



March 20-21

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Sawnee Mountain Winterguard Invitational sponsored by the Forsyth Central High School Winterguards, Drumline and Forsyth Central High School Band Boosters. We hope your weekend with us will be exciting and memorable.

This Welcome packet is designed to answer your questions about how our contest will be organized and to assist you with navigating to Forsyth Central High School and the Forsyth Central Campus. Should you have additional questions about facilities or housing please contact our housing and unit coordinator Maureen Nelson (404-992-9095) bobmaurennelson@bellsouth.net or Kim Morrow (770-888-2988) morrowkim@bellsouth.net . If you have other questions or would like to schedule practice time please contact Sue Mashburn (404-683-6358) stmashburn@forsyth.k12.ga.us.

VENDORS

Space is limited by vendors interested in renting a space for the SMI Winter Invitational please contact Bob Vale roberv@clearstar.net for more information.

MAPS

Several maps are provided with this packet:
Driving Directions
FCHS Campus Map and Contest Flow
FCHS and Cumming, Georgia location map

ADMISSION

One or two-day tickets may be purchased at registration or at the ticket booth in front of the New Gym (see enclosed campus map).
\$12 Two-Day Pass
\$8 One-Day Pass
Children under 5 Free. SAPA badges will be honored for circuit members.

SEATING

Spectator seating will be on a “first come, first served” basis on the front side of the gym. Performers are encouraged to support all units, but are **requested to sit on the backside of the gym to allow for spectator seating.**

PARKING

Parking for units’ buses and equipment will be located on the west campus (turn left on Elm Street for access to these lots). **Drumlines will unload and warm-up in front of the performance gym. They will unload behind the West Campus (see campus map) if the weather is poor.** Please see the enclosed map for exact locations.

Spectator parking will be available in the front parking lot and on the practice field between the East and West campuses (access available from Elm Street). Overflow parking is available at Otwell Middle School diagonally across from FCHS and at the Elm Street Center. **PARKING IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE POST OFFICE PARKING LOT ACROSS FROM FCHS.**

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, please go to the Forsyth Central Band website www.flashofcrimson.com for updates. Drumlines will unload behind the West Campus (see campus map) if the weather is poor. An indoor warm-up area is available for drumlines in the West Gym if needed. **MOST OF OUR CAMPUS IS OUTDOORS. PLEASE TAKE PRECAUTIONS FOR RAINY WEATHER. BRING TARPS WITH YOU!**

REGISTRATION

Unit Registration will begin Saturday, at 7:30 am and will be located in the lobby in front of the West Campus Administrative Offices adjacent to bus parking. Signs will be posted accordingly. Please arrive at least 1 hour prior to warm-up.

You will need to provide the following:

- Number of guard members (penalties will be assessed for false declarations).
- Rehearsal fee (\$20/half hour) and PRACTICE SITE CONTRACT
- Housing fee (\$3 per person)
- HOUSING CONTRACT AND RELEASE FORM

You will be provided with the following:

- Staff/Chaperone passes (7 free; Extras are \$8/1-day or \$12/2-day)

For information regarding check-in, please contact Sue Mashburn stmashburn@forsyth.k12.ga.us (404-683-6358).

PRACTICE SCHEDULING

Rehearsal times will be available before and after performance times on Saturday and Sunday. Rehearsal times will be scheduled on a “first come, first served” basis. Please complete the Practice Site Contract and bring it with you along with the fees (\$20/half hour) to registration. Please contact Sue Mashburn stmashburn@forsyth.k12.ga.us (404-683-6358) to schedule a practice facility and time.

DRESSING AREA Dressing areas are available onsite. Each Competing Unit will be assigned a hallway area. Hallways must be cleared of personal belongings immediately following Retreat. Attendants will monitor the hallways but security of unit and personal belongings cannot be guaranteed. Please keep all valuables secured. Units may stretch in the hallway but please be mindful that loud music is prohibited. Classrooms will be assigned only to those units who have reserved Overnight Housing.

OVERNIGHT HOUSING To reserve overnight housing at Forsyth Central High School please contact Sue Mashburn stmashburn@forsyth.k12.ga.us (404-683-6358). The HOUSING CONTRACT AND RELEASE FORM should be completed by ALL participating units and submitted at registration. The bottom portion should be completed if the unit is planning to spend the night. The fee for overnight housing is \$3 per competing member and should be paid at unit registration.

