

UIL Area C Band Directors,

We are very elated to host the UIL Area C Marching Contest this year. It is my hope that you find our facilities complimentary for your students/staff/spectators as you prepare for your performance. Here are a few items that you will need to know in order to maximize your Pine Tree experience:

Bus & Truck Parking: All buses will park in the south home side area of the parking lot and equipment trucks will park in the **VISITOR** parking lot behind the visitor stands. You will need to enter from Loop 281 and will be directed by PTISD Parents/Staff for specific parking location (please see map for more details). **Please note: You must follow the attached map! Due to safety protocols, you will not have access to certain portions of the middle school or elementary campuses nearby.**

Spectator Parking: All parents, vendors, and other spectators will be directed to the **HOME** side. **Please note: You must follow the attached map! Due to safety protocols, you will not have access to certain portions of the campus.**

Hospitality Room/Contest Office: Our hospitality/contest office is located in the press box and can be accessed via elevator near the front gate of the home side stands. Signs will be on doors indicating the location of the elevator to the press box. **The judges will be on the mezzanine level (floor 2), please do not access this area. It will also be roped off so there is NO access from the stands to this level or the press box from the stands.**

Water Stations: Water will be provided at the band entrance/exit to the stadium and at the warm up area. The forecast for Monday is averaging between 65-80 degrees. Thus, we will have plenty of water stations available.

Band Entrance & Exit to Stadium: All Band, Front ensembles and props will **ENTER** the stadium on the **SOUTH EAST SIDE**, and will **EXIT** the **SOUTH WEST** (exit stage left). Each group's student escorts will guide you from parking to warm-up and into the stadium.

Band Escorts: Band escorts will be leaders of the Pine Tree High School Band (we will have a couple adults helping too) and are there to answer your questions regarding schedule, locations of water stations, entrance/exit areas, and warm-up areas. They will meet you at your buses 20 minutes prior to your warm-up time to welcome you to the contest. They will then guide you 10 minutes before warm-up to your warm-up areas which is a good 5-minute walk from the stadium. You will need to face the opposite of each other and away from the stadium and I ask for everyone to be courteous. **We ask that you lower your metronome volumes so that it will not impede others warming up and performing.**

Power: We will have electrical power access from the field level for any group who may need it. Thankfully, we have not had any wireless frequency issues and I do not anticipate any issues during the contest. We are turning off all wireless receivers to our PA system.

Concessions: A standard concession stand will be available throughout the day located under the home side stands.

We are very excited to host the UIL Area Marching Contest. If you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to contact me at jsmith3@ptisd.org or 903-715-5182.

Sincerely,
Jason R. Smith

UIL Area Marching Contest Pirate Stadium, Longview TX

Logistics Information All UIL RULES AND GUIDELINES ARE IN EFFECT

CONTEST LOCATION

3737 W Loop 281, Longview, TX 75604

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/EqxbwwKuVRDmhdXTA>

MAPS & PARKING

- Please consult the attached maps for traffic flow and parking information. This is very important to ensure fairness to all bands.
- Please follow the guidelines for equipment unloading and truck/trailer parking. All equipment trucks will park and unload in the parking area on the East side of the stadium. These vehicles may stay parked in that area until you leave the contest. Buses may unload on the East side of the stadium parking lot but then must move to the parking lot West of the stadium. **PLEASE INFORM YOUR EQUIPMENT VEHICLE AND BUS DRIVERS OF THESE GUIDELINES.**
- A schematic of the Stadium with parking and warm-up areas are attached to this e-mail.
- **NO CARS OR PARENT VEHICLES MAY PARK IN THE EAST STADIUM PARKING LOT. THEY CAN DROP OFF AND PICK UP BUT CAN NOT PARK THERE.**

Please read the following information carefully:

DIRECTOR & BUS/TRUCK CHECK-IN (Tent via Stop Sign at Entrance)

Upon arrival at the Stadium, all groups will need to check in at the Bus/Equipment Truck Check-in site shown on the map. Your buses and trucks will then be directed to their parking areas. Your band guide will meet you in the parking lot. Chaperones will need to get hand stamped at this location to gain admittance to the contest. **Also, please drop off your entry fee check at check in.**

Tatum Music

Tatum Music will be at the contest for any instrument repairs. They will be near the warm up areas by the front ensemble warm up area.

