



Pittsburg State University
"Pride of the Plains" Marching Band
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2009

Homecoming Parade and Massed Band Information **Date: October 24th, 2009**

Dear Band Director,

Homecoming is a special time of year at Pittsburg State University. This year it is especially exciting because we will be continuing some great traditions started in the past few years. Most notably, by popular demand, we will have the massed band activities during the pre-game so bands can leave earlier for home or stay and watch the game.

Whether you have joined the festivities in the past or have never been on the Pitt State campus, I hope you'll consider bringing your band to the 2009 Homecoming Parade and Pre-Game Extravaganza. This year's Homecoming will be on October 24th with activities including the Homecoming Parade, a great game with the PSU Gorillas facing The tigers of Ft. Hays State University, a massed band performance during pre-game, and a band director's luncheon. **Entries are due by October 2nd, 2009!!!** Entry Forms can be faxed, mailed, emailed, or even called in directly to me.... Simply, if you want to participate, let me know by October 2nd.

Below is specific information on this year's event:

1. A complete set of instructions will be sent to those of you who are participating approximately two weeks prior to the event.
2. The starting time of the parade is 9:00 a.m. again this year. A list of bands, fall-in points, and reporting times will be sent later. The parade route contains no corners once you have joined the parade on Broadway.
3. **Parade routines of any kind are not permitted.**

4. Judges for the bands will be located on the West side of the street at approximately 6th and Broadway. There will be a sign 1/2 block before you reach the judging stand to alert you.
5. The schedule for bands participating in the pre-game massed band:
 - 11:00 Massed Band Rehearsal. All participating bands on the field at Carnie Smith Stadium.
 - 12:10 Band Director's Luncheon at the Student Union.
Student lunch on their own (see enclosed materials).
 - 1:00 Bands must be in stadium in Uniform.
 - 1:30 Pre-Game Massed Band Activities.
 - 2:00 Kick-off.
 - 2:00 Bands may stay in endzones to watch game. You may bring blankets to sit on, but please, no lawn-chairs. **Bleachers will not be set up this year.**
6. You will need to provide chaperones to be responsible for the band while you attend the complimentary Bandmaster's Luncheon.
7. Lunch: There are several options for lunch.
 - a. Hamburgers provided by the Boy Scouts – A flyer with prices and details will be sent to all bands participating in the massed band activities.
 - b. At all PSU Football games there are several vendors outside the stadium serving a wide variety of foods. Prices vary, but a meal of a hot dog, chips and drink can be had for under \$5.
 - c. Many schools bring their own sack lunches, others choose to order Pizza or Sub Sandwiches and have it delivered.
8. The music for the massed band is:
 - Warewolves of London – arranged by Jerry Burns – Alfred Publishing
 - Espana Cani – arranged by Mike Story – Alfred Publishing
 - 1812 Overture – out of print – we will send a set of parts via email as a pdf file (HAL LEONARD PUBLISHING CORP.)

Note: A flag routine for 1812 will be posted to Youtube for you to prepare flags. Twirlers we learn a routine to Espana Cani on the day of the event.
9. Plaques will be awarded to all bands during the football game. Bands will be judged according to school classifications on a rating system of I-Superior, II-Excellent, and III-Good. There will be three caption judges evaluating your performance in the areas of music performance, marching execution and general effect.
10. If the parade is rained out, bands participating in the halftime should report to the parking lot northeast of the Stadium to await further instructions. If the show is cancelled (rain, etc.), the plaques will be awarded immediately upon cancellation beneath the West stands.
11. Thank you for helping keep PSU's homecoming a premier event in the 4 state region!

I hope you will accept this invitation to participate in the PSU Homecoming Parade and Pre-game and I am looking forward to meeting and talking with you in the future. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (620) 235-4070.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Douglas Whitten". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

A. Douglas Whitten
Director of Athletic Bands

Pittsburg State University
Homecoming Parade/ Massed Band Application
October 24th, 2009

Return this form by October 2nd to:

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Fax to (620) 235-4468 **or** Email awhitten@pittstate.edu **or** call (620)235-4070

Our school is in Class _____*.

Our band consists of _____ wind players (brass and woodwind).

Our band consists of _____ Percussionists/drummers.

We have _____ twirlers, _____ color guard/flags, and _____ drum majors.

We will need _____ field passes for chaperones, staff and bus drivers.

I. We plan to participate in:

_____ Both the parade and the pre-game show

_____ Parade only

_____ Massed band only

II. _____ In the parade we will be marching for a rating

_____ No rating, please

III. _____ I would like to attend the Bandmasters' Luncheon.

Number of persons: _____.

_____ BAND DIRECTOR

_____ SCHOOL

_____ ADDRESS

_____ CITY, STATE, ZIP

_____ PHONE

_____ E-MAIL

* *OUT-OF-STATE BANDS, PLEASE INDICATE TOTAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR UPPER 3 GRADES: _____*

**Please return this form on or before October 2nd
so that we can get final details worked out.**