



2024

**God's Country
Marching Festival
Director's Packet**

GCMF 2024

Location:

Hondo High School, Beautiful Barry Field
2603 Avenue H
Hondo, TX 78861

Field Type: Brand New Artificial Turf with no track. Power is available via extension cord to a wall outlet as well as a backup power source (our gasoline Generator).

Check In: Directors, please check in with your student monitors when you arrive. They will be actively searching for you when you arrive with your buses and trailer. At check in you can drop off checks and pick up your chaperone and band member wristbands for free entrance to the stadium.

Parking for Bus/Trailer: Schools will unload students and equipment in the bus and truck parking areas. Parking attendants will assist you. Please view the maps.

Warm Up: Please see the Schedule and Map for warm up info. Please do not proceed to the warm up area without your monitors. Please be prepared to enter and exit your warm up area at your designated time. Please do not warm up in the parking lot because this may disrupt bands who are performing in the Stadium. Once you are inside the Warm up A, B, or C gymnasiums, you may play full volume and use metronomes. Please no wireless director speakers. We want to avoid any wireless frequency issues by not using them in warmup. Front Ensemble warmups are behind the high school.

Bathrooms: Upon arriving, bathrooms for the bands are available in the foyer of both gymnasiums (warm up A and B). Warm up C bathrooms are located in a nearby in the hallway of the High School.

Admission for bands: Admission into the contest is free for your band students. Spectators must pay \$10 for entry. Chaperones and directors will be given wrist bands when you arrive.

Storage and Uniforms: Please arrange for storage of cases and unneeded equipment during your performance on or against your trailer. Space will be limited. Please have your students wear uniforms or change on the bus as needed. Bathrooms are available but there is not adequate space for changing in and out of uniforms.

Student Guides: We will use our students and parents to take you everywhere so one or more students/parents will remain with your band until you return to your busses.

Admission for Spectators: \$10 for Ages 6 and up, 5 and under are free

Judging: Judges will provide recorded and written feedback (See Judges Sheets). The judges will rank bands in order. The 3 band judges scores will be used to award Best Music and Best Marching Award for each classification and the top 3 placements. The percussion and guard judges will give comments and award their best caption award for each classification. The Percussion and Guard scores will not influence overall rankings. We will announce the top 3 placements and Caption awards for each classification. Band Directors will receive a confidential UIL division rating (Division 1-5).

Awards

1st Place	Best Music	Best Drum Major
2nd Place	Best Marching	Best Battery Percussion
3rd Place	Best Colorguard	Best Front Ensemble Percussion

Comments: Every band will receive judges' written comments, taped comments, as well as a video of your performance (sent via Google Drive Link). Comment Sheets will be scanned and available in your Google Drive. There will be 2 Drum Major Awards retreats. One following the last 1A - 2A bands and one following the 3A-4A bands. **See Schedule.**

Timing: While we go by the UIL Timing of 5-8 minutes, etc. Bands that do not stay within those time limits **will NOT be penalized.** The official time is given as a courtesy.

VIDEO: We **WILL** be providing you a video of your performance.

MAP: Included is a map to help you find the travel path through the school. If you have any questions, please contact me at cmarchese@hondoisd.net

CONCESSIONS/SHIRT SALES: We will have full concessions for everyone! We will have a booth set up where we are selling a GCMF souvenir shirt.

We are excited for you to be joining us this year! Our goal is to provide a practice contest that will be operated identical to the official UIL so your students have a chance to march in our stadium. Our judging panel of seasoned marching band directors will undoubtedly provide you with great feedback and comments. I hope your season is going well so far. My personal cell phone number is 281-726-0588. Please keep it on hand the day of the contest should you need anything. Text or Call is fine. If anything seems unclear or confusing just call or text me!

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