



ARIZONA MARCHING BAND ASSOCIATION

Southern Region Championships Ironwood Ridge High School



TO: AzMBA Southern Region Bands

FROM: Championship Committee

On behalf of AzMBA, we would like to welcome you to the 2025 Southern Region Championships, hosted by Ironwood Ridge High School. Thank you for joining us this year and being a part of the success of AzMBA.

Enclosed is your packet containing important competition information and a map of the campus. We ask that each director help us in making this event successful in all aspects by communicating this information to staff, students, and spectators. AzMBA recommends you review the packet for show flow and information about Region Championships. **UNLOADING, PARKING AND LOADING INSTRUCTIONS ARE CRITICAL!**

Please share this packet with your parent supporters, bus drivers, truck drivers and staff. We recognize each of them as vital to a wonderful experience for all students!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at the phone numbers or email addresses listed below.

Again, thank you for attending, we anticipate a full day of fun and champion performances! Leave it all on the field!

Sincerely,
Championship Committee

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General Information

SCHOOL ADDRESS: 2475 W Naranja Dr., Oro Valley, 85742

From Interstate 10 Coming from North of Tucson:

- Take exit 244 for Twin Peaks Road.
- Make a left on Twin Peaks Road, heading east.
- Make a right on Linda Vista Blvd, continuing Eastbound. Continue on this road for a few miles.
- Make a left on Shannon Road, heading North.
- Keep right when the 90-degree turn in the road happens, which will turn into Naranja Drive.
- Ironwood Ridge will be directly on your RIGHT side.

From Interstate 10, Coming from Mid-Town or South of Tucson:

- Take Exit 252 for Ruthrauff Road, heading East.
- Make a left on La Cholla Blvd, heading North. Continue Northbound on this road for several miles.
- Make a left on Naranja Drive, heading West.
- Ironwood Ridge will be directly on your LEFT side.

FLOW MAP: Please familiarize yourself with the map and flow of the day before your scheduled times. You will be responsible to get your unit to and from the assigned areas before, during and after your performance.

BUS UNLOADING/CHECK IN: Please unload all buses and equipment vehicles in the East parking lot. Buses should stay to the right next to the sidewalk as they enter and stop at the visible welcome tent, where a volunteer will give you further instructions. You will be directed to move your vehicles and trucks in groups in front of you once they finish unloading.

To keep the unloading and drop-off flow moving, we kindly ask that your band unload quickly and move their gear onto the adjacent open sidewalk area to allow vehicles to continue driving.

Please be aware of the height of our solar panels as your vehicles make their way through our unloading zone.

BUS PARKING LOCATION/DESCRIPTION: Once your buses and equipment vehicles have unloaded, please have them move to the West parking lot, where they will be directed to park in the proper area. In the event of overcrowding in the West lot, equipment vehicles and buses may be redirected to the overflow parking lot at our nearby feeder school, Richard B. Wilson K-8. Please see the show flow maps for details.

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EQUIPMENT UNLOADING: Please unload all buses and equipment vehicles in the East parking lot. Buses should stay to the right next to the sidewalk as they enter and stop at the visible welcome tent, where a volunteer will give you further instructions. You will be directed to move your vehicles and trucks in groups in front of you once they finish unloading.

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TRUCK/TRAILER PARKING LOCATION/DESCRIPTION: Once your buses and equipment vehicles have unloaded, please have them move to the West parking lot, where they will be directed to park in the proper area. In the event of overcrowding in the West lot, equipment vehicles and buses may be redirected to the overflow parking lot at our nearby feeder school, Richard B. Wilson K-8. Please see the show flow maps for details.

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BAND CHECK-IN: Our Unit Check-in Station is located in our East parking lot as your buses pull in to unload.

PASSES: Units have their Director and Staff Badges that were distributed for the season. Performer/Field Pass wristbands will be distributed at Unit Check In. 1A and 2A bands will receive 12 wristbands for volunteers; 3A, 4A, and 5A bands will receive 16 wristbands.

PHOTOGRAPHY: There will be a photographer on site taking photos from the field level.

WARMUP LOCATIONS AND POLICY:

Warmup A: Center of Campus Concrete Pad

- This warmup area is well-lit on a large, flat concrete pad with adjacent bathrooms.
- Units should face north or east and face away from the stadium when playing.
- Part of this warmup area is shaded.

Warmup B: Large Grass Field, With Adjacent Tennis Courts

- This warmup area is well-lit, with large generator field lights on a spacious grass field.
- Bathrooms are a short walk from here, next to Warmup A.

