

## **Parent Information about Edwardsville**

The Spirit of '76 Marching Band is attending the Edwardsville High School Tiger Ambush Classic on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

We will have a rehearsal on Saturday morning on the varsity football field. This is normal procedure for a competition day.

We will perform at 4:15 pm, but there are several scheduled events the band is expected to stay on schedule for. The event specifies a warm-up time for us (3:15 pm). We will all travel from place to place to help get pit equipment, sound equipment, back drops and drum major podiums to the practice field, performance field and back to the trucks.

### **General Information**

Admission for adults is \$8; \$5 for seniors; \$5 for students and children under 5 are free.

### **Warm-up**

We have the option to warm-up at any time but since we had rehearsal, we may or may not do an extended warm-up. We most likely will go to our scheduled time to get everyone focused and ready. During these times, we need parents close, but not speaking to staff or the students. We may need your assistance and we will ask (loudly and probably not nicely--forgive us, we are under some stress). Often this means running back to the truck or buses because we forgot something. Please help us keep our students herded together.

### **Ready Gate**

We must use an underpass to cross Center Grove Road. Please stay off of the shoulder for yours and our safety.

### **Parking**

If you are driving to Edwardsville, but not on the bus as a chaperone, you will NOT be allowed to park with the buses. If you are carrying something we need, you will be parked in the student drop off lot and whatever you brought for us will be transported via golf cart or Gator from you to us.

### **Water**

Edwardsville will provide water to the students as soon as they exit the performance field.

### **Changing Facilities**

2 locker rooms will be available for changing, but we will check with Mr. Becker before sending any students to change. We may use the bus as is our norm. Of course, boys and girls will change at different times.

### **Hospitality Room**

Please, this is for directors and band staff only.

### **Programs**

Programs will be \$2 and available as you enter the stadium.

### **Band Classification**

There are 4 classes based on the number of musicians in the band. This includes wind players and percussionists, but not color guard.

### **Awards**

There will be caption awards in each class: Outstanding Music; Outstanding Visual; Percussion; and Color Guard. There will also be place awards in each class. The band with the highest overall score for the day, regardless of class, will be declared the Grand Champion. These awards are based on scores given by the judges.

Our drum major, Kiley Shawver, will represent us in the awards presentation.

We have been asked to be sure to supervise students while they are at Edwardsville. While we are there we represent not only ourselves but South High as well as the Parkway School District.

### **Arrival**

We will have a guide from the Edwardsville band who will help us get from place to place and possibly answer any questions we may have.

### **Concessions**

They will have 2 concession stands open all day. Please eat there, this is a fund raiser for the band.

## **Weather**

If it rains, they contest will be moved indoors. They say it is big enough for the bands and spectators. We will let you know as soon as we know something. Please do not ask.

## **Rules**

Each band has a 15 minute window on the field. We can use this any way we wish.

No flammable devices!

We want to be at the starting gate at least 10 minutes prior to our performance time. If it seems like we are running late, take your panic/don't panic cue from the directors and move accordingly.

We are not allowed to use a wireless PA system during warm-up as it will interfere with systems on the stadium field.

Although there are festivals that will issue penalties, Edwardsville does not intend to give any.

The underpass to cross Center Grove Rd. is 8 feet tall and 12 feet wide--if our props will not fit (I have bad size perception) then they will need to cross Center Grove Rd. at the stoplight and follow traffic signals.

There will be a prop staging area on the south end of the stadium. It will be available 30 minutes prior to our performance (6:15 pm).

The band and the pit/props will enter from opposite sides of the field.

The scoring system is 60% music performance and 40% visual performance. Percussion and Color Guard caption scores at NOT part of the band's overall score.

Video taping is allowed but only from your seat. No parents will be allowed in the press box.

Alive Video will be making professional video recordings. We will get a complimentary video for the school.