



UIL REGION 9 MARCHING BAND CONTEST 2026

On behalf of Brad Bouley, UIL Region 9 Executive Secretary, welcome to the UIL Region 9 Marching Band Contest for 2026. We hope this information packet will be helpful in making your final preparations in traveling to Conroe ISD Woodforest Bank Stadium. Our hope is for you and your students to enjoy a stress-free experience and wish you the very best.

ARRIVAL:

Upon arrival, a guide will meet you, to help park your buses and direct your equipment truck(s) to the designated area which is on the visitor's side of the stadium. There will be a guide there to help give instructions and answer questions.

DIRECTOR CHECK IN:

All directors will check in with Mr. Bouley in the contest office on the 2nd floor. Please have all necessary forms: **Form #1- signed by your principal, Announcer Sheet, Statement of Compliance**

UIL RULES:

Please refer to your UIL Constitution and Contest Rules and your UIL/TEA Side by Side found on the UIL website. Please review all entry/exit, timing rules, warm-up regulations, electronic equipment usage and all other marching band contest matters as directed by UIL and Mr. Bouley.

TICKETS:

Ticket sales to Region 9 marching contests "off-set" the charges by the Conroe ISD for stadium usage, police and EMS personnel, and stadium clean-up.

TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT WILL BE SOLD ONLINE. Cost of online ticket sales will be \$7.00 + processing fee per ticket for all adults and school aged children. Children 5 years and under are admitted free of charge.

Please send the following link to your parents to purchase tickets:

https://conroeisd.hometownticketing.com/embed/event/2660?access_code=76c0b1375401c40c570613806e256c6e201b59ad

GROUPS wishing to purchase tickets should contact bradleybouley@gmail.com

Each director will be allowed 15 chaperones/pit crew with visible ID to enter the stadium without charge.

WARM- UP

See the enclosed map for warm up locations. All bands will warm-up outside in the parking lot south of the stadium

Metronomes: Shall FACE AWAY from the stadium and shall not be audible from the stadium.

Warm-Up time: Please adhere to UIL warm-up guidelines and policies. Please see the schedule posted [here](#):

OR https://www.region9music.com/files/ugd/c869e1_c4f7c69876c74382aa1a5fc5d7abdce1.pdf

Color Guard warm-up: Can either be with your band or in the designated area behind the Visitor's stands.

Pit Percussion: Will warm-up on the south side of the natatorium. We ask that you have keyboard only as much as possible with no big impacts due to the close proximity of the competition field. **You will be asked to stop your pit warm-up if it interferes with the stadium performances.** An Oak Ridge Band parent will be in the area to monitor and receive instructions from the press box. Courtesy will be appreciated if you are asked to tone it down or stop playing.

PERFORMANCE AREA:

Woodforest Bank Stadium is an artificial surfaced field with no track. **No motorized vehicles are allowed on the artificial surface.** All golf carts, trailers, etc. are to remain on the concrete area only. Access to the film deck (2nd Floor home side) is limited to *one person* per Band program, and only for the duration of the Band's performance.

Stadium Entrance: Winds, drum lines and guards will enter the stadium from the South end. The Bands will enter Southeast (Visitor's side) and the Pit enters Southwest gate (home side). Do not block any gate with vehicles and equipment. Please have at least one adult with your equipment.

*A larger entrance for **PROPS ONLY** is available at the Northwest (home side) entrance.*

Stadium Exit: All Bands, all pit and all prop equipment will exit through the Northeast gate (Visitor side).

Electrical Outlets: There are three outlets available, near the 50 yd. Line. BUT always have a backup power source for those wonderful "everything is going wrong" moments that may pop-up. Also, refer to all the new **UIL guidelines and directives for electronic usage.**

Stadium sound frequencies to avoid: 497.000, 485.975, 525.825, 492.525

MAP/DIRECTIONS:

We have included maps and directions with this information.

MISC. INFORMATION:

1. Instrument Repair: Located near the band entry gate.
2. Concessions: Will be available on the HOME side of the stadium.
3. Restrooms: Open on both sides of the stadium.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any other questions. We look forward to seeing all of you. Good Luck and Have a Great Show!!

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