

2023 Gahr High School Invitational Field Tournament

Saturday, November 4, 2023

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

Welcome to the 8th annual Gahr Invitational Field Tournament!
Please take a moment to read through the following information. In
case of any problems or emergencies, please call:

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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. **DUE TO CONSTRUCTION, PARKING IS LIMITED — PLEASE TELL YOUR FAMILIES TO ARRIVE EARLY TO FIND A PARKING SPACE.** There will be overflow parking available at the Avanti Business Center located on the northwest corner of Artesia Blvd. and Studebaker Rd. *In the event all of these parking lots are full, spectators will need to park on residential streets.* **PLEASE REMIND FAMILIES 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.** *We ask that personal vehicles/cars not be parked on the blacktop due to ongoing construction.*

Handicapped parking is available in designated spots in the main parking lot. We will have additional handicap spots marked along the fence near the stadium.

2. ADMISSION

General Admission: \$15.00

Seniors (65+): \$12.00

Military (with I.D.): \$12.00

Students (with I.D.): \$12.00

Children 5 and under: Free

We accept cash, credit cards, and Apple Pay.

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:

★ **RED STARS** wristbands for parent volunteers. **YOU WILL BE GIVEN ONE (1) CHAPERONE WRISTBAND PER EVERY TEN (10) STUDENTS IN YOUR BAND.** Additional wristbands can be purchased at band check-in or the main stadium gate.

★ **GREEN CHEVRON** wristbands for student performers. Students must have a wristband on to enter the stadium.

ALL PARENT HELPERS MUST HAVE A WRISTBAND IN ORDER TO ENTER THE STADIUM — EVEN IF THEY’RE ONLY HELPING WITH EQUIPMENT. ALL STAFF MEMBERS MUST WEAR THEIR CSBC BADGE TO ENTER THE STADIUM AND HOSPITALITY. ALL ATTENDEES MUST WEAR A WRISTBAND AT ALL TIMES.

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 open on the blacktop near the bus/trailer 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 a designated 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 (there should be plenty of buffer time).

Please be aware that there are **some areas on campus are fenced off for construction.** We will have extra lighting around the warm up areas, but still **be cautious when walking through dimly lit areas.**

Leave enough time to be at the gate ten (10) minutes prior to your performance. If you are warming up on the athletic fields, it may take your band longer to push to the stadium. 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 NO PLAYING IN THE QUIET ZONES OR ON THE BASKETBALL COURTS (BUS/TRAILER PARKING). If you are warming up on the athletic fields, please face away from the stadium as much as possible. Please be courteous when using a long ranger/PA.

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DAY SHOW

Group Name	Class	Perform	Band Gate Entry	Pit Gate Entry	Warm Up Time	Warm Up Zone
Montclair High School	1A	10:30 AM	10:26 AM	10:20AM	9:00 AM	A
Bishop Amat High School	1A	10:43 AM	10:39 AM	10:33 AM	9:13 AM	B
Ocean View High School	1A	10:56 AM	10:52 AM	10:46 AM	9:26 AM	C

BREAK 11:09 AM

Herbert Hoover High School	2A	11:15 AM	11:11 AM	11:05 AM	9:45 AM	D
Jurupa Hills High School	2A	11:28 AM	11:24 AM	11:18 AM	9:58 AM	E
Damien High School	2A	11:41 AM	11:37 AM	11:31 AM	10:11 AM	F

BREAK 11:54 AM

Fontana High School	3A	12:00 PM	11:56 AM	11:50 AM	10:30 AM	A
El Modena High School	3A	12:13 PM	12:09 PM	12:03 PM	10:43 AM	B
Rancho Alamitos High School	3A	12:26 PM	12:22 PM	12:16 PM	10:56 AM	C
Artesia High School	3A	12:39 PM	12:35 PM	12:29 PM	11:09 AM	D
Rosemead High School	3A	12:52 PM	12:48 PM	12:42 PM	11:22 AM	E

