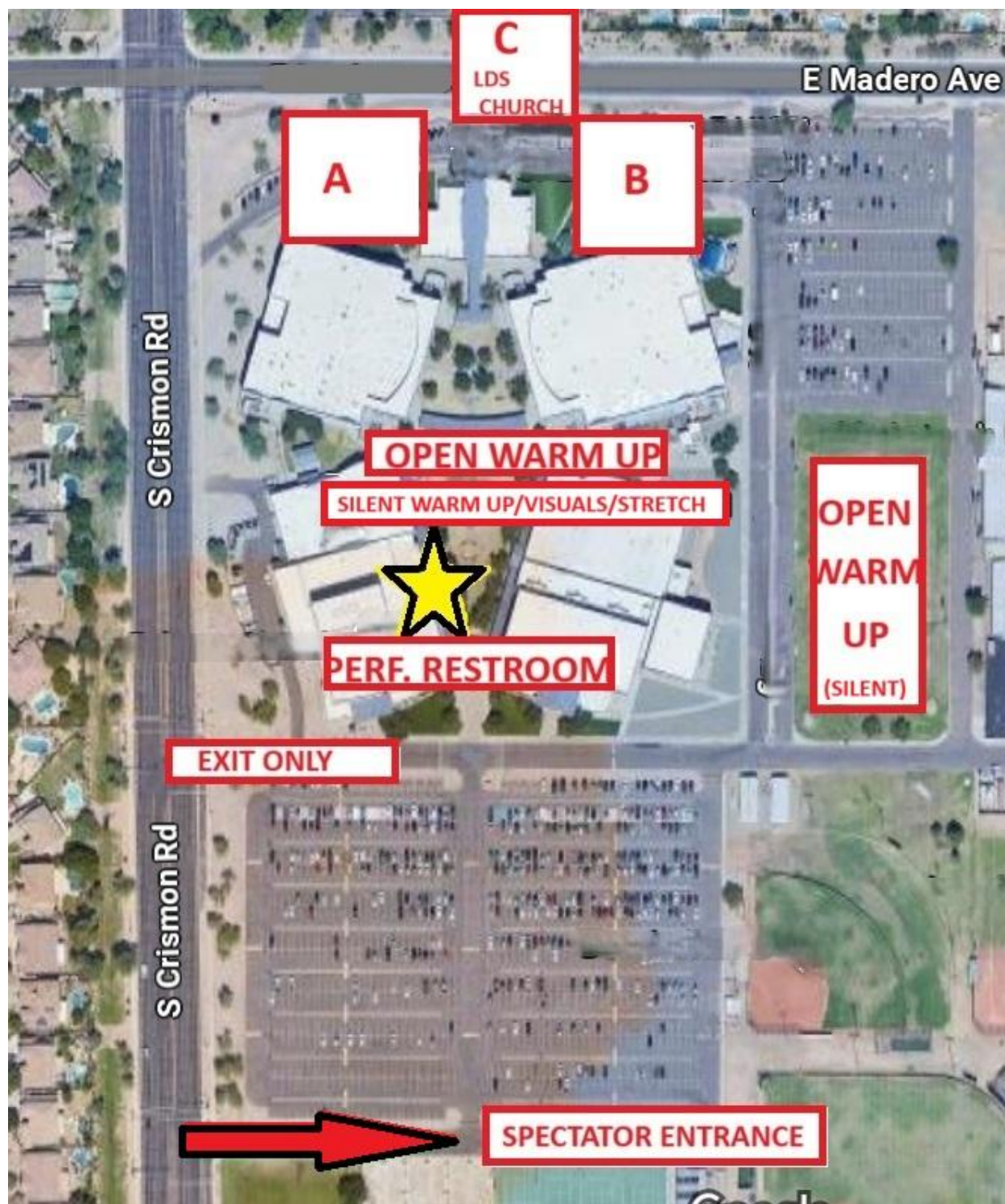
We are looking forward to watching your band perform! Please share the information in this letter with your booster organization to help our invitational run more smoothly and be a positive experience for everyone involved.

Thank you!

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ABODA Marching Invitational - hosted by Desert Ridge HS

October 3, 2026



School	Division	Warm-up Zone	Warm-Up	Transition	Gate	Performance
Prescott HS	IV	A	1:10 PM	1:55 PM	2:10 PM	2:15 PM
San Luis HS	IV	B	1:25 PM	2:10 PM	2:25 PM	2:30 PM
Payson HS	IV	C	1:40 PM	2:25 PM	2:40 PM	2:45 PM
Holbrook HS	IV	A	1:55 PM	2:40 PM	2:55 PM	3:00 PM
BREAK						3:15 PM
Winslow HS	III	B	2:25 PM	3:10 PM	3:25 PM	3:30 PM
Skyline HS	III	C	2:40 PM	3:25 PM	3:40 PM	3:45 PM
Desert Mountain HS	III	A	2:55 PM	3:40 PM	3:55 PM	4:00 PM
Westwood HS	III	B	3:10 PM	3:55 PM	4:10 PM	4:15 PM
Paradise Honors HS	III	C	3:25 PM	4:10 PM	4:25 PM	4:30 PM
Academies at South Mountain HS	III	A	3:40 PM	4:25 PM	4:40 PM	4:45 PM
Greenway HS	III	B	3:55 PM	4:40 PM	4:55 PM	5:00 PM
DINNER BREAK						5:15 PM
Dobson HS	II	C	4:55 PM	5:40 PM	5:55 PM	6:00 PM
Gilbert HS	II	A	5:10 PM	5:55 PM	6:10 PM	6:15 PM
Mesa HS	II	B	5:25 PM	6:10 PM	6:25 PM	6:30 PM
Desert Ridge HS	II	C	5:40 PM	6:25 PM	6:40 PM	6:45 PM
BREAK						7:00 PM
Centennial HS - NM	I	A	6:10 PM	6:55 PM	7:10 PM	7:15 PM
Highland HS	I	B	6:25 PM	7:10 PM	7:25 PM	7:30 PM
Boulder Creek HS	I	C	6:40 PM	7:25 PM	7:40 PM	7:45 PM
Basha HS	I	A	6:55 PM	7:40 PM	7:55 PM	8:00 PM
Red Mountain HS	I	B	7:10 PM	7:55 PM	8:10 PM	8:15 PM
Mountain Ridge HS	I	C	7:25 PM	8:10 PM	8:25 PM	8:30 PM
BREAK						8:45 PM
AWARDS - Judges Critique						9:00 PM

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Admission - \$10.00 (no refunds)

Children under 5 - free

Adjudication Panel

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CONCESSIONS

CHEESEBURGER MEAL incl. Cheeseburger,Chips,Drink	\$9.00
CHEESEBURGER ONLY.....	\$7.00
HAMBURGER MEAL incl. Hamburger, Chips, Drink	\$8.00
HAMBURGER ONLY	\$6.00
HOT DOG MEAL incl. Hot Dog, Chips, Drink	\$6.00
HOT DOG ONLY	\$4.00
NACHOS	\$4.00
QUESADILLA	\$4.00
CHIPS	\$1.00
CANDY	\$2.00
SODA & GATORADE.....	\$2.00
WATER	\$1.00
WORLDS FAMOUS CHOCOLATE	\$1.00

