

*The Ashley Ridge High School Band Booster Association
In conjunction with the
Carolina Winter Ensemble Association
is proud to present
The First Annual*

SWAMP FOX



WINTER ENSEMBLE CLASSIC

*Ashley Ridge High School
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Event Location:

Ashley Ridge High School

9800 Delemar Highway

Summerville, SC 29485

Information & Procedures

The Ashley Ridge High School Band Booster Association would like to welcome you to Summerville, SC for participation in the 2011 "Swampfox Winter Ensemble Classic". Enclosed in this packet you will find information covering event procedures and services available to groups attending this competition.

ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION, PARKING PROCEDURES

There are 3 entrances into our campus. There will be a very clearly designated entrance for participants to use designated as "Bus Parking". Buses should stop at the registration tent where directors will receive updated information, official contest times, and chaperone wristbands.

We will strictly adhere to the CWEA rules regarding numbers of wristbands/group. If additional wristbands are needed they may be purchased at this site for \$8.00 each.

At this point all student performers will be stamped for entrance.

Your announcer sheet may be turned in or changes made at this site.

A guide will be assigned to you for the entire rotation of your warm-up and performance.

You will be assigned a specific parking area for buses and equipment vehicles. Please follow instructions for the parking of vehicles so that we have adequate space for all groups.

Please monitor the number of vehicles entering with your group.

ADMISSION

"Spectator Parking" will be clearly designated upon arrival at our campus.

All tickets are general admission and will be on sale 1 hour before the contest starts at a cost of \$8.00/person. Children five and under are free. Contest programs will be available for \$2.00.

General admission is located at the front entrance of the school as we are dealing with construction to the Auditorium/Gymnasium entrance.

SOUND TABLE

Music should be turned into the sound technician at least 30 minutes prior to your unit's performance. Sound and speed checks can be done prior to the show or during breaks. The sound table will be located on the right side of the gym or the side closest to the cafeteria. Please have someone at the sound table during your performance. Make sure this person has a back-up CD. Also, please have your CD clearly marked and in an appropriate cover.

DRESSING ROOMS

Athletic locker rooms will be made available for changing into and out of performance attire. These are located along the hall adjacent to the gym and will be clearly marked. Please have an adult chaperone or staff members in the dressing room with your students at all times.

We will not be responsible for items left in the dressing rooms!

STAGING/PROP AREA

All groups will be staged along the hallways located on the performance side of the gym. We will have signs designating areas to be used by each individual ensemble and a couple of adult event staff to assist with the flow. Please understand that we will do our best to monitor the area but ultimately *we will not be responsible for any items that are left unattended.*

WARM-UP & PERFORMANCE TIMES

Guard ensembles will use the drama room for body warm-up and the auditorium stage for equipment warm-up.

All percussion units will use the outside covered area at the rear of the building for warm-up. We have the band room as a stand-by area for this purpose in case of inclement weather.

It is the instructor's responsibility to have their unit at the performance gate on time!

EQUIPMENT PADDING

Please have all of your equipment and props padded and taped appropriately. Ashley Ridge High School is a 3-year-old facility. We are very proud to be hosting this event in our new school and do not wish to be caught in a situation the “day after” explaining damage. Units without appropriate padding will not be allowed to perform. Please understand that show floors are not considered proper padding. You can receive penalties and be held accountable for damage.

Floor carts must have clean working wheels. All equipment, props, and floor covering must be removed from the gym immediately following your performance. Percussion units are reminded to tape the bottoms of everything that comes in contact with the floor (bottom of timpani and vibraphone pedals, keyboard stands, cymbal stands, etc.).

PERFORMANCE PROCEDURES

CWEA guidelines apply for all performances. There will be a permanent tarp down on the performance floor for the entire competition. Please review the enclosed maps and schedule for your rotation and performance in order to make the day run smoothly for all involved.

All groups will have access to power at the front, rear and sides of the performance area.

This competition is operating with a vertical timing line.

TIMING AND PENALTY

You may obtain the latest Timing and Penalties update from the CWEA website. Click on the “resources” tab at the top of the page.

JUDGES AREA AND TABULATION ROOM

Please stay away from designated judge’s areas and *do not* attempt to communicate with them while they are present at the competition. Performance tapes will be available for pick-up in the Directors Hospitality Room after your performance.