BREAK 1:05 PM

Wilson High School	3A	1:10 PM	1:06 PM	1:00 PM	11:40 AM	F
Palos Verdes Peninsula High School	3A	1:23 PM	1:19 PM	1:13 PM	11:53 AM	A
Centennial High School	3A	1:36 PM	1:32 PM	1:26 PM	12:06 PM	B
Whittier High School	3A	1:49 PM	1:45 PM	1:39 PM	12:19 PM	C

AWARDS 1A/2A/3A 2:02 PM

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EVENING SHOW

Group Name	Class	Perform	Band Gate Entry	Pit Gate Entry	Warm Up Time	Warm Up Zone
Crescenta Valley High School	4A	4:30 PM	4:26 PM	4:20 PM	3:00 PM	A
Marina High School	4A	4:45 PM	4:41 PM	4:35 PM	3:15 PM	B
Santa Fe High School	4A	5:00 PM	4:56 PM	4:50 PM	3:30 PM	C
Bell Gardens High School	4A	5:15 PM	5:11 PM	5:05 PM	3:45 PM	D
Fountain Valley High School	4A	5:30 PM	5:26 PM	5:20 PM	4:00 PM	E

BREAK 5:45 PM

Mayfair High School	4A	5:50 PM	5:46 PM	5:40 PM	4:20 PM	F
Alhambra High School	4A	6:05 PM	6:01 PM	5:55 PM	4:35 PM	A
Cerritos High School	4A	6:20 PM	6:16 PM	6:10 PM	4:50 PM	B
Long Beach Polytechnic High School	4A	6:35 PM	6:31 PM	6:25 PM	5:05 PM	C

BREAK 6:50 PM

Millikan High School	5A	7:10 PM	7:06 PM	7:00 PM	5:40 PM	D
California High School	5A	7:25 PM	7:21 PM	7:15 PM	5:55 PM	E
Gahr High School	EX	7:40 PM	7:36 PM	7:30 PM	6:10 PM	F

BREAK 7:55 PM

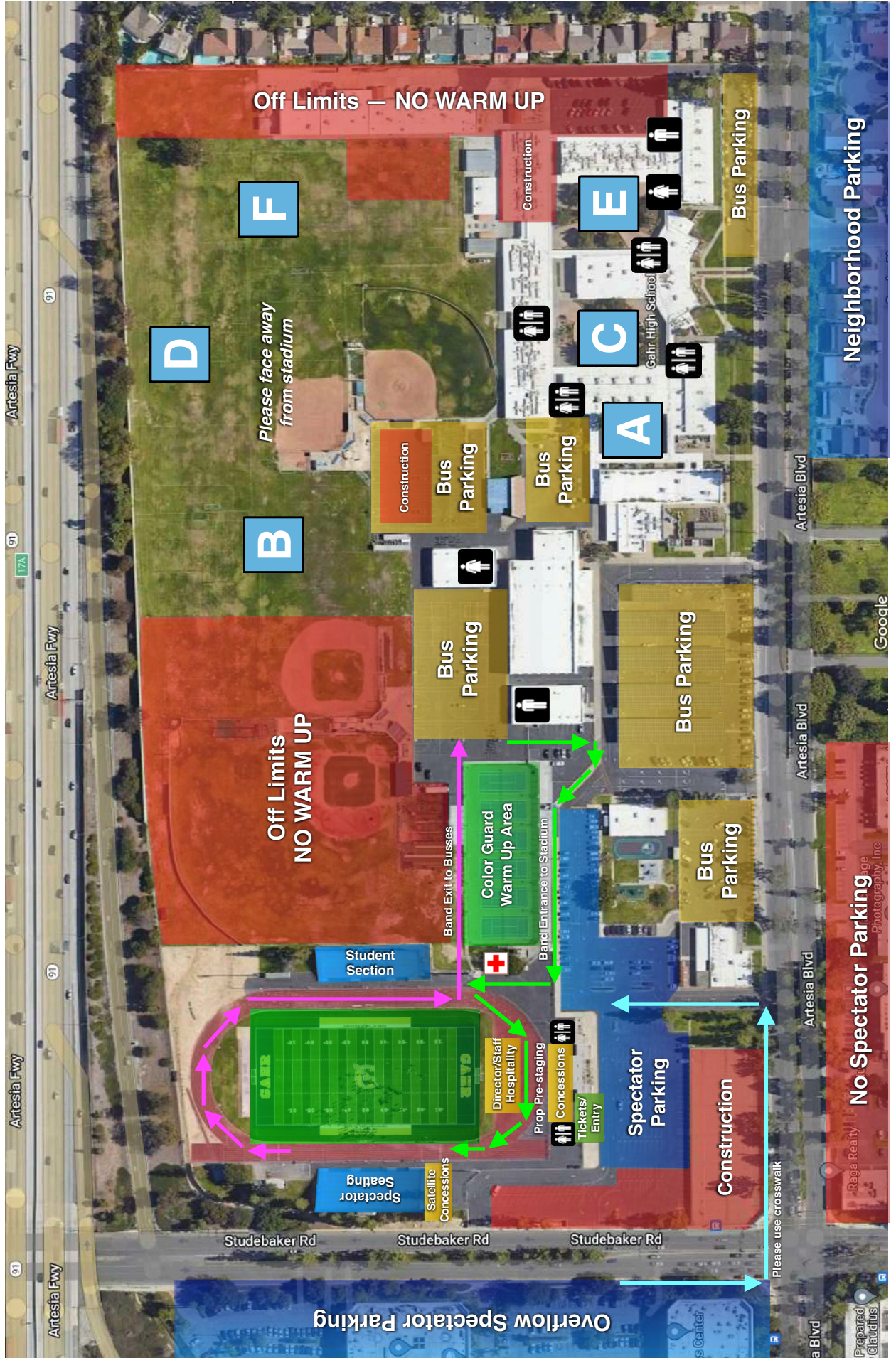
San Marcos High School	6A	8:00 PM	7:56 PM	7:50 PM	6:30 PM	A
San Dimas High School	6A	8:15 PM	8:11 PM	8:05 PM	6:45 PM	B
Temple City High School	6A	8:30 PM	8:26 PM	8:20 PM	7:00 PM	C

