



## **What to Expect on Game Days**

Game days are long days for the students, band directors, volunteers, and even the parents. It is extremely important that your child pay careful note of the specific directions given by the band directors over the course of the week prior to a marching event.

On Game Day:

- Call time is the time when the student must be ready for inspection and to play their instrument. It is NOT a suggested arrival time. Be sure your child has lots of time to prepare in the band hall before call time.
- Most students will need to arrive at school with everything they will need for marching at the game.
- Students will need to leave school Friday with everything they need for the weekend.
- The Band Fan club, through parent volunteers, will feed the band before call time. There will be a fee collected at the beginning of the season to cover costs.
- Students will need to securely hide long bangs and hair longer than collar length underneath their hat.
- The band travels together as a unit on busses to and from the games. Personal transportation is not permitted.
- The band sits at the east end of the home side of the field at Roo Stadium,
- Season tickets and weekly tickets for both home and away games are sold at the school district office and the high school front office. Go to the athletics page of [www.weatherfordisd.com](http://www.weatherfordisd.com) for more information.
- The band may not eat in uniform. Parent volunteers hand out bottled water early in the game. Band members also get canned soda during their 3<sup>rd</sup> period break. Additional water is available as needed.
- Parents may visit with their children at break time. The area is in the northeast corner of the stadium.
- Freshmen boys are the loading crew and freshmen girls have clean up duty for the busses and band hall.
- The band returns to the WHS band hall about 10:30 p.m. after home games, and 11:30 or so after away games.
- Parents must park in a parking place when picking up their children.
- After home games, we frequently meet at a pizza place to eat, socialize and watch the video of halftime performance. On these occasions we make special arrangements with the pizza restaurant to remain open just for the band.

## **What to Expect on Contest Days**

The band will perform competitively on several Saturdays during marching season. These are also potentially long days. Here are some differences from game days:

- Call time will be early in the day, depending on the contest schedule.
- The Band Fan Club will feed the band at the event in most cases, and will have drinks in all cases.
- Parents are highly encouraged to attend in a supportive role. Come cheer and come volunteer!
- Return times are highly variable, depending on the success of our performance.

We will be continually updating and expanding information available on the band website:

[www.weatherfordroobands.com](http://www.weatherfordroobands.com). (Please be sure to include the “s” in bands.)



Please see the calendar page of the website for the latest dates for band events. All dates are subject to verification and change.

### **Financial Planning**

Band families should be prepared to pay for the following items:

- Required: Show t-shirt, polo shirt, marching shoes, marching gloves, black socks, uniform maintenance fee and meal fee. Girls will also need a pair of black dress shoes in early December.
- Optional: Additional expenses will include band social events and the spring trip. Fundraising opportunities will be available to defray the cost of the trip.
- Highly Encouraged: private lessons throughout the year and summer university band camps.
- Please support the band fan club by becoming a member and helping us find sponsors in the community.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

The band is dependent on the help of the Band Fan Club and parent volunteers for many things. Please consider giving of your time in some way. Immediate marching season needs are:

- Committee members and chairpersons, especially in the volunteer coordination and fundraising areas.
- Volunteers who can sew hems in pants legs and jacket sleeves, as well as volunteers who can sew flags for the color guard.
- Volunteers on game and contest days (and parade days) to ice down drinks, to arrange for meals, to serve the students food and/or drinks, to drive the truck, to pull the trailer, and to move ladders and percussion equipment on and off the field.
- Volunteers to help plan and chaperone band social events.