



BAND UNIT INSTRUCTIONS

STAGING:

The band staging area will be in the Northwest corner of the North Phoenix Baptist Church parking lot (refer to the Staging Map).

Enter the staging area by driving west on Bethany Home Road from 7th Street. While traveling to the staging area, please keep your buses together in a single group if possible. A member of the band staging team will check in buses at the entrance of the North Phoenix Baptist Church at Bethany Home Road and 2nd Street. You will then be directed to your unloading area. Please follow the #11 arrows on the Staging Map.

To assist the staging committee in identifying your band, please put an ID sign in the front window of each bus indicating the name of your school. ID signs will be provided to all band directors at the Band Director's Breakfast on **Wednesday, December 29, 8AM.**

PLEASE ARRIVE AT YOUR DESIGNATED TIME (see Band Arrival Schedule). This will facilitate the unloading and staging process. Upon arrival at the staging area, all band members must be in full uniform. Changing facilities are not available at the church. Bands that are not participating in the National Band Championship field competition will unload band members and then be directed to the band photo area at the east side of the staging area (refer to Staging Map). National Band Championship bands will go directly to their designated staging location. Water and portable restrooms are available in the staging area.

While in the Staging area, please follow the directions of the Band Staging team. They will guide your band to its staging location. The staging team will also inform you of which band you will follow in sequence and give you a time estimate for when your band will be directed onto the parade route. Please ensure that your band is assembled in advance of this time. The staging team will then guide your band to the parade mixing point.

PLEASE HAVE BAND MEMBERS DRINK WATER PRIOR TO MARCHING. DEHYDRATION IS A PROBLEM IN ARIZONA, EVEN ON "COOLER" DAYS.

BUS MOVEMENT:

After unloading, buses will be directed to exit the staging area onto Bethany Home Road and travel east to 12th Street. Buses will turn right (south) onto 12th Street and continue south to Turney. At Turney, buses will turn right (west) and continue to 7th Street. At 7th Street and Turney, buses will be met by the destaging team. They will assist drivers with parking locations.

DESTAGING

The destaging area begins at the Grand Canal. Bands should continue heading south on 7th Street to buses parked along 7th Street south of Turney Avenue. Band members should proceed quickly through the destaging area to their buses. Water and restrooms will be available in the destaging area.