

**AREA F MARCHING CONTEST**  
**OCTOBER 25, 2008**  
**GALENA PARK ISD STADIUM**

The following information is for the 5A band directors who have a "Statement of Intent" on file, and are eligible to attend the 2008 Area F Marching Contest. Hopefully this will answer all of your questions.

1. The contest will be conducted according to the rules of the **Constitution & Contest Rules**. Please read and have an understanding of the rules prior to attending the contest. All information, regarding the Area F Contest, will be on your region's website.
2. The performance schedule of times will be posted on the website after the total number of entering schools has been finalized. The time slot you draw is the time slot in which you perform. There are no exceptions other than weather.
3. The ENTRY FEE for Area is \$250.00 per band. Bring the **entry fee**, the **entry form** (signed by your principal or superintendent), and the **announcer sheet** to the press box prior to your performance. A copy of the announcer sheet from your regional marching contest is acceptable. Make the check payable to: **AREA F UIL MUSIC**. The entry form (on your website), and the announcer sheet, may be faxed to 281-312-0257 by Friday morning, October 24th.
4. The gate fee for spectators is \$3.00 per person. Bus drivers will be admitted free. However, administrators and band chaperones must have chaperon passes. Ten passes per band will be given to the director at check in.
5. At 45 minutes prior to your band's performance time, you will report to the warm-up area. Each band is allotted 30 minutes in warm-up. At 15 minutes prior to your performance, your band will be guided to a staging area near the end zone of the home side. Your band will wait there until it is instructed by the announcer to "take the field," which will occur 5 minutes prior to your band's performance. Your band will then have 5 minutes to prepare for the performance, and you may use this time in any way you choose. At 1 minute prior to the performance, the announcer will announce the band, its directors, drum majors, and performance titles. The beginning of the announcement will indicate that the performance must begin in 60 seconds. (This means that if your announcement takes 40 seconds, then you must begin your show within 20 seconds after the end of the announcement.).
6. Failure of a band to leave the warm-up on time is not a valid excuse to begin a performance late. The clock will start at the scheduled times.
7. At the end of the preliminaries, one director from each band in Class 5A will come to the press box to review the ranking of the bands. Any and all protests must be made prior to the announcement of the results of the preliminaries.
8. The drum majors of all participating bands will assemble, on the press box side of the field, prior to the University of Houston's performance, and they will be introduced after the U of H performance. The bands that will be advancing to the finals (later that evening) will be announced during this presentation. At the end of the finals, the drum majors of these bands will assemble on the sidelines for the introduction, salute, and the announcement of the bands advancing to State. **(THERE WILL BE NO FINALS IF 13 OR FEWER BANDS ARE ENTERED IN THE AREA CONTEST)**.
9. The University of Houston Marching Band, under the direction of John Alstrin, will perform at the end of the contest.
10. Executive Secretaries of Region 9, 10 & 17 are requested to notify me "no later" than Friday morning, October 24th by fax or e-mail, the following information: (this information will expedite the scheduling of the Area F Marching Contest)

School Name  
School Address  
School Phone  
School fax

Director's Name and e-mail  
Home Address  
Home Phone

If you require any additional information or have any questions, please contact Ben Gollehon at **1)** Office 281-312-0256 **2)** Fax 281-312-0257 **3)** Cell phone 281-507-7436 **4)** E-mail: [gollehn@flash.net](mailto:gollehn@flash.net)

Respectfully,  
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