



ROCKET CITY INVITATIONAL: SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

- 11:30 A.M. Band Hall Opens: Students Arrive / Get Dressed & Hair/Make-Up**
- 12:00 A.M. Equipment Trucks Depart for Madison (AL)**
- 12:30 P.M. Team Meeting in the Band Room (ALL MEMBERS)**
- a. Musicians will show up in competition uniform.
Bring your Water Jug.
 - b. All equipment will be polished and packed.
 - c. All members will have loaded their instrument, be dressed in full uniform and have their full water jug. Report directly to the band room with all materials.
 - d. We will depart from the Band Room.
- 1:00 P.M. Depart for Madison (AL) / Dinner at Clift Farm**
- 3:15 P.M. Eat Dinner at the Clift Farm**
(Chick-fil-a, Five Guys, Culver's, Chipotle, Cava, Slim Chickens, Melt, Capriotti's, Taco Mama, etc.)
- 4:45 P.M. Depart for Madison City Stadium**
Madison City Stadium
211 Celtic Drive
Madison, AL 35758
- 5:15 P.M. Arrive at Madison City Stadium / Check-In**
- 6:00 P.M. Get Instruments Out / Move to Warm-Up**
- 6:25 - 6:55 P.M. Warm-Up (Warm-Up Area A)**
- 7:05 P.M. Report to Gate**
- 7:10 P.M. Performance**

7:30 P.M.

Post Performance

- a. We will return all equipment to the equipment trucks and then return to the buses to change out of uniform (VE).
- b. We will then move back to the stadium and sit as a band for the remainder of the evening. You may visit the concession stand if time permits.

9:00 P.M.

Awards Ceremony

9:30 P.M.

Awards Ceremony Ends / Band Moves to Buses

10:00 P.M.

Depart for Pelham High School

12:00 A.M.

Arrive at Pelham High School

Unload all equipment/Put all Equipment and Uniforms Away

TRAVEL ITEMS:

- On all off-campus trips, students must ride the band buses to and from the event. Students will be assigned a specific bus and may not change buses without permission from Mr. Ward.
- All school rules, regulations, and expectations apply and will be strictly enforced.
- Students will be seated appropriately in their seats at all times and will remain silent during roll call.
- If a student wishes to listen to music they must have headphones/ear buds as music audible to the rest of the bus will not be tolerated.
- All students are expected to treat the buses with the upmost respect and care. Students will dispose of trash and waste and keep the buses clean at all times. Students must be careful with food and drinks and ensure that they are sealed at all times.
- Non-Band Members are not allowed at any time to ride the bus.
- When dropping off and picking up your student, please park in a parking space in the Senior Parking Lot. You will then pick up your student in the Senior Parking Lot when they are ready. All Band Members and Parents must adhere to the Parking Procedures, etc. as they are enforced by our school administration.
- Mr. Ward will send out a message in **ROOMS** once we depart the stadium.

COMPETITION SPECIFIC ITEMS:

- **Students will need to eat lunch before reporting to the band room. Additionally, they will need to bring money to eat dinner before we arrive at the competition.**
- We will return to the stadium as a band and find our seats. Students will then be allowed to visit the restroom, concession stand (tentatively), etc. as directed by chaperones.
- Restroom breaks are at the discretion of the staff based on location and timing. All students will be accompanied by a chaperone/staff member when leaving the band's seating section to go to the restroom.
- Students are expected to be attentive and respectful during other bands performances and awards.
- **The LEAD Team will represent our band on the field for the Awards Ceremony in competition uniform.**
- Students are expected to leave our seating section cleaner than the way we found it.
- Students are expected to bring their grey water jug, filled with water.
- The use of Cell Phones while in uniform is not permitted while in uniform.

UNIFORM SPECIFIC ITEMS:

- Musicians will load the buses in full competition uniform.
- Make sure that you have all parts to your uniform (Competition):
 - Musicians: Black Game Day Shirt, Black Shorts, Tennis Shoes w/ Black Athletic (low cut) socks, Black Marching Band Shoes w/ Black Socks that come above your ankles.
 - Visual Ensemble: A list will be provided by your instructors.
- Students will only take off parts of their uniform (performance tops, gloves, etc.) as instructed by Mr. Ward.
- No jewelry, no glitter, no earrings (except studs), no fingernail polish (except clear), no hair coloring.
- Hair: Hair must be prepared as outlined by instructors to fit the show theme.
- Students will not make any alterations to their uniforms.