HOUSING GUIDELINES The Forsyth Central Band Boosters have made a commitment to the teachers that their rooms will be as they left them on Friday afternoon. We have taken the time to video each of the rooms before moving the furniture and have covered equipment to prevent the “temptation” to use. Please keep your area clean and place trash in the appropriate containers. **THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO COOKING IN THE CLASSROOMS!**

Each unit must clean and vacate the classroom PRIOR to your scheduled Sunday WARM-UP time. (You may move your things into the hall.)

Quiet hours will be in effect from midnight Saturday night until 7:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. All campus doors will be locked 1 hour after the end of the show on Saturday night (around 11:00 pm) and will not be reopened again until 6:00 am on Sunday. Units who plan to leave the campus and return later should plan accordingly.

EQUIPMENT Equipment unloading procedures and routes to/from performance/warm-up areas will be reviewed at registration as last minute changes may be necessary. Weather permitting, floors and props will be lined up in performance order along the outdoor breezeway adjacent to the performance gym. **PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BRING SOME TARPS TO COVER FLOORS AND PROPS IN CASE OF RAIN.** Be prepared to have someone with your props and floor at least 15 minutes before your performance. Immediately following your performance please plan to load your equipment unless you are planning to spend the night. After loading and unloading, you must move your truck to the equipment parking area.

FLOOR SIZE The maximum allowable tarp size for any unit is 60' x 90'.

EQUIPMENT PADDING Props and equipment must be taped and padded. Hard soled shoes must be taped. Performers must wear shoes at all times when not in the competition area. Penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule. Floor carts can be used.

INSPECTION Located in the warm-up area.

VIDEOTAPING	Videotaping is prohibited unless permission (video pass) is granted from the unit director. Videotaping cannot interfere with the judge's view. Videos cannot be sold from/at any and all SAPA shows.
SOUND TABLE	A CD player will be provided for your use, or you may use an I-pod or MP3 player and plug it into the SAPA sound system. Bring CD's to the sound table prior to your performance. Please make sure that you have a clearly labeled back-up recording. A representative should stay with the SAPA soundperson during your performance. Sound checks should be done prior to the show or on a limited basis during breaks. Volume is controlled by SAPA.
TABULATION/ JUDGING AREA	Please do not enter the tabulation area or communicate with the judges. Performance tapes will be available after your performance, at a table adjacent to the tabulation/judging area.
WARM-UPS/ TIME LINE	We will have a HORIZONTAL TIME LINE . Units will enter from the audience's upper right side and exit from the audiences lower right side. BODY WARM-UP: Located in the West Campus Cafeteria. Equipment use IS ALLOWED in the Body warm up area. However, NO TOSSING IS ALLOWED. EQUIPMENT WARM-UP: Located in the West Gym adjacent to body warm-up.
FLOOR FOLDING	Floor folding will be done outside the performance gym in the parking lot. In case of inclement weather, floor folding will be done after the show and during breaks.
FIRST AID	The first aid station will be located on the first floor of the gym in a classroom beside the unit entrance. Signs will be posted directing you to the room.
HOSPITALITY	The hospitality room will be open to judges, directors and staff. It will be located on the second floor of the performance gym.
DIRECTIONS	Take GA 400 North to exit 15. Turn LEFT onto BALD RIDGE MARINA RD. Go about 1 mile. BALD RIDGE MARINA BECOMES E. MAIN ST AND GA-20. Turn RIGHT at the 4 th red light, which will be TRIBBLE GAP RD. Forsyth Central High School is about 0.6 of a mile on the LEFT side of the road. Buses will turn on Elm St. and Equipment vehicles will turn into the front of the school.

