UIL Texas 4A State Marching Contest

November 5th, 2025

On Wednesday, November 5th, the Davenport High School Band will go to the Alamodome to compete in the 2025 UIL Texas 4A Marching Contest. This event is the most prestigious marching band event in the world. Every group attending the State Marching Contest qualified to be there. This is a pinnacle achievement in the marching arts. Below, you will find information designed to answer questions regarding our schedule, meals, and performances.

UIL Texas 4A State Marching Contest Show Site

Alamodome
100 Montana St
San Antonio, TX 78203

Transportation and Meals

Transportation will be provided by charter buses to and from the Alamodome. The buses will stay with us all day at the Alamodome.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided on Wednesday. We recommend students bring additional money if they want to purchase concessions or merchandise from within the alamodome.

How does placement work at this competition?

This competition will be prelims/finals formatted. Should the Davenport Band be in the top 10 groups in the preliminary competition, we will advance to finals and perform a second time on Wednesday evening. Finals works in a top 5 / bottom 5 format. If we are in the bottom 5, we will perform in the first five slots. If we are in the top 5, we will perform in the last five slots. The order within these slots is determined by random draw.

Wolf Band Philosophy on Competition

- Have fun!
- We only control our own work and performance.
- We respect our competitors as peers and know they are working as hard as we are.
- The judges are watching and listening to us with an open mind and a fair heart.
- Placements and trophies are secondary to the feeling of SUPERIOR performances.
- We accept ALL results with dignity and grace.

Itinerary for Wednesday, November 5th, 2025

- 6:30 am - Call Time for all and set up for rehearsal
- 6:45 am - Rehearsal
    a. Parent load crew loads props on Rusty
- 7:45 am - Load Dusty, grab and go breakfast, and get dressed in full uniform
    a. Load snacks, pumpkins for before warm up, and waters for after performance on Dusty, **bring water jug on bus and we will leave them at the truck- we cannot take them into the dome**
- 8:30 am - Charter busses spot at DHS
    a. Z racks go under busses, students load garment bags up top
- 8:45 am - Inspection
- 8:55 am - Load charter busses / volunteers load on the activity bus (Gonzales drives)
    a. Z racks go under busses, garment bags go up top
    b. Backpacks stay on bus during performance- water jugs come with us
- 9:15 am - Leave DHS
- 9:20 am Swing by GRES
- 10:00 am - Arrive at Alamodome- Mrs. Bliss takes administrator tickets, potty break
- 10:30 am - Unload time begins - leave garment bags on bus, take jugs to truck, get plumes
- 11:05 am - Move to Warm Up C, potty break
- 11:20 am-12:05 pm - Warm Up C
- 12:15 pm - Report Time for props
    a. Back tunnel - back props and compass
    b. Front tunnel - front ensemble, front drops, podiums, stage
- 12:25 pm - Field Entrance
- 12:30 pm - Performance- Lay down with 1:10 remaining, start preshow :51 remaining
- 12:45 pm - Interview with Prelims interview team
- 12:50 pm - Take picture(s)
- 1:05 pm - Load truck and travel back to busses together to change out of full uniform and eat lunch on bus
    a. Uniform on Z racks, change into bandtober shirt and athletic shorts
- 1:30 pm - Trucks leave for remote parking
- 2:50 pm - move back to alamodome as a group to watch bands using participant entrance
    a. We will sit together as a band to watch performances. Be respectful of other groups while they perform.
    b. Students may purchase concessions or merch at this time
- 4:30 pm - Prelims Director Meeting in Production Room
- 5:00 pm - Drum Major Retreat and Results
    a. If we make finals, Finalist administrator tickets to Mrs. Bliss
- 5:30 pm
    a. Eat dinner in Lot C on the buses if we do not make finals or are top 5 (last 5 performances) in finals
    b. Eat a snack and get ready for finals performance if we are bottom 5 (first 5 performance) in finals
- 6:45 pm - Parent Pickup if we do not make finals (top 10)
- 7:15 pm (bottom 5) or 8:45 pm (top 5) - Approximate performance time if we make finals

FINALS SCHEDULE- CONGRATULATIONS! YOU ARE ONE OF THE TOP 10 4A BANDS IN THE STATE!
6:30 get dressed
7:00 get off buses in full uniform with water jugs, make inspection lines
7:05 travel to truck

7:15 unload, get plumes
7:45 move to warm up, potty break in the halls
8:05-8:50 Warm up C
9:00 report time
9:10 enter field
9:15 perform
9:30 take equipment to truck, case up, deplume, and IMMEDIATELY make inspection lines to go to retreat- guard, then brass, woodwind, then percussion- keep your shako with you, we do not have time to go back to the bus. B's do not need shako. We will set shakos down in front of our feet at retreat.
9:45 report to retreat lines- you need to move quickly!
10:00 awards

