

2019 Gahr High School Invitational Field Tournament

Saturday, October 12, 2019

**Gahr High School
11111 Artesia Blvd.
Cerritos, CA 90703**

**Welcome to the 5th annual Gahr Invitational Field
Tournament!** Please take a moment to read through the following
information. In case of any problems or emergencies, please call:

**Darren Loney, Director of Instrumental Music
Cell Phone: (949) 433-8342**

**Jeffrey Varney, Director Liaison
Cell Phone: (562) 371-4188**

**Lori Vandeventer, Tournament Chair
Cell Phone: (310) 502-3231**

**Deanna Varney, Band Booster Co-President
Cell Phone: (562) 413-3068**

**Teri Islas, Band Booster Co-President
Cell Phone: (562) 412-5950**

1. PARKING

Free Guest/Spectator parking is available in the main Gahr High School parking lot and in the small front office parking lot on the east side of campus. We are also offering Premium Parking for \$5 near the entrance to the stadium, as well as an additional overflow business lot across the street on Artesia (by Ortho Mattress & Off Street Cafe). *In the event all of these parking lots are full, spectators will need to park on residential streets.* **PLEASE REMIND PARENTS TO USE CROSSWALKS TO SAFELY CROSS THE STREET.**

Band bus and trailer parking is located on the blacktop by going through the gated entrance adjacent to the gym. Booster parents wearing reflective vests will be on hand to provide direction. Look for the signs that say “BUS AND TRAILER PARKING.” *Be careful when driving through gates and please watch out for basketball poles.* **IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON LEAVING BEFORE AWARDS, PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP SO WE CAN MAKE SURE YOUR BUSES ARE PARKED CLOSEST TO THE EXIT.**

Handicapped parking is available in designated spots in the main parking lot.

2. ADMISSION

General Admission: \$10.00
Senior Discount (65+): \$8.00
Military (with I.D.): \$8.00
Students (with I.D.): \$6.00
Children 5 and under: Free

We accept cash and credit cards.

3. UPON ARRIVAL...

The check-in table is at the gate where the busses and trailers enter. Look for an EZ-UP and a sign that says “GROUP CHECK-IN.” Please pick up your Director’s Packet and **double-check the schedule included in your packet and your designated warm up zone.** In the packet you will find:

- ★ One Director's Badge, which serves as your admission to hospitality.
- ★ GOLDENROD wristbands for staff and coaches that grant access to hospitality.
- ★ GREEN CHEVRON wristbands for students. ALL students need to have a wristband on in order to re-enter the stadium.
- ★ RED STARS wristbands for parent helpers/chaperones. **YOU WILL BE GIVEN ONE (1) PARENT WRISTBAND PER EVERY TEN (10) STUDENTS IN YOUR BAND... EVERYONE ELSE MUST PAY AT THE GATE.**

ALL PARENT HELPERS/CHAPERONES MUST HAVE A WRISTBAND ON IN ORDER TO ENTER THE STADIUM. ALL ATTENDEES MUST WEAR WRISTBANDS AT ALL TIMES.

Additional wristbands can be purchased at the ticket booth at the stadium (cash or credit card). We are also selling wristbands at the check-in table (cash only please).

4. RESTROOMS

Restrooms are marked and available near the warm up areas and in the stadium. We will also have the boy’s and girl’s locker room restrooms near the bus parking. **Please do not use the restrooms as changing areas.**

5. GROUP ESCORTS

Each band is assigned student escorts who will remain with the group through your performance to lead you back to your busses. While they can help answer questions and guide your group, it is ultimately your responsibility to keep track of time.

6. WARM UP AREAS

You will have an assigned warm up zone and warm up time.

We will be using the athletic fields and the three main quads on campus. Out of courtesy for the other bands, please wait until the zone is empty before moving in.

Some areas on campus may not have much lighting. We are doing our best to bring in additional lights in the warm up areas and on the fields.

Please be aware that the entrance and exit routes have changed. **Leave enough time to be at the gate ten (10) minutes prior to your performance.** Any group responsible for delaying the competition will receive the maximum timing penalty assessed to your final score. It is your responsibility to arrive on time.