SAWNEE MOUNTAIN INVITATIONAL
MARCH 20-21, 2010



Forsyth Central High School
520 Tribble Gap Road
Cumming, GA 30040

Sunday Performance Time _____

HOUSING CONTRACT AND RELEASE FORM

Unit Name: _____

Director's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I, _____ director of the _____
Winter Guard, understand that I am responsible for any damages that may occur by
any member of my group during our stay. I also understand that Forsyth Central High
School, the Forsyth Central High School Band or the Forsyth Central High School
Band Boosters are not liable for any lost or stolen items that may occur during the
Sawnee Mountain Invitational, MARCH 20-21, 2010.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Rooms must be cleaned and vacated PRIOR to your scheduled Sunday WARM-UP
time. (Unit/personal items may be moved into the hallway until immediately following
Retreat.)**

We would like to contract overnight housing for a cost of \$3.00 per competing
member as follows. Please fill out the top and bottom of this form if you are planning
to spend the night.

Number of Members _____ X \$3.00 = Total housing fees due _____

All monies due will be paid at unit check-in and check payable to: **FCHS Band
Boosters**

Signature: _____ Position: _____

Fees collected by: _____ (initials)



Housing Waiver

Participating Guard Unit _____

As director of the above referenced winter guard, I take full responsibility for any damages caused by, or injuries involving students, members, staff, and chaperones for our unit. As guests of Forsyth High School, we agree to be liable for loss or damage to equipment or facilities on our assigned areas brought about by unauthorized use, damage or alteration by any representatives of our organization. I understand that my unit will not be permitted to participate on later shows until any substantiated claims for loss or damage have been settled.

My unit, my unit's representatives and I will ensure that all the classroom is cleaned and all trash is removed from areas assigned for our uses and will be placed in designated receptacles or bags prior to our departure from the onsite overnight location.

I further acknowledge that abusive language or behavior, incidents of vandalism or other abuse of the facilities attributed to representatives of my unit may result in disqualification from this or future contests.

I also agree that Forsyth Central High School, the Southern Association of Performing Arts and the Forsyth Central High School Band Boosters will not be held liable for any articles lost or stolen from my group while we are on the FCHS campus.

During our stay, I certify that

- (1) MY MEMBERS WILL BE UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES,
- (2) THAT NO ONE IN MY GROUP WILL SMOKE ON THE FCHS CAMPUS,
- (3) THAT OUR MEMBERS WILL RESTRICT THEIR MOVEMENT ON THE FCHS CAMPUS TO AREAS DESIGNATED BY FCHS BAND BOOSTERS AND SAPA OFFICIALS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE CONTEST AND THE SAFE ACCOMODATIONS OF PARTICPANTS AND SPECTATORS.
- (4) MY GROUP WILL CLEAN-UP AND REMOVE ALL UNIT PERFORMANCE AND PERSONAL ITEMS FROM THE HOUSING CLASSROOM NO LATER THAN MY UNIT'S ASSIGNED WARM-UP TIME ON SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010.

DATE SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR

DIRECTOR'S PRINTED NAME DIRECTOR'S PRINTED NAME



PRACTICE SITE CONTRACT

Unit Name _____

Director's Name _____

Director's Cell Phone _____

Director's E-mail _____

We would like to contract for hours of practice time as follows. Please contact Sue Mashburn (404-683-6358) to schedule a practice time stmashburn@forsyth.k12.ga.us :

You are scheduled to rehearse _____
(Date)

Between _____ and _____.

We understand the cost for practice to be \$20 per half hour. We also understand that if the contracted times are not used or needed, then we will still be obligated for the full price of the time contracted UNLESS suitable arrangements can be made with the contest sponsor PRIOR to the time assigned. The owed amount will be paid at unit check-in prior to competing.

Make checks payable to: FCHS Band Boosters.

Amount Due _____



SAWNEE MOUNTAIN INVITATIONAL CONCESSIONS

ITEMS

HAMBURGER	\$3.00
COMBO	
MEAL	\$5.00
CHEESEBURGER	\$3.50
COMBO	
MEAL	\$5.50
HOT DOG	\$2.00
COMBO	
MEAL	\$4.50
POPCORN	\$1.00
DILL PICKLE	\$1.00
CHIPS	\$0.50