- 10:00 pm - Full Retreat if we make finals
- 11:45 pm - Parent Pickup at DHS if we make finals

State Marching Band Championships

Alamodome Overview



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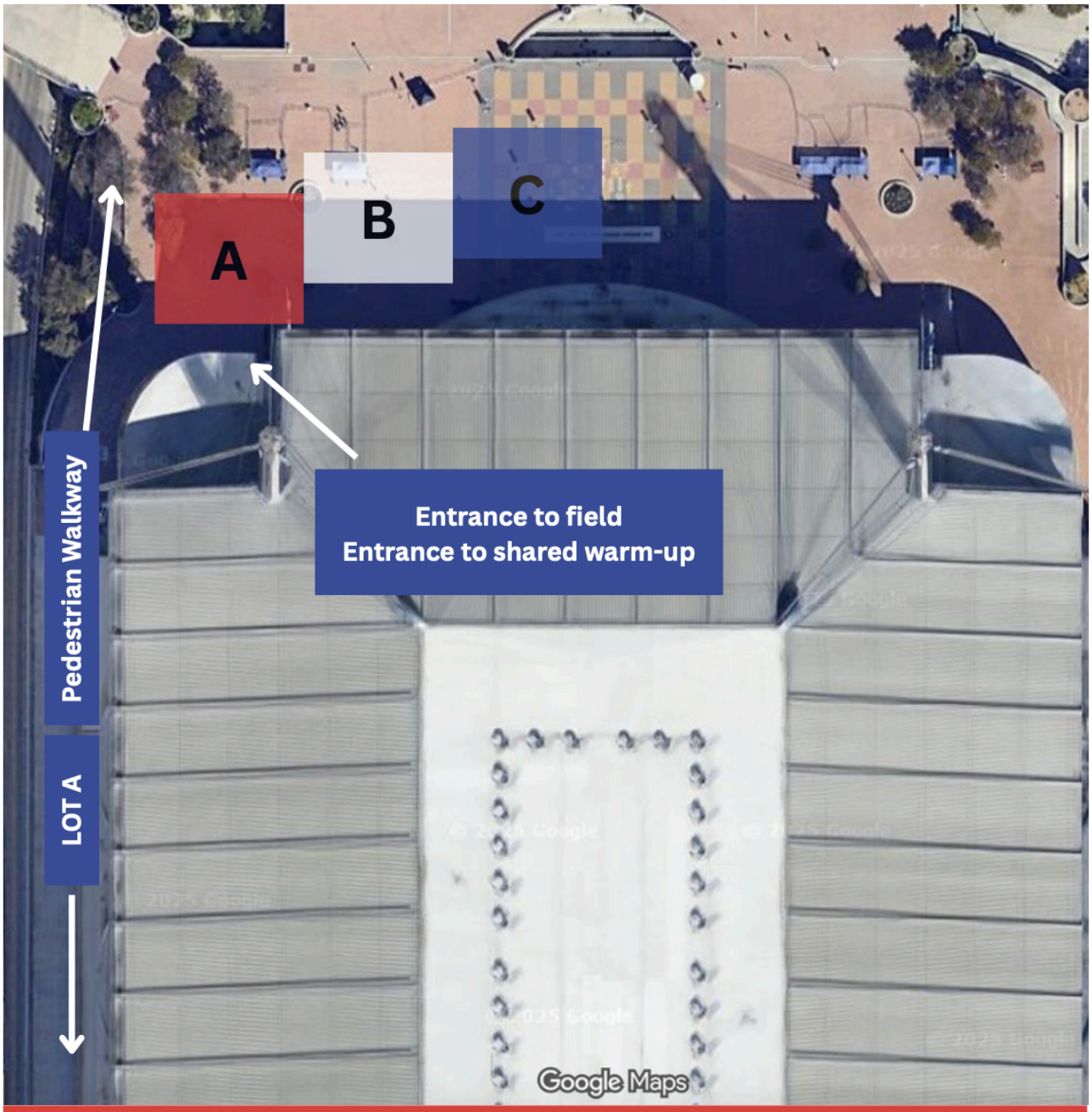
Color Guard Warm-Up



Color Guard Warm-Up Information

- May warm up outdoors on the North Plaza or indoors with winds & percussion.
- Outdoor entry: Use the ramp to Montana Street from the North Plaza.
- Rain plan: May warm-up on the 5th Floor Upper Level Concourse.
- Optional indoor space: Shared room with low ceilings — spinning & stretching only (no tossing).

