

**AREA F MARCHING CONTEST**  
**OCTOBER 24, 2009**  
**GALENA PARK ISD STADIUM**

The following information is for the 4A band directors who have a "Statement of Intent" on file, and are eligible to attend the 2009 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 23rd.
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 clock will start when the director signals or when the performance begins.
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/finals one director from each band in Class 4A 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/finals. **THERE WILL BE NO FINALS.**
8. The drum majors of all participating bands will assemble on the press box side of the field for the introductions, salute, and the announcement of the bands advancing to state.

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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