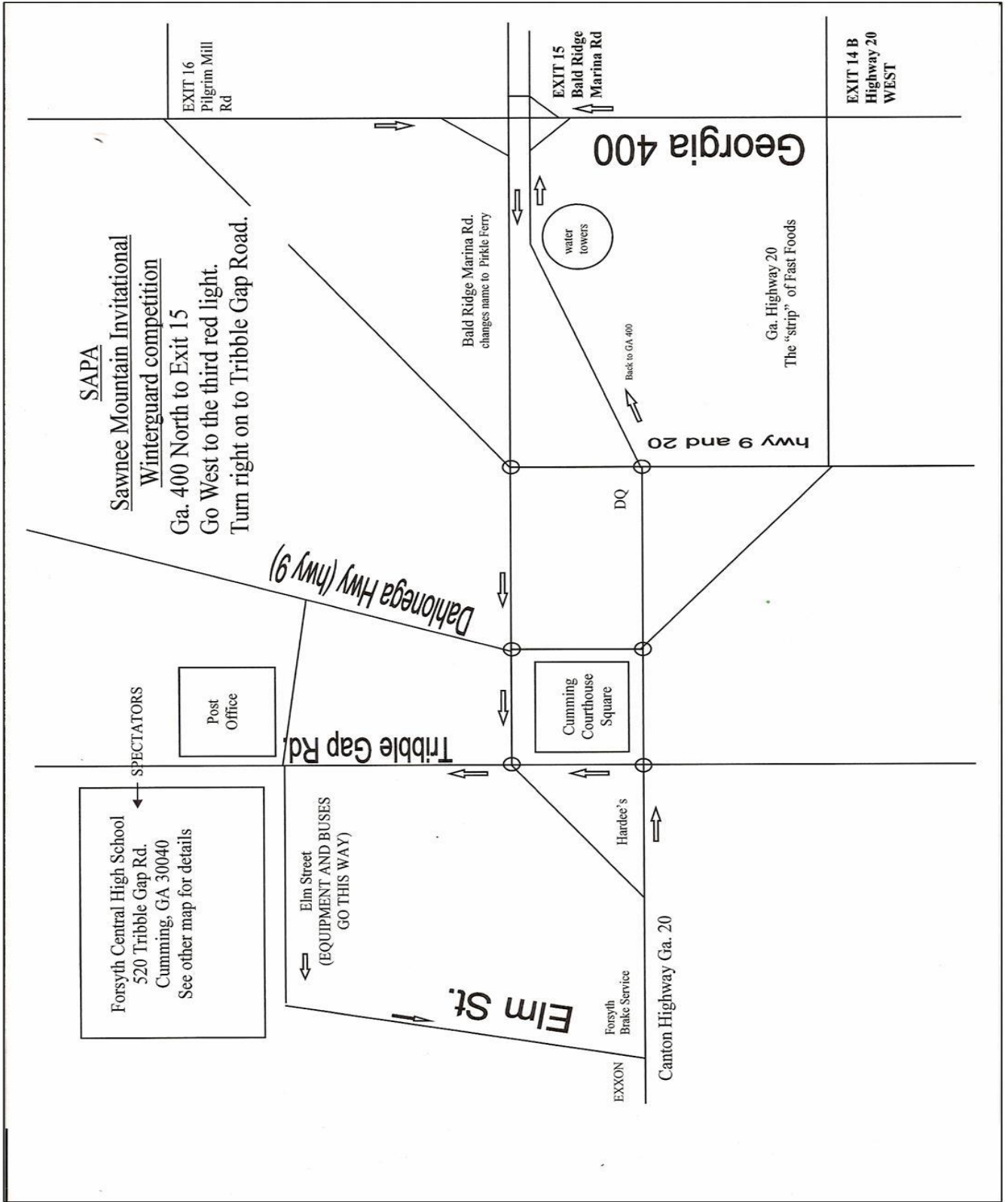
DRINKS

COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE, & Mr. PIBB	\$2.00
BOTTLED WATER & POWER ADE	\$2.00
HOT CHOCOLATE	\$1.00
COFFEE	\$1.00