- Units should face north or east and face away from the stadium when playing.
- Part of this warmup area is partially shaded by trees and located next to shaded building areas, if needed.

Warmup C: Center Parking Lot and Adjacent Concrete Pad

- This Warmup area is well-lit and has a large concrete pad and parking lot space.
- Bathrooms are a short walk from Warmup A.
- Units should face north or east and face away from the stadium when playing.
- Part of this warmup area is shaded.

WATER STATIONS: We have 5 water station locations that will be regularly refilled throughout the day.

Water Stations are located at:

- Check-in
- Warmup A
- Warmup B
- Warmup C
- The West Parking Lot as bands exit the field after their performance

If you see a water station running low, please let an IRHS volunteer know, and we will quickly refill the station.

SPECTATOR PARKING: Our Spectator Parking Lot is on the West side of campus. Please park towards the southern end of the parking lot, closest to the stadium, to allow for bus and trailer parking on the north side of the lot.

SPECTATOR ENTRANCE TO THE STADIUM: Spectators will enter and exit our campus from the large parking lot directly Northwest of the stadium. Please follow the signage and view our maps for visual aid.

SPECTATOR RESTROOM LOCATION/DESCRIPTION: Spectator restrooms are north of the stadium, next to concessions. Please follow the signage and view our maps for a visual aid.

PERFORMER ENTRANCE: The performer stadium entrances are located directly north of the stadium. Marching members and members may enter from the back of field side 2. Props and the Front Ensemble will enter via the ramp on the front of field side 2. Please follow the signage and view our maps for a visual aid.

PERFORMER EXIT: The performer stadium exit is located directly north of the stadium. Marching members, front ensemble, and props will exit our stadium via the left ramp on the front of field side 2. Please follow the signage and view our maps for a visual aid.

FIRST AID LOCATION/DESCRIPTION: The First Aid Tent is located in our main concourse, directly North of the stadium. In the event of an emergency, please watch for emergency vehicles, as they are able to access the stadium via this main concourse.

MERCHANDISE & CONCESSION VENDORS: Concessions are north of the stadium. We gladly accept cash and cards. Please follow the signage and view our maps for a visual aid.

Directors and Band Parents: Please see the attached menu and pre-order directions! Save time and get your band's food right before or after you perform.

HOSPITALITY: Director and Staff Hospitality is located in the South End Zone. Please make yourself at home, relax, and enjoy the great company of our AZMBA Southern Region's great educators.

WRISTBANDS/HANDSTAMPS: Wristbands must be worn by everyone, including performers, in order to enter the stadium. Spectators will be receiving handstamps or wristbands in exchange for their GoFan ticket. AzMBA provides staff badges. Please be prepared to show a wristband, badge, or handstamp to event staff for entrance. Performers in uniform will be allowed to enter the stadium.

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AzMBA Championships Weather Procedure

Plan A – Conditions Normal	Plan B – Moderate Weather Conditions	Plan C – Severe Weather Conditions
Normal format and competition procedures. Field, weather, and facilities will be in suitable condition for all bands. 3 venue sites 1 day format Central Region - Basha HS Northern Region - Bradshaw Mountain HS Southern Region - Ironwood Ridge HS	Rain leading up to, or on day of competition. If conditions are potentially not suitable for all bands: Normal 1 day format stays in effect. AzMBA will provide covered areas for Pre-stage/warm-up only. Pits who choose to use covers or pop-up tents must provide their own. If both sites have turf fields, competitions will continue as scheduled. If one venue has a grass field, venue may change to another pre-booked turf venue, but schedule will remain the same. Timing/Penalties will still be in effect. Show Coordinator may call Plan B into effect with approval of the Executive Board by 5pm, Friday evening leading to the competition. Notification will be sent via text, email, and website. Performing will be left up to the discretion of the unit's director and staff.	Complete rain out. Any weather conditions that do not allow for safe outcome for performers: Location of performance venue within region, and day of performance may change based on weather conditions. Performance order will remain the same, but times may change. AzMBA will provide covered areas for Pre-stage/warm-up only. Pits who choose to use covers or pop-up tents must provide their own. Notification will be communicated on Friday to the membership if Plan C may tentatively go into effect by 5pm Friday prior to competition. Show Coordinator may call Plan C into effect with approval of the Executive Board no later than 5am the morning of competition. Notification will be sent via text, email, and website. Performing will be left up to the discretion of the unit's director and staff.