AWARDS CEREMONY & RETREAT

The retreat for the awards ceremony will be *Captains only*. An announcement will be made for all directors and captains to meet on the floor for the awards ceremony.

CRITIQUE

Critique will occur *during* the awards ceremony in the Library. Please sign up for a time when you check in at Registration upon arrival on site.

HOSPITALITY ROOM

The hospitality room will be located in an art room in the Fine Arts hallway. It will be clearly designated and available for your dining/relaxing/hide-out pleasure!!

FIRST AID

First aid will be located in the trainer’s room located in the performance hallway adjacent to the gym.

ASSISTANCE

If you need assistance, contest staff will be easily identifiable throughout the day by their “Swampfox” event t-shirts. Please see Sue or Josh if it is clearly an issue that a parent cannot or should not be asked to take care of. We are there to make your day just one of many in which you continue to “live the dream”!!

AIRGRAMS

The ever-popular \$2.00 airgram sales will be located in the cafeteria.

The announcer will use discretion in determining if they are appropriate for public consumption. *No refunds!!*

PHOTOGRAPHY

No flash photography will be allowed. This is dangerous to the performers.

CONCESSIONS

A full line of concessions will be available throughout the day in our cafeteria at reasonable prices and you will be permitted to enter the gym with food and drink. We will be grilling on site and offer the usual attire of great eats. Our booster organization works very hard to support our programs and we ask that you do not bring outside food/drink into our building. I can assure you that if we come to your house we will eat your food! Promise.

Ashley Ridge High School is a smoke free campus. We will enforce this policy throughout the day.

We ask that all performing groups sit on the “Visitors” side of the gym throughout the day.

This is a first time undertaking of its kind for our booster organization and students. They are excited and proud to host this event at our new school. We aim to make everything under our control during your day with us as good as it gets.

Let us know how we are doing!

Directions to Ashley Ridge High School

FROM COLUMBIA AND ALL POINTS NORTH

Take I-26 South towards Charleston. Take Exit 199A towards Summerville. Immediately get in the left lane and turn LEFT onto Berlin G. Myers Pkwy which is the light at the Sticky Fingers. Take Berlin G. Myers Pkwy until it deadends. You will then turn LEFT onto Old Trolley Road. Immediately get in the right lane and merge onto Bacons Bridge Road at the fork in the road. At the end of Bacons Bridge Road, go straight through the light. CVS and two gas stations are on corners here. Travel about .5 miles and you will see a fork in the road. Head RIGHT at the fork (Hwy. 165) and you will come to a 4-way stop. Head STRAIGHT through the 4-way stop. The school is about 2 miles on the right.

FROM CHARLESTON/WEST ASHLEY

Take Hwy. 61 North towards Summerville. Upon nearing Summerville stay straight at the fork (instead of heading to downtown Summerville which is to the right) until you reach a 4-way stop. Turn LEFT through the 4-way stop (Hwy. 165). The school is about 2 miles on the right.

FROM WALTERBORO/I-95

Take Hwy. 17 (Cottageville Hwy.) towards Summerville. Near Summerville, turn right onto Beech Hill Road (Hwy. 61). When you come to the 4-way stop, turn RIGHT onto Hwy. 165. The school is about 2 miles on the right.

FROM MYRTLE BEACH

Take Hwy. 17 South towards Georgetown. Follow Hwy. 17 all the way towards Charleston. In Mount Pleasant, turn RIGHT onto I-526. Merge onto I-26 North towards Columbia. Take Exit 199A towards Summerville. Immediately get in the left lane and turn LEFT onto Berlin G. Myers Pkwy which is the light at the Sticky Fingers. Take Berlin G. Myers Pkwy until it deadends. You will then turn LEFT onto Old Trolley Road. Immediately get in the right lane and merge onto Bacons Bridge Road at the fork in the road. At the end of Bacons Bridge Road, go straight through the light. CVS and two gas stations are on corners here. Travel about .5 miles and you will see a fork in the road. Head RIGHT at the fork (Hwy. 165) and you will come to a 4-way stop. Head STRAIGHT through the 4-way stop. The school is about 2 miles on the right.

Ashley Ridge H.S. Site Map



Ashley Ridge H.S. Bldg. Map



