

2017 Whitko Marching Pride - State Finals @ Lucas Oil Stadium, Saturday November 4th

Wednesday

5:00 PM Family Dinner, cafeteria
6:00 - 8:00 PM Rehearsal

Friday

Student Dress-Up Day @ School

Saturday

5:00 AM Call Time @ Whitko; Load Trailer
5:30 AM Depart for Lucas Oil Stadium
8:17 AM Arrive at Lucas Oil Stadium **Area 1**; see Student Directions page for
unload instructions
Circle
9:22 AM Transit to Bus/Truck Parking/Unload Trailer
9:52 AM Transit to Warmup
10:17 AM Physical Warmup
10:46 AM Musical Warmup
11:10 AM Performance
12:15 PM Open Class D Awards
1:15 PM Depart Lucas Oil Stadium
Lunch in Indianapolis
*5:00 PM Return to Whitko/Unload Trailer/Dismissed

The following information for both students and spectators is laid out chronologically from the beginning to the end of the day. If you have any questions, please email me at John.VanPatten@whitko.org before Friday evening if possible.

Notes for students

- Please be on time! This is one show you don't want to be late for!
- We will be stopping at the "Area 51" rest area for a quick bathroom stop, and that time is built into the schedule.
- We will arrive at Lucas Oil Stadium at **Area 1** (see the attached exterior map). This will be your time to take some pictures outside of the stadium, and even see the new Peyton Manning statue! Use the restroom, get your uniform, and get changed.
 - I am asking that no phones be on your person during this performance. Trust me, plenty of pictures will be taken!
- We will be allowed in this location from 8:17-9:17. We will do our circle here at some point during that time.
- At 9:22 AM we will be directed to move the bus and trailer to the parking lot behind the stadium. At this point we will unload our trailer and prepare to move indoors.

- There is no prop staging area unless we have dedicated prop personnel. I am going to ask advanced band students if they would like to help with props this weekend only. If I am not able to get enough of them then we will move them ourselves. Transport them in the collapsed position as they won't fit through doors and gates fully assembled.
- At 9:52 AM we will be directed to move down the loading dock and into the warmup areas. Be very careful during this process as the loading dock has a rather steep grade to go down.
- The warmup areas are both in one large, concrete room. The only divider between physical and music is a black curtain. Everyone will need to audibly count during physical warmup.
- After music warmup we will move into the stadium. We will enter from the back left corner of the field. Pit will move all the way down the endzone to the front sideline. Horns will either move to the front sideline to pickup props or simply stage in the endzone.
- After our performance we will exit through the tunnel on the front right side of the field. The American Dairy Association is a long-standing partner of ISSMA State Finals and every member of each band will get a carton of milk after the performance.
- After our "milk party" we will take all pit percussion and props out to the trailer and load it ***very quickly***, Horns and battery percussion will keep your instruments on you for the awards ceremony. During the time we have left between loading the trailer and awards we will sit in a designated section on the side of the stadium and watch the remaining bands.
- Awards at State are so much different than any other show. The entire band will be called down to the field, and we will have two yard lines that we can occupy space between. Seniors will be called to report to the sideline once the entire band is on the field.
- After awards, bands are dismissed in reverse placement order. We will march off the field and into the tunnel we exited after performance. We'll change and load the rest of the instruments onto the trailer and depart from here.

Notes for Spectators

- Advance tickets are being sold at the Whitko front office. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for students. Children under 2 who will not occupy their own seat are free. Tickets will only be sold Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Please purchase these tickets in advance so you do not have to wait in line at the box office.
- See the attached letter from ISSMA regarding parking. There is limited parking at the stadium, but several areas within easy walking distance around the stadium. All parking areas have different pricing, but plan on about \$5 or so for the day.
- Follow ISSMA's driving directions as they account for the street closures due to the running of the Monumental Marathon the same day.
- Gates open at 9:00 AM. Souvenir programs are available for \$5, and you'll want to get one! Souvenir t-shirts are also available for \$20. Students, if you want your parents to get you one let them know ahead of time.

- I am asking that all Whitko spectators plan to arrive at Lucas Oil Stadium by 9:00 AM. The best seats go first, and you may not be able to enter during the exhibition Scholastic Champion bands' performances. Security will also prohibit you from entering while a band is performing. To ensure you get your best seat, and that you are there for our performance, plan on viewing both exhibition groups and all of Class D.
- Because of the way awards are done at State (see above), students will not be allowed to leave until after the awards ceremony. Any student wishing to remain behind, or have alternative travel back to Whitko, will need to have a parent meet the band at the bus/truck parking lot.. We are required to vacate the parking lot within one hour of awards so if you are not there will will not be able to wait for you.
- Students and/or parents wishing to remain in Indianapolis to watch any other class at State may do so. Your ticket is good for the entire day. Students will need to get a hand stamp from any Lucas Oil Stadium security in order to re-enter. This will be your responsibility. Again, if your parent is not there to collect you after awards you will need to return with the band.