Plan D – Natural Disaster: Cancellation of Competition



Saturday, October 25, 2025
Ironwood Ridge HS
2475 W. Naranja Drive
Oro Valley, AZ 85742

Dear Southern Arizona Directors:

Congratulations on a fantastic 2025 marching band season, and welcome to the inaugural AZMBA Southern Arizona Regional Championships! The Ironwood Ridge band program is proud to open our campus as your hosts for the show. Our school, directors, parent volunteers, and community have rich traditions of hosting decades of successful marching band competitions, ensuring that the director, performer, and spectator experience is as excellent. Please enjoy the beautiful fall weather with our stunning views of the Catalina Mountains to the East, while taking in the famous Arizona sunsets to the West from our stadium's home stands.

Please read the following information and review the show site flow map to facilitate your unloading, parking, and warm-up process. If you have any questions prior to the show or on the day of the event, don't hesitate to get in touch with any of our directors or IRMA representatives.

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Preordering food for your band to skip the main line at concessions:

Please find our attached pre-order information for food at our concessions in the packet. We encourage directors to order ahead to help your band have the smoothest experience possible, giving you and your band back some time that is so precious in our activity. *It's one less thing to think about for a busy show day!*

Outside Food & Beverage policy:

Outside food or beverages are not permitted inside the stadium. **NO COOLERS** are allowed inside the stadium. We have concession stands conveniently located on the North end of the field.

Please note: Student performers may bring in their water jugs or bottles to keep them hydrated.

Awards and Critique:

As designated in the AzMBA rulebook, awards are as follows:

1. Class Placements
2. High Music (in each class)
3. High Visual (in each class)
4. High General Effect (in each class)
5. High Auxiliary (in each class)
6. High Percussion (in each class)

There is only one award per caption for each class.

Please see azmba.org for information regarding critique.

We look forward to hosting you and hope your students, staff, parents, and fans have a wonderful time. Thank you for visiting our campus and supporting the marching arts in Arizona.

Musically,

Damon Knepper

Director of Bands
Ironwood Ridge HS

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Campus Map:



See Detailed Stadium Flow for more details

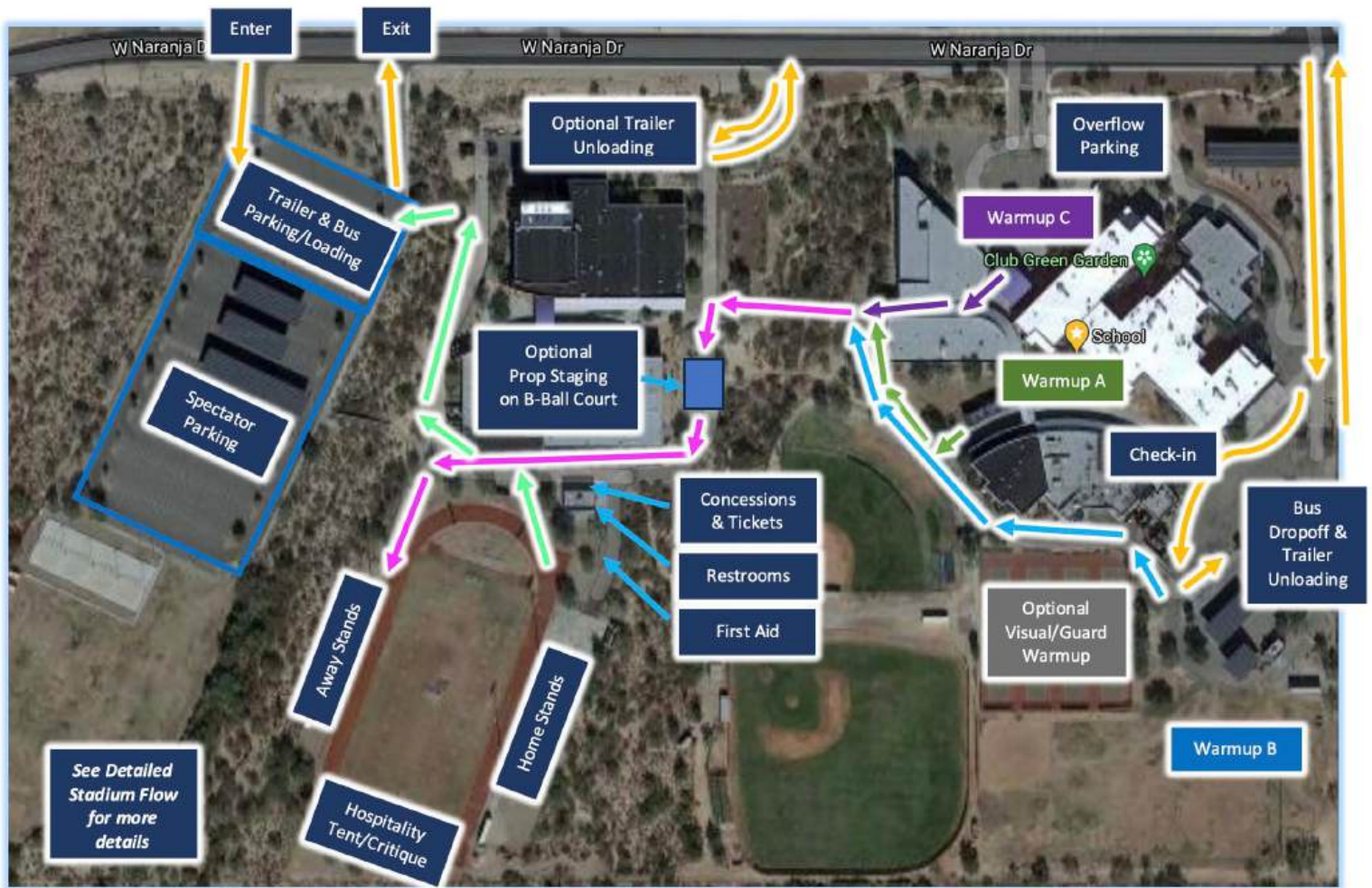


Key:

- A.) Event Entrance
- B.) Concessions
- C.) Restrooms
- D.) First Aid
- E.) Stadium Concourse with Vendors

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Show Flow Map:



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Overflow Bus & Equipment Truck Re-Parking:



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Meal Pre-order Instructions:

Band directors, band staff, and band booster parents:

We know the challenge of feeding the band. We too have been to shows where the time to eat is too short, the concession lines too long, and the food has run out. We have a solution - meal pre-orders! Here is how it works :

- 1) Have each traveling band student (staff and parents are eligible too!) fill out a meal pre-order slip. This is the form that has 4 slips per 1 printed page. They return the slip to you along with \$10. You will keep the slips to hand back out later.**
- 2) The band director/staff/booster parent then tallies up all the meal pre-orders on the total order form. Make sure you have all orders accounted for - but rest assured, we can accommodate changes when you pick up the meals.**
- 3) Email the total order form to *jwhite@amphi.com*.**
- 4) We will reply to confirm your order and the time you would like your order ready.**
- 5) Show day: At your requested time, please come to our designated pre-order meal table located next to concessions. You will check in with one of our band volunteers. Have all of your students line up with their individual meal pre-order slips in hand. As they approach the table we will take their slip and hand them their meal. They will then have a pile of assorted chips and candy to choose from.**
- 6) At the end of handing out the food, we will count the number of slips/meals and you will pay our treasurer using a check, credit card, or cash. The key to making this a fast process is to have 1 payment per group, not per student.**
- 7) Thank you for attending our show! If there is anything we can do to make your experience more enjoyable and less stressful, please reach out!**

Jan White

Ironwood Ridge Music Association Board Member

Band Meal Pre-Order Coordinator

jwhite@amphi.com

Ironwood Ridge Show Meal Pre-order \$10 Per Meal

Name _____

Choose 1 Entree :

- ☐ Pulled Pork Sandwich
- ☐ Cheeseburger
- ☐ Hamburger
- ☐ Vegan Burger
- ☐ Slice of Pizza
- ☐ Rico's Nachos

Choose 1 Drink (20 oz bottle) :

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| ☐ Coke | ☐ Dr Pepper |
| ☐ Cherry Coke | ☐ Barq's Root Beer |
| ☐ Coke Zero | ☐ Fanta Orange |
| ☐ Sprite | ☐ Red Powerade |
| ☐ Smart Water | |

-- PLUS --

Choose 1 bag of chips AND 1 candy
when you pick up your food

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Ironwood Ridge Show Meal Pre-order Total Order Form

Name Of School _____

Band Contact _____

Phone Number _____

Time you would like food ready _____

Entree Order Totals :

Drink Order Totals :

_____ Pulled Pork Sandwich

_____ Cheeseburger

_____ Hamburger

_____ Vegan Burger

_____ Slice of Pizza

_____ Rico's Nachos

_____ Coke

_____ Cherry Coke

_____ Coke Zero

_____ Sprite

_____ Smart Water

_____ Dr Pepper

_____ Barq's Root Beer

_____ Fanta Orange

_____ Red Powerade

***Band Directors : Please total up your pre-orders and email this form to
jwhite@amphi.com.***

***You will receive a confirmation email. Please check in with our concessions team
at time you placed on this form***