



November 2011

Dear Directors,

I hope this finds you doing well and enjoying the fall marching band season. I would like to take the time to thank you for making the Vista Invitational Field Tournament, your performance venue for Saturday, November 12, 2011. It is greatly appreciated. Enclosed in this packet you will find all of the necessary information needed in preparing for your arrival at Vista High School.

Enclosed in this packet, please find the following:

VIFT 2010 Line-up
General Information
Awards Protocol – (Please share this with your student leaders)
Maps to Vista High School
2011 SCSBOA Contest Rules
Map of Vista High School
Parking Information
List of Awards

Please inform your parents, that there is no spectator parking on site at Vista High School. This will occur in the surrounding communities. Beginning at 3:00pm, we will be offering a shuttle service from our nearby church.. This is a free of charge service to our guests. Please allow ample time to park, get on a shuttle bus and walk to the stadium!!

If you are performing in the AM tournament, you do have the option of staying with your program for the evening portion of our event. Please note that groups must be chaperoned at all times. Seating will be on the home side, and chaperone tickets will be \$5.00 each. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please do not hesitate to contact me.

On behalf of the students, parents and staff of the Vista Regimental Band and Pageantry Corps, welcome to Vista High School. We hope your stay with us is enjoyable and musically rewarding for you and your students.

Thank you!

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30th Annual Invitational Field Tournament

November 12, 2011

GENERAL INFORMATION

Arrival:

Vista High School is located at One Panther Way, Vista, CA 92084. See map for detailed directions. All buses must enter from Bobier Drive where you will be met by hosts. The tournament hosts will stamp the hands of all participants while the buses proceed to the assigned spaces in the participant parking area. Spectator parking is available on Bobier Drive and throughout nearby residential neighborhoods and at the Church of Later Day Saints (451 Bobier Drive) with free shuttle starting at 3:00 p.m. Please observe all city parking regulations, as the San Diego County Sheriffs will patrol the streets. Limited handicapped parking is available on campus. (map included)

Check-In:

Upon arrival please check in at the check-in table in front of the band room (see campus map). You will be directed to warm-up areas.

THERE ARE NO DRESSING OR STORAGE FACILITIES PROVIDED. EACH BAND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS EQUIPMENT. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UNATTENDED AT ANY TIME.

Security:

Vista High School will be providing Security Guards, who will make regular checks of our campus parking lot. However, we are in need of your assistance to ensure the safety of your group's belongings stored on buses and equipment vehicles. Remember that buses left unattended may be prone to damage and theft. We must issue this disclaimer for all buses and accompanying vehicles:

The Vista Unified School District, Vista High School Administration or Vista High School Band Boosters cannot be held responsible to replace lost or stolen items.

Tickets:

Every spectator attending the tournament is required to purchase admission. Spectator tickets are available at the stadium entrance form at a cost of \$9.00 per adult, \$ 7.00 for seniors/students. Reserved seating can be purchased for \$12.00 by going to our website www.vistaband.org. Children 2 years old and younger are admitted free.

NOTE FOR PARENTS AND FRIENDS ATTENDING: Our school district policy prohibits patrons from bringing any containers or coolers into the stadium. Please notify your group of this policy.

Food Service:

Food service will be available for spectators and participants at three locations: spectator side of stadium behind the stands, and participant side of stadium at the south end of the stands, and also in front of the gym, as you walk towards the stadium.

Directors and Staff:

You are cordially invited to visit the Hospitality Tent located on the South end of the field. Food, hot and cold beverages, and friendly faces will be found. **Tournament Badge required.**

Kid Feed:

If your group is planning a kid feed, NO OPEN FLAMES ARE ALLOWED, including barbeque grills, camp stoves, etc due to Fire Regulations.

Souvenirs

Tournament souvenirs (shirts, buttons, and programs) will be available on both sides of the stadium and in the parking lot.

Photographer:

Unfortunately, due to space limitations, we are unable to allow photography from the top of our press box, however the landings at the top of the stadium will be available for one photographer per group.