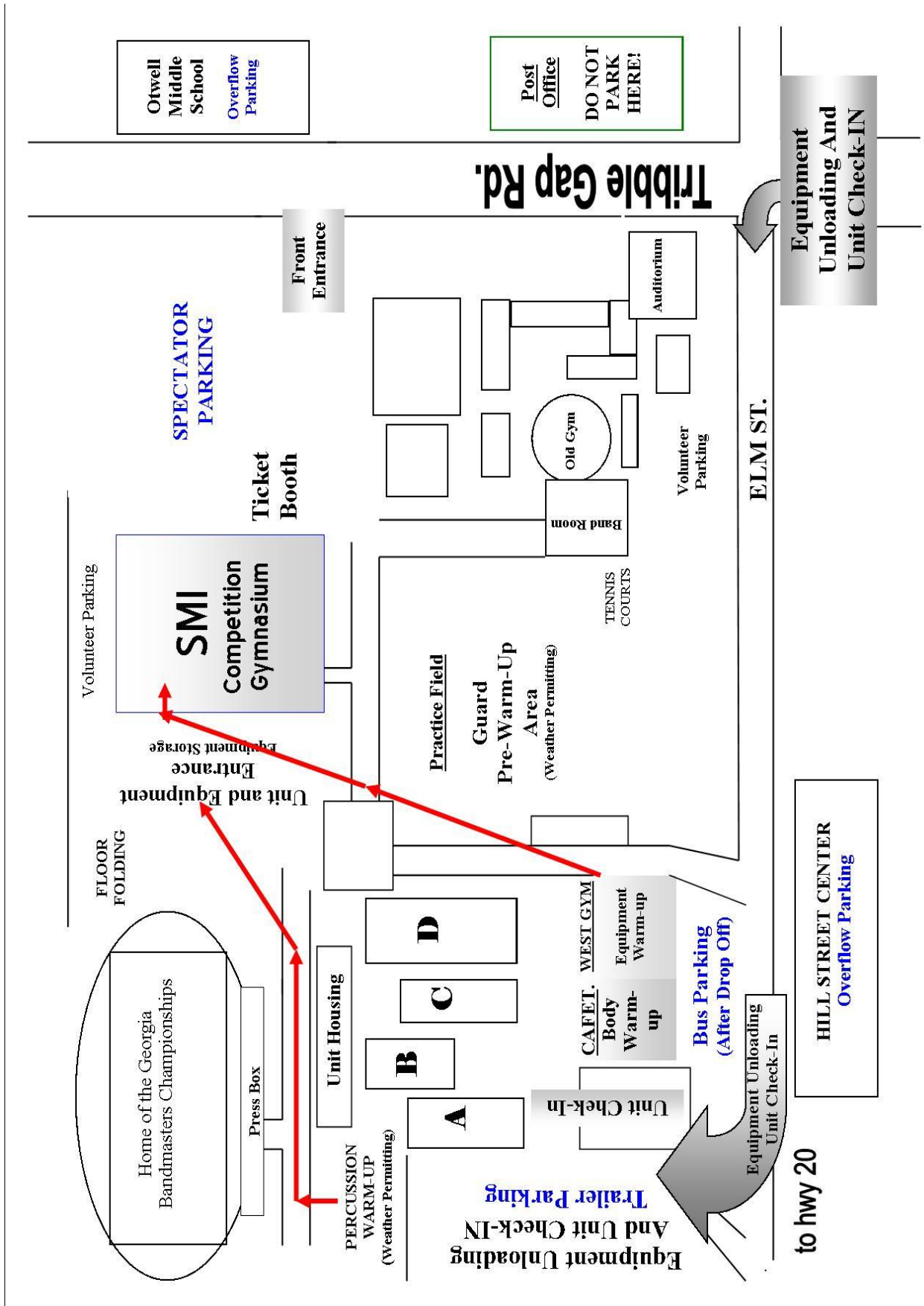
CANDY/FRUIT

CANDY BARS, SKITTLES, M&M'S AND STARBURST	\$1.00
APPLES/ BANANAS/ORANGES	\$0.50
CARROTS/CELERY W/DRESSING	\$1.50

Directions to FCHS



FCHS Campus/SMI Map



Otwell Middle School Overflow Parking

Post Office DO NOT PARK HERE!

Tribble Gap Rd.

Front Entrance

SPECTATOR PARKING

Ticket Booth

SMI Competition Gymnasium

Volunteer Parking

Unit and Equipment Entrance

FLOOR FOLDING

Home of the Georgia Bandmasters Championships

Press Box

Unit Housing

A B C D

PERCUSSION WARM-UP (Weather Permitting)

Equipment Unloading And Unit Check-IN Trailer Parking

CAFET. WEST GYM Body Warm-up Equipment Warm-up

Bus Parking (After Drop Off)

Equipment Unloading Unit Check-In

to hwy 20

HILL STREET CENTER Overflow Parking

ELM ST.