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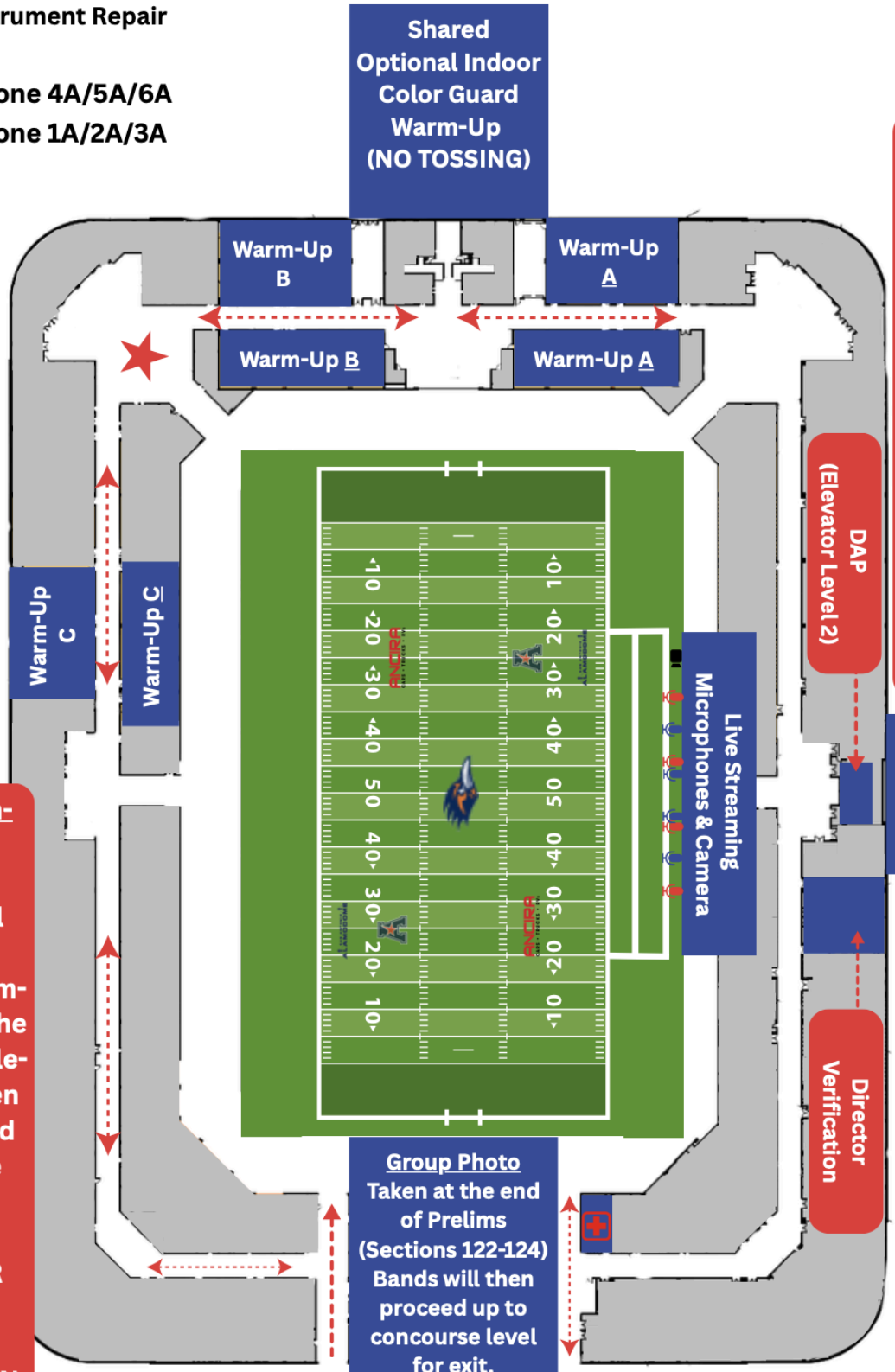
Field Level Map & Band Warm-Up Flow

- Hillje Instrument Repair
- First Aid
- Microphone 4A/5A/6A
- Microphone 1A/2A/3A
- Camera



Live Stream Mics: halfway between field edge & back wall

4A/5A/6A: 44 yd & 32 yd lines

1A/2A/3A: 46 yd & 38 yd lines

Up to 4 extra mics near band speakers

Band Warm-Up Flow

Guides will lead each band to warm-up. Stay to the left in a single-file line when entering and exiting the tunnels.