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO PLAYING IN THE QUIET ZONES OR BASKETBALL COURTS (BUS/TRAILER PARKING). There are some portions of the athletic fields that may be used for warm up, but we need you to face away from the stadium. Please be courteous when using a long ranger / PA / Dr. Beat. **Bands that interfere with performing bands and have been warned by a head judge may be penalized.**

7. STAGING / PIT EQUIPMENT / PROP PRE-STAGING

Please be at the **Band Entrance / Staging Area** at least ten (10) minutes before your performance. You will be entering from the **SIDE B back corner (visitor's side)**. This is a silent area — Do not play or interfere while another group is performing. Please note that the pathway to get to the band entrance has changed and you will be pushing down a sidewalk to get to the stadium gate. All bands will be entering and exiting through the same gate on and off the track. **The band entering the field for competition always has the right of way.**



Please note that main gates we will be using have a width of 5 feet. If you have larger props or equipment, there are other gates further down, or **we can make arrangements for you may pre-stage ahead of time** (as marked on the map). Please let us know and we will be happy to accommodate you!

8. SET UP TIME

You will have three (3) minutes set up on the field with an additional one (1) minute until final call. **Please wait until your band is announced before you take the field.**

9. PERFORMER EXIT

After your performance you will be exiting the same gate on the Side B back corner (visitor's side). The front ensemble must push all the way around the track. There will be a short push across a field that will take you directly to the blacktop where your busses are located. We will have parents directing traffic to create a pathway for your band to exit.

10. ELECTRICAL POWER

Electrical power is available at the field level on the front of the field near the 50-yard-line. If we blow a fuse, it is the competitor's responsibility to have a back-up source of power.

11. ANNOUNCER

We have a great announcer for the tournament. Please have a script up to the press box at least one hour before your performance time. Please spell difficult names phonetically.

12. JUDGING

Judges are provided by the California State Band Championships (CSBC). This is a qualifying tournament for the California State Band Championships. Please refer to their website for rules and qualifying requirements at: <http://csbc.compsuite.io>.

13. FIRST AID

There is a First Aid tent on the north side of the home bleachers. We have a registered nurse on hand; however, this is for minor issues. Please dial 9-1-1 for major issues or emergencies.

14. VIDEO

We will be recording every performance and provide the link for band directors (for educational purposes only). You may also have your own designated video person by the press box to record your performance. You cannot be on top of the press box, but can get a great angle from OUTSIDE the press box.

15. PERFORMER RE-ENTRY & SEATING

Students may re-enter the stadium after their performance through the main gate. **ALL STUDENTS MUST SIT ON THE VISITOR'S SIDE BLEACHERS, EVEN IF YOUR SCHOOL ARRIVES EARLY. THERE ARE ASSIGNED SECTIONS MARKED FOR EACH BAND. STUDENTS MUST HAVE THE GREEN CHEVRON WRISTBAND TO ENTER THE STADIUM.** Please remind students to be quiet and courteous during performances.

16. CONCESSION STAND

We have a fantastic concession stand with burgers, hot dogs, baked potatoes, nachos, chow mein, adobo and rice, and more. Please encourage your students to eat at our concessions! If you want your students to eat before your performance, just let us know and we can accommodate your band. *We do not allow preparation of food on any ABC Unified School District campus per district policy. No outside food may be brought into the stadium.*



