

Drums Along the Brazos Drumline Contest

Frequently Asked Questions

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How do I register my group and how much does it cost?

Early Registration Fee is \$175 per Drumline. After the deadline it is \$225 per Drumline.
Entry Forms may be completed online or printed and mailed with Entry Fees to:

College Station High School Band
Attn: Jon Seale
4002 Victoria Ave.
College Station, TX 77845

Checks should be made out to: **CSHS Cougar Band Boosters**

Please Indicate *Drums Along the Brazos or Drumline Contest* in the Memo Line.

Or register online at www.drumsalongthebrazos.com

I registered online and I have sent in a check, but I did not receive a confirmation email. What happened?

Our email has either gone to your Spam filter, or perhaps there was an error on our part. Please email jseale@csisd.org to let me know of any problems.

Where can I find the schedule?

The Schedule will not be made available until after the initial deadline has passed. At that time, if you have entered the contest we will send you an email containing the **current schedule, director's information, rules and guidelines, and performance script**. It will also be posted on our [Contest Website](#).

How did my group get put into this classification?

Our divisions are based upon the UIL designation of your school size (IA through 6A) and your classification is chosen by you as the director, either Novice or Advanced. We also have a division specifically for middle school drumlines.

Is Drums Along the Brazos open to the public?

Yes! We definitely encourage the public to attend. We love seeing area music students and all other fans of percussion activities.

\$5 per Adult, \$3 per Student, kindergarten age and Under are FREE.

Do I have to pay to attend the contest if I am helping?

Your director will have an allotment of wristbands for students, drivers, directors, and chaperones. Anyone outside of those groups will need to purchase admission.

Where do I go first if my group is competing in the contest?

Follow the Bus signs to pull up to the Check In Station. Our staff and volunteers will help you from there. Check the Site-Map for locations.

Where can my Drumline practice and warm up?

We have a practice areas designated for your group around our school in the parking lots. Please plan to unload and practice no earlier than **2 hours** before your scheduled contest performance. Depending on how many groups are in attendance, we may have to ask you to pack up and move from your spot after your performance.

We've never done a drumline contest before! What do we play?

There is really no limit as to what you can play other than the time limit. Typically a drumline will just play the same music as the UIL marching band show, possibly with some modifications. Some groups ask a few key wind players to come perform with them so that the "slower" selections make more sense to the audience, but this is not required. The contribution of any wind players will not be critiqued by the judges and thus will not alter the drumline score. Some groups learn additional music that might better suit a drumline contest with percussion only. Just be sure to stay within your time limits.

What do we wear?

Again, this is up to you as a director. Many groups will wear their band uniforms. Some will wear some variation thereof (ie. bibbers and a drumline or band shirt). While others may just wear drumline shirts and jeans. What you wear will not alter your score. But looking professional is always important.

Will there be concessions?

Yes! We would love for you to make plans to stay all day and eat on- site. Our Band Boosters are planning on providing various meal, snack and drink options.

Will there be a video of our performance?

Yes. We will give each director a complimentary copy of their group's performance. This copy will be a mostly unedited, wide angle, single camera POV copied to a flash drive. MP3's of the judges' commentary will be copied to the same flash drive.

Can I purchase a copy of other group's performances?

Yes! Please fill out a DAtB DVD Order Form either at the contest or from our website.

Will there be a photographer at the contest?

We are working on setting up a photographer to take at least group pictures, but as of right now, it is NOT available..

Will T-Shirts be sold at the contest?

We will be selling T-Shirts at the Contest. We will also be doing a **pre-order by email** through the directors at a discounted price. The shirts that are left over will be sold at the contest at the normal price while supplies last.

Any Other Questions?

Feel free to email the contest directors, Jon Seale (jseale@csisd.org) and Zane Taylor (ztaylor@csisd.org) for any other questions that were not included in this document.

Thank you for joining us this year!

- Jon Seale
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