

2009 Pirate's Cove Classic



Information Packet

Thank you for choosing to participate in the Pirate Cove's Classic. Our goal is to make this as educational and enjoyable as possible for you and your students. Included in this packet you should find pertinent information about the competition. If there are any questions that are not answered by this packet, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Directions and Parking

Porter Ridge High School is located at 2839 Ridge Rd, Indian Trail, NC 28079, about two miles off of the I-485. Enclosed you will find a map that has approximate directions from the schools that are attending. All buses and equipment trucks will park in the bus parking lot which is in between the middle and the high school on the campus. All passenger vehicles (spectators and chaperones) will park in the student parking lot that is closest to the stadium. Both entrances will be appropriately labeled with signs. There is a stop light at the entrance that the buses and the equipment trucks will use. There is plenty of parking at Porter Ridge High School as well as overflow parking at Porter Ridge Elementary and Porter Ridge Middle. .

Admission and Registration

When your bus arrives, we ask that the director comes to the registration table to receive your registration packet. In the packet you will find passes for the directors, and chaperones (1 for every 10 students). If you are bringing additional staff please let me know (via e-mail would be best) so that I can have the appropriate passes ready for them as well. Someone from our staff will be waiting to come on the bus and give your students wristbands. These wrist bands will serve as their admission to the stadium when they are not performing. Your pit crew should also receive wristbands for admission upon arrival. All other guests and spectators can purchase tickets at the gate. We ask that spectators do not take food into the stadium; we will have concessions available for purchase if they wish. **We also ask that no one grills out in the parking lot as we are offering plenty of food to all of our guests.**

Concessions and Food

Porter Ridge High School has plenty of food and concessions for your enjoyment while at the competition. Please visit our concession stand for your nourishment needs and refrain from grilling or cooking while on our campus. **We are also offering pre-orders on concessions this year which will assist you in not waiting in long lines at the concession stands. Please take advantage of this offer!** Thank You!

Dressing Areas

We have dressing rooms available for your use. If you choose to make use of them please come to the dressing rooms (as labeled on the map) at your scheduled time and bring a male and female chaperone along to help supervise in the rooms. Your guide will take you to the dressing rooms.

Warm Up

Warm up areas are designated on the enclosed map. Your guides will take you to your warm up area at the appropriate time. At the scheduled time, guides will take you to the performance field. Water will be available on the way to the field. As you warm up your band please face away from the stadium so the sound does not interfere with the competition. **Marching Warm-ups will be allowed, however you may not march drill to your show during your warm-up. Thank you!** If problems occur, your guide can get in touch with me.

Rain

This is always a possibility on any given Saturday. If there is rain, we will put one band in the auditorium for warm up and one band in the auxiliary gym for warm up. The bands will perform to the home side of the stands in the regular gymnasium.

Absolutely no cameras in or above the press box. You may, however, have cameras in the stands.

Stadium Information

Performance Entry Gate

Please arrive at the entry gate (as shown on the enclosed map), pit crew first, at the assigned time. This gate is large enough to accommodate paired marching. Once you have entered the stadium you may come on from the back or side of the field. Water will be available for your group as you approach the stadium.

Performance Exit Gate

After your performance the pit crew will exit through the same gate they entered. Your guide will help you through this process. We trust that all equipment used will insure protection of the field surface. Water will be available after your performance.

Pit Equipment

We will provide trailers to help you transport equipment to the field. If you are bringing your own please make sure your tires are in good shape and will not dig into the track surface or the field surface. **If you need assistance with equipment, please let me know via email. You may also contact bfkitchen@carolina.rr.com**

Electricity

We do not have electricity on the field; if you need electricity please let us know as soon as possible, so we can try to make accommodations.

First Aid

A First-Aid tent will be available at the location indicated on the map. Water will be available at the First Aid tent.

Band Seating

After bands perform we ask that they sit as a group on the visitor's side. Please ensure that there is adult supervision over your group at all times to maintain a proper performance atmosphere. We would like to keep all spectators on the home side and all bands on the away side. Please make sure that your students are sitting on the visitor's side of the stands. Thank you.

