



2010 Pacific Coast Invitational Preliminary Information Packet

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Welcome and thank you for attending the 29th Annual Pacific Coast Invitational (PCI) Marching Band Competition. We look forward to hosting your band, color guard members, staff and spectators on **Saturday October 2, 2010** at Sprague High School.

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Competition Schedule:

All bands will compete in both preliminary and finals competition with one band performing as our guest in a non-judged exhibition to open up the finals round. In addition to acting as your hosts at PCI, the Sprague Olympian Marching Band will be performing in competition, rather than in exhibition. Given that the NWAPA selects the judges and sets their fees, we believe that competing at PCI will not create any conflict of interest. We realize this is a break from tradition, but we hope you will understand the decision. You'll be notified of the band performance schedule as soon as possible after it is set by the NWAPA.

Location:

Sprague High School – 2373 Kuebler Blvd – Salem, OR 97302

Directions:

Take I-5 to Kuebler Blvd (Exit 252) in Salem. Proceed west 4 miles to the school.

Stadium Surface:

Artificial turf was installed 2007 and the running track was installed 2009. No ATV's will be allowed inside the stadium. Golf carts will be available to tow your equipment into the stadium at the South gate.

Admission Prices (all-day admission – cash and checks only):

Adult: \$15

Student and Senior: \$10

Children 5 and under: Free

Salem-Keizer School District and other school district IDs are not valid for entry

NWAPA Rules and Contest Procedures:

See the NWAPA 2010 Fall Handbook. Timing and penalties will be enforced.

Staff Passes:

Event passes will be available in your director's arrival info packet. Per the NWAPA rules, we provide a minimum of 12 passes, or 1 per 8 student performers, whichever is greater.

Bus, Truck and Spectator Parking (see encl 1)

- Buses will enter via the Kuebler Rd. entrance and unload their passengers at the school's North lot. Busses will be parked at Schirle Elementary School.
- Band Support Trucks and private vehicles with parking passes will enter via the Kuebler Rd. entrance and will be directed to designated lots by a PCI volunteer.

- Limited on-campus spectator parking will be available via the school's Joseph Street gate, accessible from Croisan Scenic Way. Vehicles with valid DMV disabled parking placards will park nearest to the stadium.
- The overflow general public parking will be at the Kaiser-Permanente Skyline Clinic at Kuebler Blvd. and Croisan Scenic Way. Free shuttle service is provided to the stadium.

Band Hosts and Security

A PCI adult volunteer and Sprague students will be your hosts for the day. Please exchange cell phone numbers with them, they are there to answer your questions and provide guidance throughout the day. Volunteers will have two-way radios and provide both static and roving security throughout the Sprague campus. PCI volunteers will wear "PCI Volunteer" t-shirts for easy identification.

Classroom and Gyms

Bands will be assigned indoor facilities within Sprague High School. Eight schools will be housed in the main and auxiliary gyms. The gyms will be clearly sectioned off by school and monitored throughout the event by PCI security volunteers; however, we encourage bands to provide adult volunteers to monitor their designated area throughout the day. Both gyms will not be accessible by ground level entrances/exits. Your students and staffs will use stairwells to access the gyms. There is an elevator for ADA access only. Please share these rules with your students and staff:

- Be respectful of other schools, students and others' property and designated space
- No horseplay, eating or sticky substances (e.g. gum) in the gyms. Water is ok.
- Do not drag equipment and/or wheel uniform carts across gym floor surfaces.
- Do not enter or occupy a classroom without a PCI band host/security volunteer.
- Do not use the gym doors on the East side (toward the band warm up areas) as an exit or entrance. (Emergency Exit Only)

Sprague Commons

The Commons will be used as a rest area for students and staff. Students are welcome to eat their individual lunches/meals, but boosters groups may not prepare or serve food in the Commons area. The Commons is the indoor warm up area for inclement weather.

Full-uniform Retreat

We will have a traditional retreat in the stadium prior to the Finals awards ceremony. Bands may assemble in the visitor's grandstands after the final performance of the evening. Your band host will help organize the retreat formation.

Band and Percussion Warm-Up Areas

Sprague Campus: Two areas on the east side of Sprague High School are designated as warm up Areas A and B. Schools will use these areas at designated times listed on the event schedule prior to performance. Please limit your "official" warm-up time in Area A or B to start 30 minutes before your performance.

The sports fields (natural grass, possibly damp or swampy) may be used for silent marching or colorguard warm-ups only. Please do not use percussive or electronic metronomes at any time on the Sprague campus!

Percussion units (including drumlines) must warm up on the Sprague campus only, and may **not** warm up on neighboring streets or at Schirle Elementary School.

Schirle Elementary School: The playground soccer field at Schirle Elementary School (at Joseph St. and Croisan Scenic Way) will be available to bands as an additional warm up area on a first come, first serve

basis. Please Note: We strongly recommend that you do not take your front ensemble instruments to Schirle, as Joseph Street has a rather steep hill back to Sprague. The field is accessible from Joseph Street. Light towers will be turned on at approximately 6:00 PM to accommodate evening warm ups.

Percussion warm ups will not be allowed on the Schirle campus. Please share the field equitably, and please do not use amplification devices at Schirle. If you choose to warm up at Schirle, you are responsible for meeting your stadium gate times.

Percussion (Battery and Front Ensembles): North side of the Sprague campus along the sidewalk (see encl 1). Do not warm up within direct sight of the stadium, keep the campus buildings between you and the field.

Staging (see encl 1)

- Bands and color guards stage at the stadium **North** gate five (5) minutes prior to performance.
- Front ensembles and large props stage at the stadium **South** gate five (5) minutes prior to performance.

Prop Storage:

After your Prelims performance, large props may be stored inside the stadium near the South entrance gate. Props may be retrieved during breaks and meal periods.

Stadium entry for band field crew:

Field crews and staff helping with front ensemble equipment and props may enter and exit the stadium at the South gate without paying admission. To enter the spectator seating area, crew members not in possession of an NWAPA pass will need to purchase tickets and enter via the main spectator gate.

Tips for Spectators:

- Sprague Stadium does not have covered seating. Please be prepared for inclement weather. Umbrellas are welcome.
- Sprague High School is a tobacco-free campus.
- Please arrive at least 30 minutes before your band performs. On-campus spectator parking is limited. Most spectators will need to park in the overflow lot at Kaiser-Permanente, so allow time for the shuttle bus to bring you to the stadium. Spectators parked in the overflow area may choose to walk to the stadium, a distance of about ½ mile.

Amenities:

- Food concessions will be provided by the Sprague Boosters outside of the stadium's main gate entry and roving "food mobile" throughout the day.
- PCI 2010 t-shirts and hoodies will be sold by "Print Specialties" (Visa/MC credit cards accepted).
- PCI 2010 Souvenirs will offer:
 - PCI 2010 programs (each contains a "PCI People's Choice Trophy" voting ballot)
 - Stadium announcement forms
- First aid response is provided by Marion County Search and Rescue.
- Lost and Found – PCI Headquarters behind the food concessions.

Enclosures:

1. Sprague campus map – PCI traffic flow