Awards 4A/5A/6A 9:00 PM



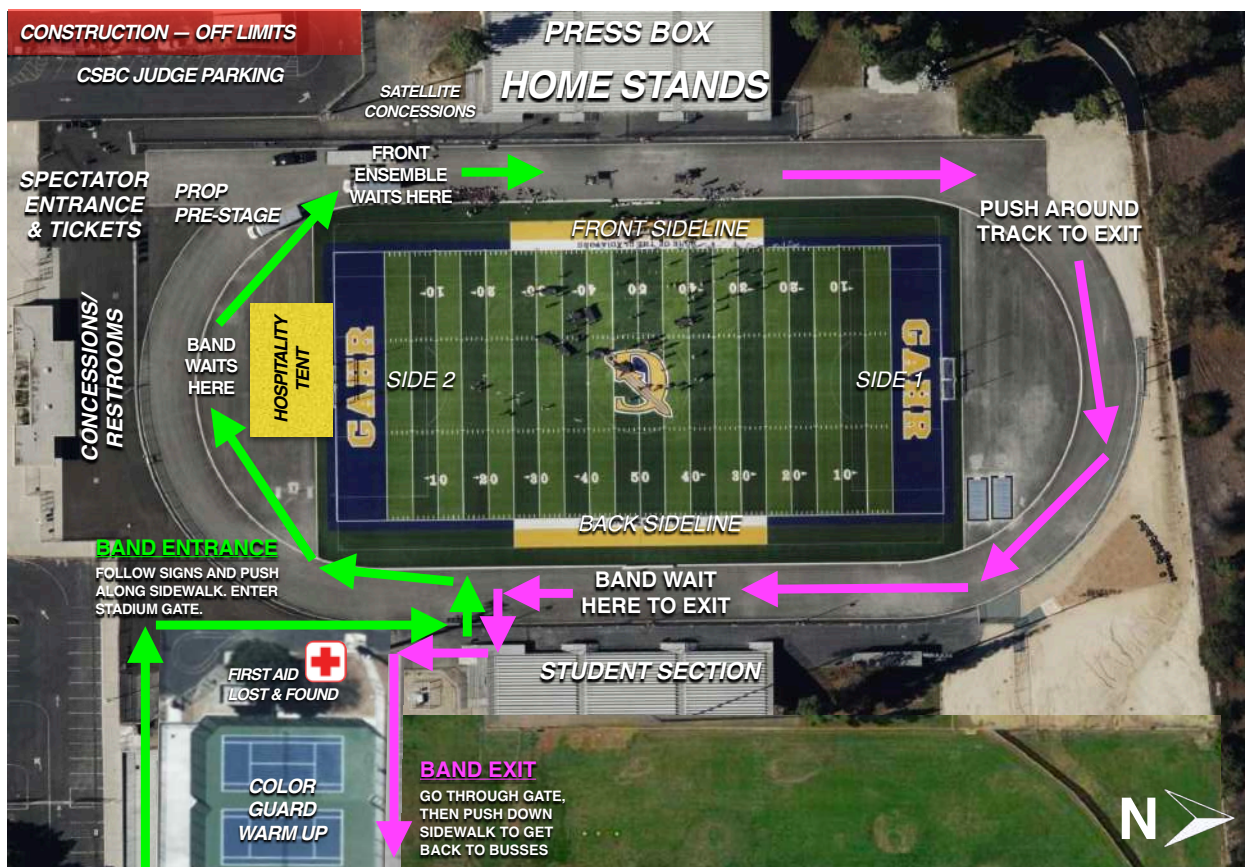
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7. STAGING / PIT EQUIPMENT / PROP PRE-STAGING