Band Director Hospitality

We have a director and staff hospitality tent that will be set up at the other end of the home bleachers nearest the scoreboard.

Awards Ceremony

All Drum Majors, and captains, should be ready to receive awards after The Band of Pirates performance. A director's packet including a recap sheet, judge's tapes, judge's sheets, and a video tape of your performance will be available at the trophy table directly following the awards ceremony. **Absolutely no cameras in or above the press box. You may, however, have cameras in the stands.**

Judges

Music	Joe Gullede
Marching	Randy Grantham
General Effect	Barry Howard
Percussion	Troy Little
Color Guard	Jennifer Cutchin
Drum Major	Chesley Black

Directions to Porter Ridge High School for Buses and Equipment Trucks

From South Carolina: Take North I-77 to I-485 East. Follow this road until you reach Exit 47 (Lawyers Rd.). Take a right off of the exit and follow this road for approximately 4 miles to Ridge Rd. Take a right on Ridge and follow until you reach the only stoplight on the road. Take a right on to Porter Ridge Campus Dr.

From Hickory and Western North Carolina – Take I-40 East to I-77 South. Follow this road until you see I-85 North (towards Greensboro). Follow I-85 North to I-485. Follow this road until you reach Exit 47 (Lawyers Rd.). Take a left off of the exit and follow this road for approximately 4 miles to Ridge Rd. Take a right on Ridge and follow until you reach the only stoplight on the road. Take a right on to Porter Ridge Campus Dr.

From Rowan County and Points East (Including Winston-Salem and Raleigh) - Take I-85 South to I-485. Follow this road until you reach Exit 47 (Lawyers Rd.). Take a left off of the exit and follow this road for approximately 4 miles to Ridge Rd. Take a right on Ridge and follow until you reach the only stoplight on the road. Take a right on to Porter Ridge Campus Dr.

From Scotland County – Take Highway 74 West to Union County. Take a right at Monroe Mall (Secret Shortcut Rd.) Follow Secret Shortcut Rd to Rocky River Rd. and take a right. Follow this road to Price Rd. (You will see signs for Porter Ridge Schools) Take a right on this road and take a right at the next stop sign. (Ridge Rd.) Follow this road to Porter Ridge Campus Dr. and take a right.

From Gastonia – Take I-85 North to I-485 East (towards Columbia and I-77) Follow this road until you reach Exit 47 (Lawyers Rd.) Take a right off of the exit and follow this road for approximately 4 miles to Ridge Rd. Take a right on Ridge and follow until you reach the only stoplight on the road. Take a right on to Porter Ridge Campus Dr.

From Stanly County – Take Hwy 24/27 to Hwy 601. Take a left onto Hwy 601. Follow this road until you see a stoplight for Unionville-Indian Trail Rd. Take a right on Unionville-Indian Trail Rd. Follow until you see a sign for Porter Ridge Schools. Take a right at this sign (Ridge Rd.) Follow until you see a stoplight. This is Porter Ridge Campus Dr. Take a left at this stoplight.

From the University Area of Charlotte: Follow I-85 North to I-485. Follow this road until you reach Exit 47 (Lawyers Rd.). Take a left off of the exit and follow this road for approximately 4 miles to Ridge Rd. Take a right on Ridge and follow until you reach the only stoplight on the road. Take a right on to Porter Ridge Campus Dr.

Directions to Porter Ridge High School for Spectators

From South Carolina: Take North I-77 to I-485 East. Follow this road until you reach Exit 47 (Lawyers Rd.). Take a right off of the exit and follow this road for approximately 3 miles to Rocky River Rd. Take a right on Rocky River Rd and follow until you reach a sign that says Porter Ridge Schools. (Price Rd.) Take a left on Price Rd. Follow to the next road on right. (Porter Ridge Campus Dr.) Take a right on this road.

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stoplight and take a left at the next road (Price Rd.) Take a left on Price Rd and then another left at the next intersection on Porter Ridge Campus Dr.

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