



## Southeast Bulloch Band Blast

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 2019

Fred Shaver Field

Brooklet, Ga

Dear Directors,

I want to thank you for choosing to participate in our fourth annual Southeast Bulloch “Band Blast” Pre-Season Festival. We are excited about hosting this event.

Below is a list of pertinent information regarding your day with us. Please take the time to go through this packet and share the appropriate info with your band and chaperones.

### **Directions:**

#### **Traveling from I-16**

Take exit 127(Statesboro),

HWY 67(toward Statesboro about 1.5 miles)

then Right at gas station onto Brooklet-Denmark Rd

SEBHS will be on right(approximately 6 miles) **Do Not turn into High School!!**

**Go past high school and tennis courts then turn Right onto Black Creek Church Rd**

**Turn in 2nd entrance on Right past both baseball fields you will follow the road until you end up at middle school. There should be signs and volunteers directing traffic.**

#### **Traveling on HWY 80 from Savannah toward Brooklet**

Turn Left onto Brannen Pond Road connector(it is the 2nd Brannen Pond Rd do not turn down the 1st one it is a dirt road)

At stop sign turn Left onto Brooklet-Denmark Rd

**Immediately turn Left down next road - Black Creek Church Rd**

**Turn in 2nd entrance on Right past both baseball fields you will follow the road until you end up at middle school. There should be signs and volunteers directing traffic.**

#### **Traveling from Statesboro on Hwy 80, Turn Right onto Rushing Rd**

Go through 4-way Stop about 4 miles

Turn Right onto Brooklet-Denmark Rd

**Immediately turn Left down next road - Black Creek Church Rd,**

**Turn in 2nd entrance on Right past both baseball fields you will follow the road until you end up at middle school. There should be signs and volunteers directing traffic.**

- Please ask students not to leave items of value on the buses. This parking area is very safe, but it is difficult to completely monitor the buses due to the fact that numerous students will be on and off the buses.
- If you will need to leave the venue, please inform Matt Olsen.

### **Registration:**

- A student guide and registration team will come to your bus to expedite the registration process.
- All Members and Chaperones will be required to wear the provided wristbands in order to gain access to the stadium after their performance.
- At check-in there will be a student assigned to you to help you navigate around campus, to make things a little less stressful.

### **Changing Areas:**

- Bands will have the ability to use the Southeast Bulloch High School Commons Restrooms Rooms to change into their uniforms. Your Band Guide will show your program to the Changing rooms. Please have a male and a female chaperone supervise your students while they are in the changing rooms.

### **Hospitality Rooms:**

- **The Directors Hospitality Room** will be located in the SEBHS JROTC Room. This room has a window looking over Fred Shaver field and a patio so you can sit in the shade and watch a band or two while you enjoy our hospitality. Please be sure to inform your staff members and all directors (and spouses) that the hospitality room is provided for their enjoyment. We do ask that use of the hospitality room be limited to these individuals. Your cooperation in regard to this matter will be appreciated.
- **Bus Drivers:** We will provide Meal Tickets good for a free meal combo from our concession stand and an air-conditioned room away from the hustle and bustle of the contest for your Bus Drivers.

### **Seating in the Stadium:**

- The center section of the stadium will be reserved for directors and paying spectators. Each band will be assigned a section on the home side of the stadium for seating. Please ask your students to sit in your assigned section.
- Directors, we ask that all students stay in the stadium when they are not in warm-up or in performance. Students will not be allowed to “Hang Out” in the parking lots. I know that all teenagers are “little angels” but keeping all of the students in one place will allow us to keep them out of trouble.

### **Video Recording:**

- You will be afforded access for one cameraman to the upper deck (roof) of the press box for video recording of your band only.
- Video recordings of your band will also be in your directors packet.

### **Video Streaming:**

- While we are still working out the details.... we hope to have the Southeast Bulloch Band Blast on a live stream from our YouTube channel The Swarm Network. Please feel free to pass this on to any parents or fans that are unable to come out to the show.

### **Photo Opportunity:**

- We would like to invite you to take advantage of a wonderful photo opportunity at our Band

Blast this year! We will have photographers shooting pictures of YOUR band's performance. Photos will be taken from the field, from the press box (for formations)

- We are offering a disk of photos to each director for one price of \$40.00. These photos will be yours to share and do what you like. We estimate that each band will receive 100 -200 photos. Larger bands may receive more. Parents will have the opportunity to order a disk the day of the Blast. An Order form is attached to your registration Email.

### **Adjudication:**

- The judges will be instructed to provide written comments on the back of your adjudication sheets that they feel could be helpful to you in preparing your band for the rest of your marching season.
- We will not be giving numeric scores. We will use standard ratings. And our judges have been informed that comments and suggestions are strongly desired.
- If you haven't learned all of your drill at this point in the season, please feel free to stand still and play what show music you have. The visual judge will stop adjudicating when you stop being visual. This will allow the music judge to make comments on what you have.
- After your performance your band will be escorted to the High School Gym where the critique judge will meet with you and your students.
- You will be given the judges sheets and recordings immediately following the event

### **General Requests:**

- If you experience any difficulties in getting to the venue in time for your warm-up and performance, please call Matt Olsen on his cell phone and inform him of your situation at 912-486-0589
- Please let us know of any way that we can be of assistance to you and your band members/chaperones, etc. throughout the day.

### **Field Props:**

- Field Props can be staged in the practice field just past the stadium. Please inform your Band Guides if you will need to stage props in this area upon your arrival.

### **Special Requests:**

- If you have any special requests, please feel free to contact me on my cell phone or find any Volunteer at the Blast and they will be able to follow the chain of command up and find an answer or me. I will be out and about during the festival making sure everyone has what they need for the day.

### **Most Importantly:**

- Good luck to you and your group. Thank you for supporting the Southeast Bulloch Band Blast and I hope you leave our event with a smile on your face and great feedback from the judges.
- Please contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns. Feel free to text anytime before the festival and I will reply ASAP.

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