Please be at the Band Entrance / Staging Area at least ten (10) minutes before your performance. **YOU WILL BE ENTERING FROM THE SIDE 2 BACK CORNER** (visitor's side). This is a silent area — Do not play or interfere while another group is performing. 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 the main gate we will be using has a width of five (5) feet. If you have larger props or equipment, there are other gates further down, or **we can make arrangements for you to pre-stage ahead of time** (marked on the map). Just let us know when you arrive and we will be happy to accommodate you!

8. SET UP TIME

You will have three (3) minutes to 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 2 back corner (visitor's side). Please have your front ensemble push around the track to keep traffic flowing in one direction. There is now a sidewalk (adjacent to the new tennis courts) that will take you to the blacktop where your busses and trailers are located.

10. ELECTRICAL POWER

Electrical power is available at the field level at 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! If you have any changes from your Competition Suite info, please get those to the press box at least one (1) hour before your performance time.

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 south side of the visitor's bleachers (by the tree). We have a registered nurse on hand; however, 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 next to the press box.

15. PERFORMER RE-ENTRY & SEATING

Students may re-enter the stadium after their performance through the main gate. **ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE THE GREEN CHEVRON WRISTBAND ON 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, hot links, tamales, and more! Please encourage your families to eat at our concessions. *We do not allow preparation of food on any ABCUSD campus per district policy. No outside food may be brought into the stadium.*



Menu

Cheeseburger	\$6.00
Hamburger	\$5.00
Hot Dog	\$4.00
Chili Cheese Dog	\$5.00
Tamales	\$3.00
Hot Links	\$6.00
Chow Mein	\$6.00
Cup O' Noodles	\$2.00
Baked Potato	
(w/ Butter & Sour Cream)	\$5.00
Nachos	\$4.00
Chips	\$2.00

Add Nacho Cheese to any item	\$1.00
Add Chili to any item	\$1.00

Drinks

Soda	\$2.00
Gatorade	\$3.00
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. The hospitality tent is located at the Side 2 End Zone. **Only instructors wearing a CSBC badge will be allowed into hospitality.**

18. PROGRAMS

We will be selling programs for \$5.00. Please encourage your band and color guard families to purchase one.

19. CASH, CREDIT CARDS, AND APPLE PAY

In addition to cash, **we accept all major credit cards as well as Apple Pay** 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 2 End Zone for the afternoon and evening awards following the last performance. 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. **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 a fantastic tournament!

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