NO WATER JUGS OR BATTERY PERCUSSION STANDS

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LOT A
Equipment Truck & Outside Stadium Flow



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Note: Emilio Navaira St. is a ONE-WAY surface level "loop" road adjacent to the Chavez Overpass. The eastbound portion is SOUTH of the Chavez Overpass.

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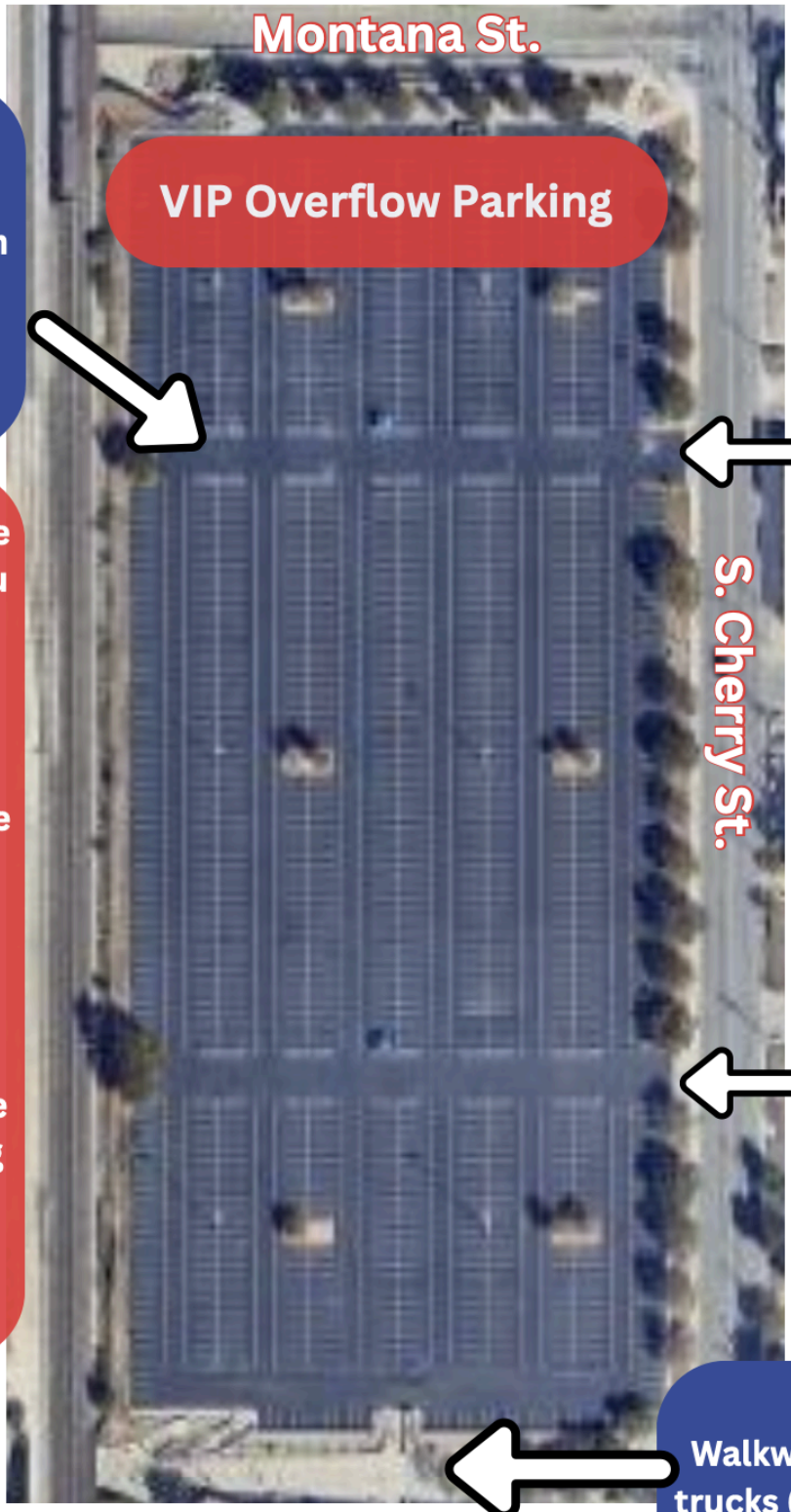
LOT C
Participant Bus Parking



Director Check-In
Credential & prelim complimentary ticket pickup

VIP Overflow Parking

ENTRANCE

Food items must be brought in with you and consumed on the buses.

Caterers and concessionaires are not permitted to deliver food to Alamodome property.

Setting up a mobile kitchen or catering station is also prohibited

EXIT

Walkway to equipment trucks (Lot A) & warm-up

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