RESTROOMS - DRESSING ROOMS & CHANGING AREAS

The visitor side (east side bathrooms) are for students to change into their uniforms and use the bathroom. It is best if students arrive at the contest site in uniform. Thank you in advance for addressing this with your bands.

CONCESSIONS

The Pine Tree Band Boosters will be operating full service concessions at the stadium during the contest. **UIL Area Marching Patches will be sold at the concession stand.** Your patronage would be much appreciated.

WARM UP

- Your band escort will meet you 20-30 minutes before warm-up and lead you to warm-up 10 minutes before your scheduled warm up time. A band will be warming-up in the area as your band arrives, so please enter that area quietly with no cadence. Each director is responsible for leaving the warm-up area and getting to the ready position at the South East Gate of the football field at the appropriate time. Please note the times on the event schedule regarding

your time to begin warm-up and to leave the warm-up area. The walk from the warm-up area to the ready position is long, so you must leave the warm-up area 15 minutes prior to your performance time.

- When your band is ready to proceed to the warm-up areas, guides will show you the way. NO CADENCE is allowed at any time prior to entering the stadium. Your band will be assigned to Warm-up Area (A) or (B) or (C).
- All musical warm-ups are to be done only during your assigned times.
- Battery Percussion will warm-up with their respective bands in the Warm-up Area A or B or C. Pit warm-up is next to the **Storage Building**. **IF YOU WANT YOUR DRUMLINE AND PIT TO WARM-UP TOGETHER, YOU MUST ROLL THE PIT TO YOUR WARM-UP AREA. DRUMLINES MAY NOT WARM-UP IN THE PIT WARM-UP AREAS.** Musical instruments may only be played in the warm-up areas only during the assigned warm-up time. Be extremely careful in walking the street from the stadium to the warm-up.
- In the warm-up area, **please have your band, PA systems, and metronomes facing away from the stadium.**
- All bands will receive a (5) minute notification before they are to move from the ready and warm-up areas. Please be ready to move at the appropriate time.

FIELD ENTRANCE AND EXIT

- Consult the map for entering and exiting the stadium floor.
- See Mr. Bullock's map for field flow and instructions.
- Water will be available as the band prepares to enter and exit the field.
- To enter the field, bands, pit percussion, field equipment, props, etc. will enter through the SOUTHEAST Gate.
- To exit the field, bands, pit percussion, field equipment, props, etc. will exit through the SOUTHWEST Gate.

VIDEOS OF YOUR PERFORMANCE

Video of your performance will be on a jump drive distributed at the Directors Meeting following prelims.

Directors Verification Meeting

At the end of prelims, one Director from each band is asked to meet in the press box for verification of scores, and draw for finals order.

DRUM MAJOR RETREAT

There will be a drum major retreat at the end of prelims and a **full band retreat for finals**. Have your drum majors in uniform at the Southwest gate prior to the beginning of the prelims award ceremony.

We will have maps outlining full band retreat after finals.