Equipment Unloading And Unit Check-IN

Band Room

Old Gym

Auditorium

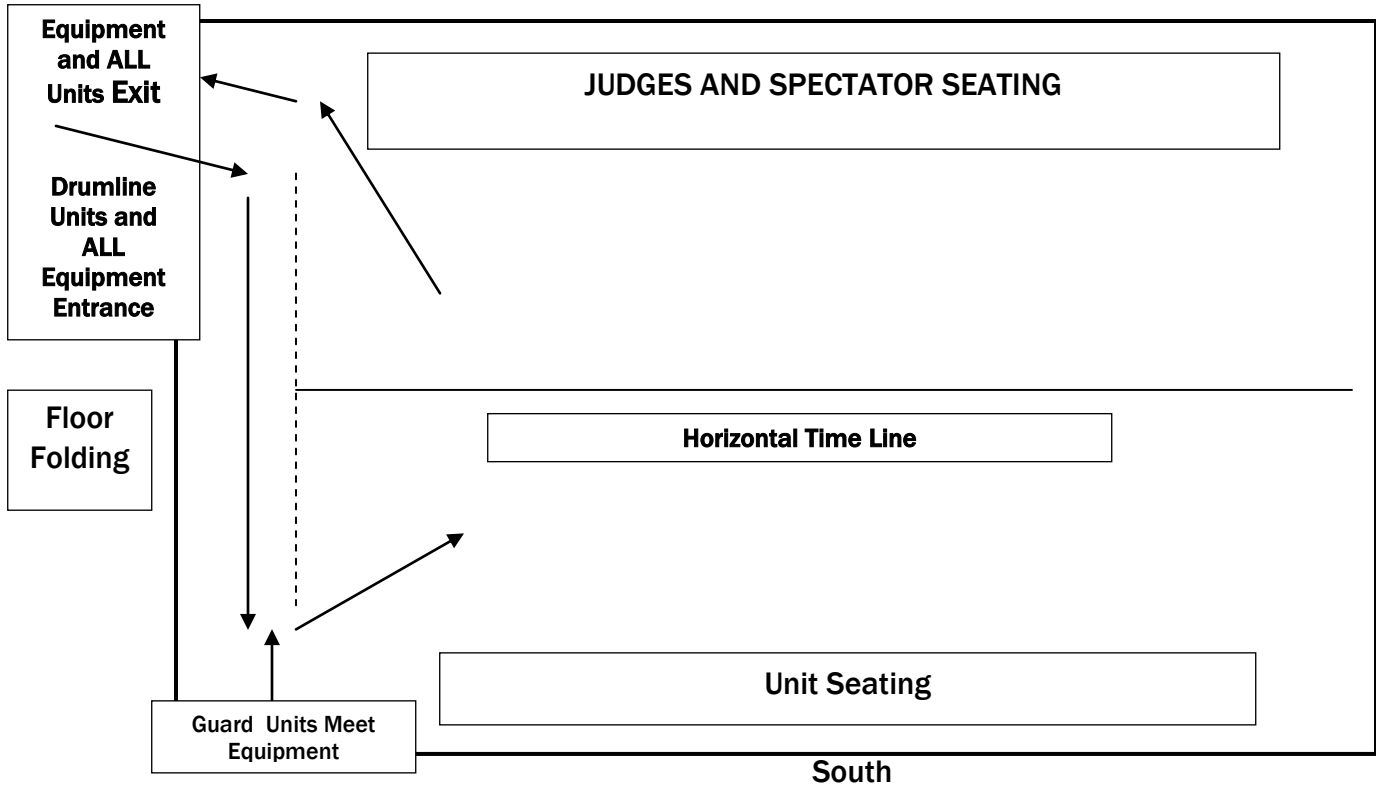
Volunteer Parking

TENNIS COURTS

Practice Field Guard-Warm-Up Area (Weather Permitting)

SMI Competition Gymnasium

Lower Level North



Upper Level North