Main Concession Stand

Food

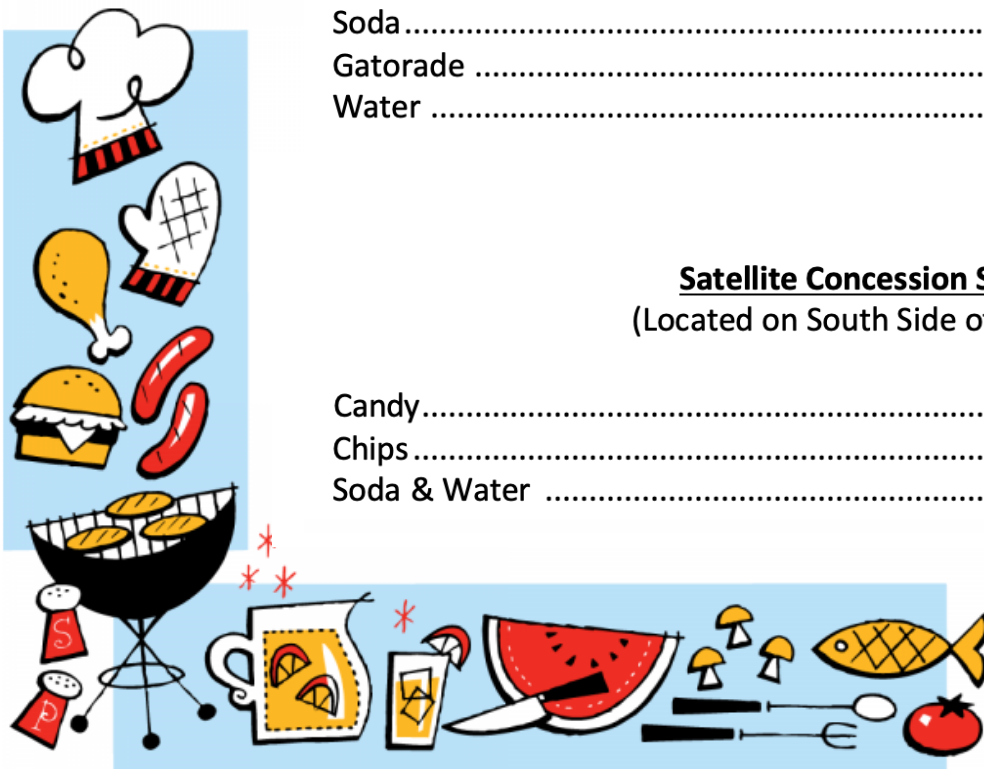
Cheeseburger	\$4.00
Hamburger	\$3.00
Hot Dog	\$2.00
Adobo with Rice	\$5.00
Chow Mein	\$4.00
Nachos with Cheese	\$3.00
Nachos with Cheese & Chili.....	\$4.00
Cup O' Noodles.....	\$1.00
Chips	\$1.00

Drinks

Soda.....	\$1.00
Gatorade	\$2.00
Water	\$1.00

Satellite Concession Stand (Located on South Side of Stands)

Candy.....	\$1.00
Chips	\$1.00
Soda & Water	\$1.00



17. HOSPITALITY

You and your staff are invited to indulge in some delicious food, beverages, and desserts provided by our booster parents. We also have a gift bag for each director to take home. This year, the hospitality tent is located at the southwest corner of the field. **Only adults with a Director's Badge or GOLDENROD wristbands will be allowed into hospitality.**

18. PROGRAMS

We will be selling programs for \$5.00. Please encourage your parents and students to buy them!

19. CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS

In addition to cash, **we accept Visa, American Express, MasterCard, and Discover credit cards** at our concession stand and ticket booth.

20. AWARDS CEREMONY

Please have no more than seven (7) leaders (drum majors, captains, lieutenants) to the Side B End Zone for the evening awards following the last performance. CSBC is completely paperless and no longer has a "perusal" period, so we will start the awards as soon as possible!

If you are not staying for awards, please leave a designated parent to pick up your scores and trophies. **REMEMBER TO PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON LEAVING BEFORE AWARDS SO WE CAN MAKE SURE YOUR BUSES ARE PARKED NEAR THE EXIT.**

21. RAIN

In the event of inclement weather, I will call you during the day to inform you of any changes. We will try to find a way to make this event happen (such as a standstill performance) as your kids deserve to be heard. *Standstill performance scores may not be used to qualify for championships.*

Thank you and we look forward to another fantastic tournament!

Darren Loney

Director of Instrumental Music

Gahr High School

Cell (949) 433-8342

Email darren.loney@abcusd.us