SEATING OF BANDS

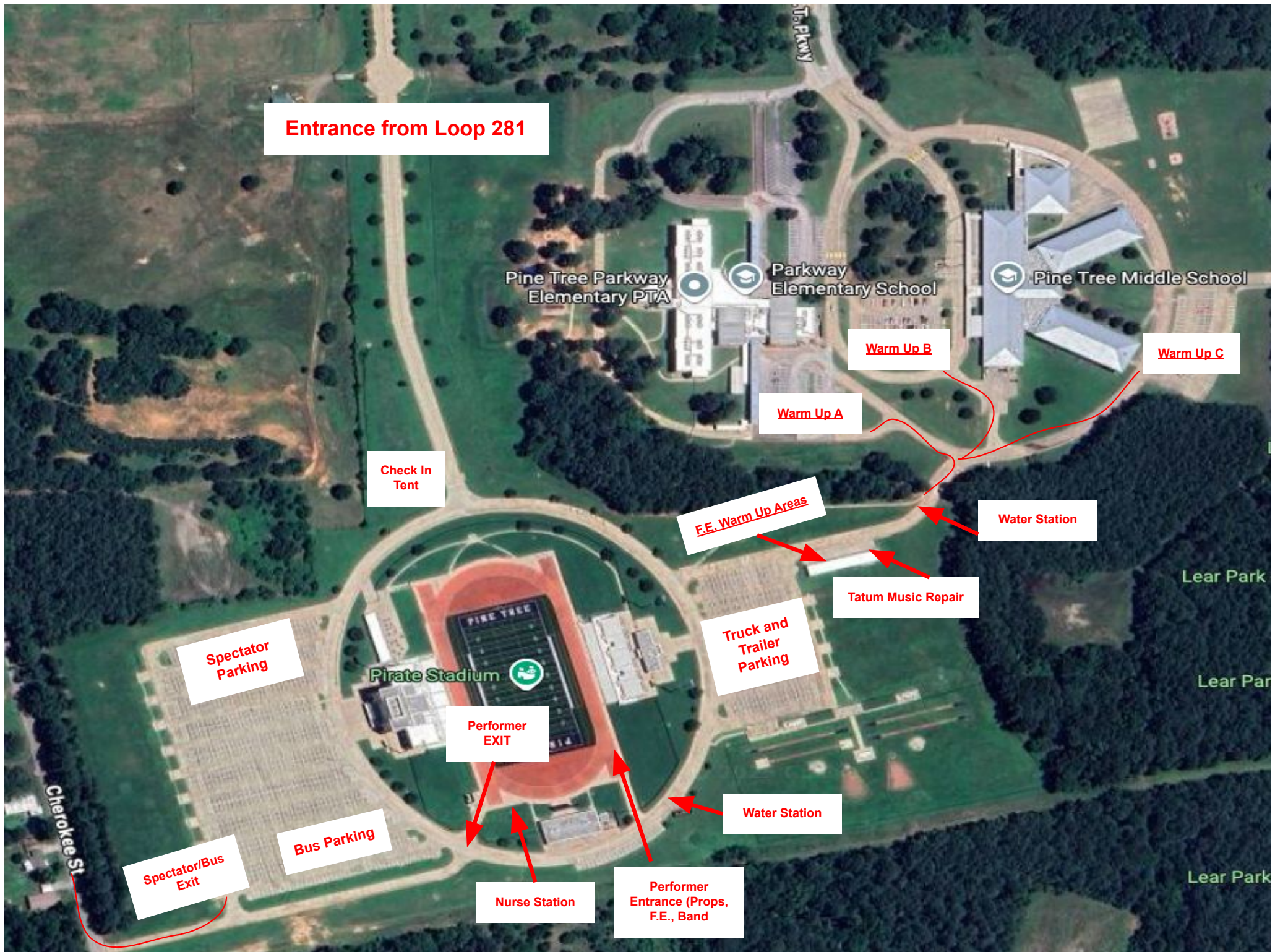
Please remind your students and parents that the bands are being filmed and your group must be quiet when seated in the stands. Spectators and participating band members may be seated on the press box side (West) of the stadium. Only if needed, bands may also use the visitor side stands for seating and to hear the prelims awards announcement; **adults must be monitoring them in the visitor stands if you choose to sit there.**

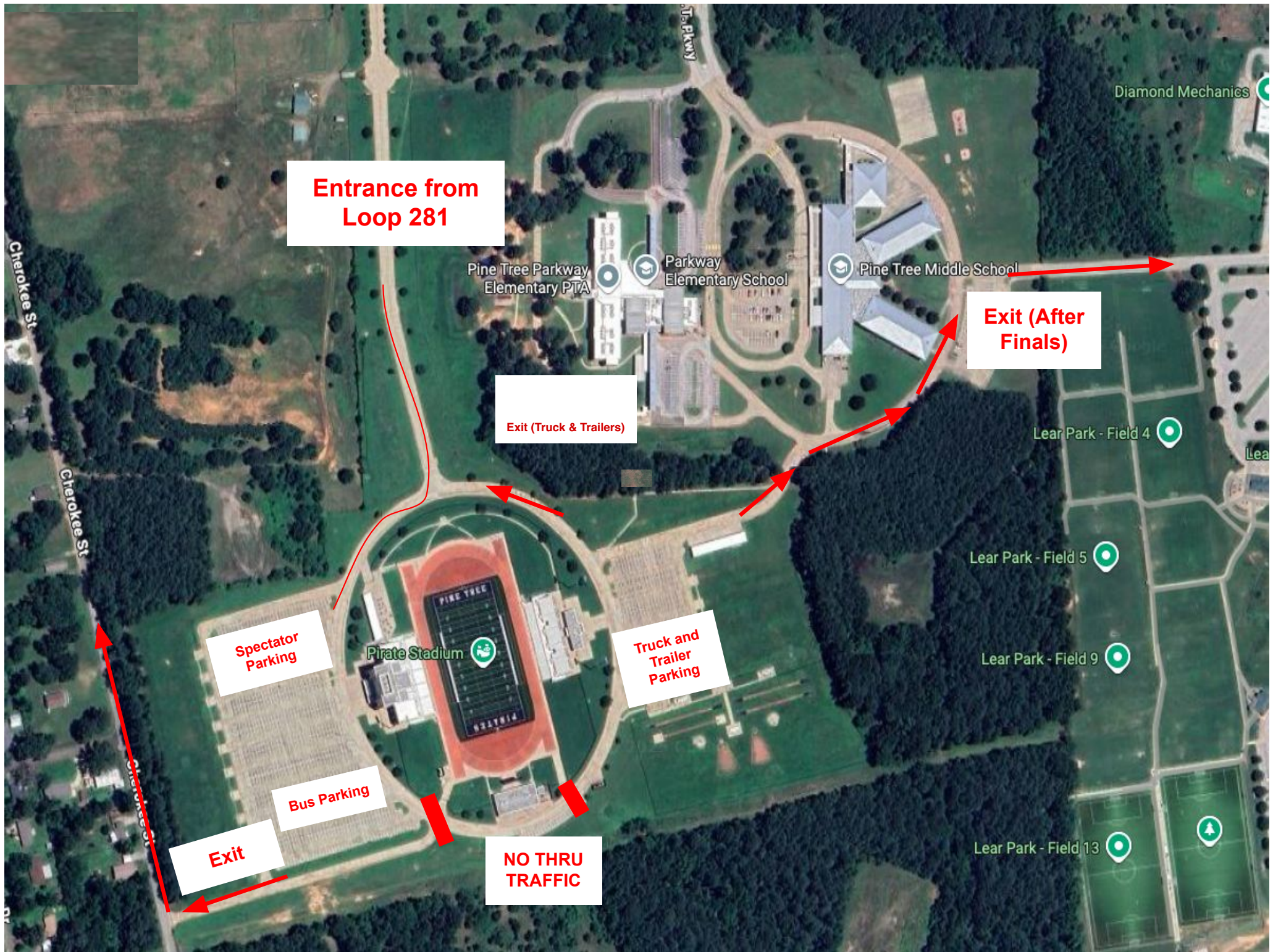
AREA MARCHING CONTEST T-SHIRTS

Pep Wear will be selling t-shirts, etc. Their trailer will be located just to the north of the home stands on the Pirate Plaza.

The Pine Tree High School Band staff and parents look forward to making this a wonderful event and assisting you in any way possible. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Jason R. Smith
903-715-5182





**Entrance from
Loop 281**

Pine Tree Parkway
Elementary PTA

Parkway
Elementary School

Pine Tree Middle School

Diamond Mechanics

**Exit (After
Finals)**

Exit (Truck & Trailers)

Lear Park - Field 4

Lear Park - Field 5

Lear Park - Field 9

Lear Park - Field 13

Pine Tree
Stadium

**Spectator
Parking**

**Truck and
Trailer
Parking**

Bus Parking

Exit

**NO THRU
TRAFFIC**

FIELD FLOW INSTRUCTIONS

HOLD: Groups will move from Warm-up A, B, or C to the HOLD area. If your group has a front ensemble, sound equipment, props, drum-major stands, etc. (auxiliary) they may move to the **red** HOLD area indicated. **Movement of auxiliary is allowed during the on-field band's performance, but every effort must be made to avoid being a distraction to the performing group, judges, and audience.**

READY: During the previous band's 2-minute exit, your group will move to the **yellow** boxed **READY** position using any space within those boxes with the appropriate group. From **READY** position, you will receive a verbal countdown indicating you may take the field for set-up/warm up, starting your 5-minute clock. Neither performers nor equipment are allowed on the 100-yard performance surface before the 5-minute clock starts. Marching students may not stage **READY** position past the zero yard line. Front Ens, etc. may not stage past the 20 yard line.

EXIT: Band should exit to the front and go out the SW Field Exit. Front and back equipment should follow the path off the field and around the track out the Field Exit. Please stay on the outside of the track as you exit and allow oncoming bands to have the inside track and access to the field.

Questions? Please email or call.

Mike Bullock
Executive Secretary
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