First Aid:

First Aid will be available at the north end of the stadium field. Transportation may be arranged to this area with notification from a chaperon or director. Each band is the primary care provider for their students. Our first aid station is to obtain emergency care only. In the event that a student needs to go to first aid, it is imperative that an adult remains with the student.

FIELD SHOW INFORMATION

Warm Up Area:

The final warm up area is in front of the gym and is identified on the campus map. Due to the close proximity to the field, we ask that you exercise restraint in this area. Please take note of the assigned time limits in this area. Be prepared to move to the staging areas by the designated time. Ultimately each director is responsible to move the group out of the warm-up area at the assigned times. There is a fifteen-minute transition period allotted for travel to the staging area. You may warm-up in other areas on the campus (indicated on the map) if you desire but you are responsible for being in the staging area at the designated time. **Please face your band away from the stadium while warming up. Local Rule: Bands who are interfering with a performing group will be warned only ONCE before being assessed a 1.0 penalty. No drums are allowed while marching to the staging area.**

Staging Area:

The staging area is a **SILENT AREA**. There must be no playing while in this area. Each band will be held at the performers gate until the last member of the preceding band has left the field. Only students, field crew, and directors will be allowed through this entrance.

Field equipment and crew should be ready on the north end of the stadium track 15 minutes before your performance.

Field Deployment:

You will be given four minutes for field set up. At four minutes, the tournament announcer will announce, “ _____ **High School, you may take the field.**” You will then be given a three-minute notice, followed by a one-minute notice. The tournament announcer will introduce your group after the one-minute notice.

Time Limits:

All shows must be a minimum of 7 minutes and a maximum of 11 minutes. There will be a one-point penalty for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof for overtime or undertime performances. Timing will end when all personnel **and equipment** have cleared the side or goal line. **SILENT CADENCE PLEASE!** A one-point penalty will be assessed for interference that disturbs the group entering the field.

Competition and Adjudication:

Timing and adjudication will begin immediately following the announcement

“ _____ **High School, the judges are ready**”

The Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association will adjudicate the tournament. The tournament will employ one head judge, three band judges (two music, one general effect - and one visual), one auxiliary judge, and a percussion judge. Ties will be broken by 1) Musical performance (specialties) score, 2) General Effect score and, if necessary, 3) Visual score.

Announcers:

All pre and post announcement forms should have been mailed with your application. All bands will be introduced using the information you provided on this form.

Chaperones

Students and designated chaperones have free admission to designated areas of the stadium. Each band will be given free admission for chaperones (based on a ratio of 10 students for each chaperone), **valid for the performers seating section (visitors side)** only. Students will be stamped on the busses and chaperones will be given wristbands by the Band Director for entry. Additional chaperones must purchase tickets, regardless of which side they sit on. Chaperones are requested to stay with and supervise their students in the stands.

Staff entry:

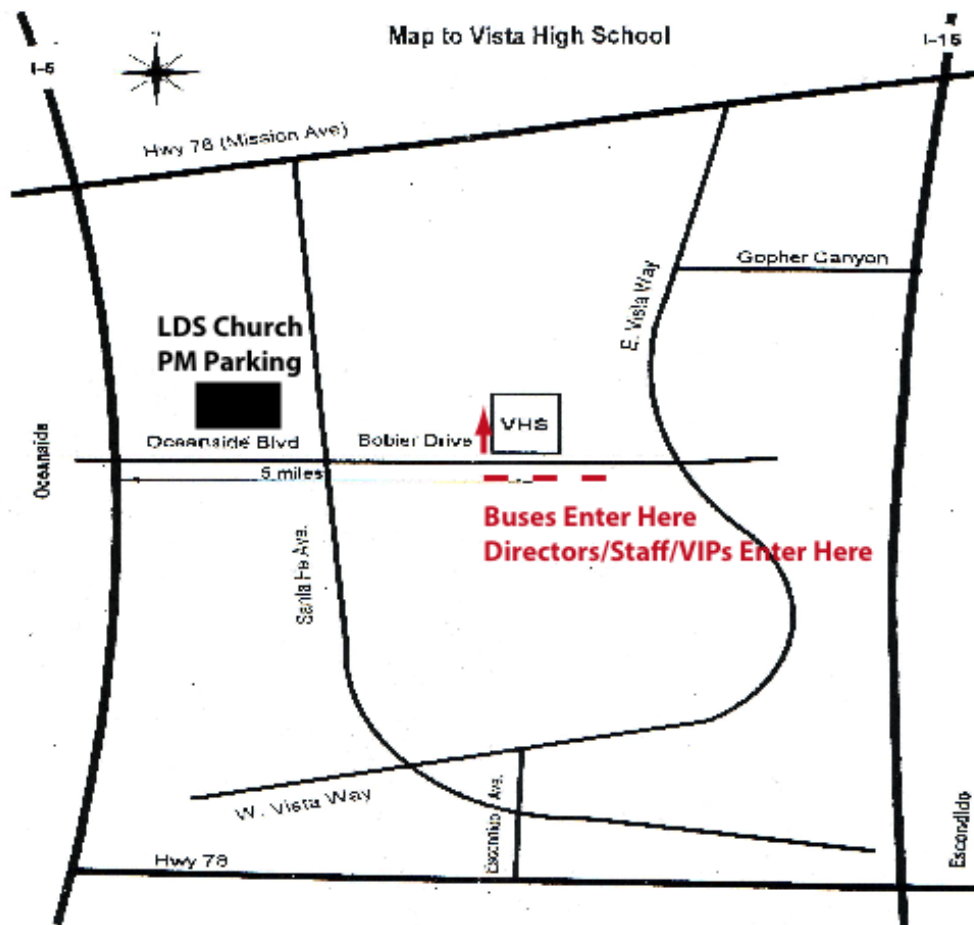
Wristbands will be provided for all staff, including coaches needed for the preparation of **your** unit. The number of badges provided is based on the information you provided on the entry form.

Awards Presentation:

Trophies will be awarded in each division at the conclusion of the competition. Student leaders are requested to report to the north end of the track, near the flagpole, immediately following the exhibition performance of Vista High School. They will line up there for the Leaders Procession and Introduction. **A maximum of 5 student** leaders may participate from each group. Details of the award ceremony will be included in the check-in package.

Rain or other weather conditions:

In case of rain or other weather conditions there will be COMPLETE AND TOTAL CHAOS and some last minute decisions. **Please note there will be no refunds. Options will include moving the tournament indoors. Scores from these events will not count as qualifying scores for the SCSBOA Field Championships. If you have questions in the event that rain occurs please call Ralph Ewell at 760-458-1171.**



From Riverside County—I-15 South and turn **R** on **CA-76** - go 7.6 mi; Turn **L** on **E VISTA WAY** - go 3.0 mi; Turn **R** on **E BOBIER DR** - go 1.0 mi to Panther Way—If you're a bus turn here, otherwise continue another .6 mile to the afternoon Shuttle lot.

From LA/Orange Co.—Take I-5 South and Take the **76 East**-- Turn **R** on **E VISTA WAY** - go 3.0 mi; Turn **R** on **E BOBIER DR** - go 1.0 mi to Panther Way—If you're a bus turn here, otherwise continue another .6 mile to the afternoon Shuttle lot.

From San Diego Coastal--Take I-5 NORTH to CA-78 EAST - continue towards Escondido and exit **Escondido Ave**. Go **R** on **Escondido Ave** and then turn **R** on **E. Vista Way**; turn left on **E BOBIER DR** - go 1.0 mi to Panther Way—If you're a bus turn here, otherwise continue another mile to the .6 afternoon Shuttle lot.

From San Diego Inland--Take I-15 NORTH to the **CA-78 WEST** exit continue towards Oceanside and exit **Escondido Ave**. Go **R** on **Escondido Ave** and then turn **R** on **E. Vista Way**; turn left on **E BOBIER DR** - go 1.0 mi to Panther Way—If you're a bus turn here, otherwise continue another .6 mile to the afternoon Shuttle lot.

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Parking

All Evening Buses and Equipment Vehicles must enter the school parking lot at 1 Panther Way coming **from the East** along Bobier Drive.

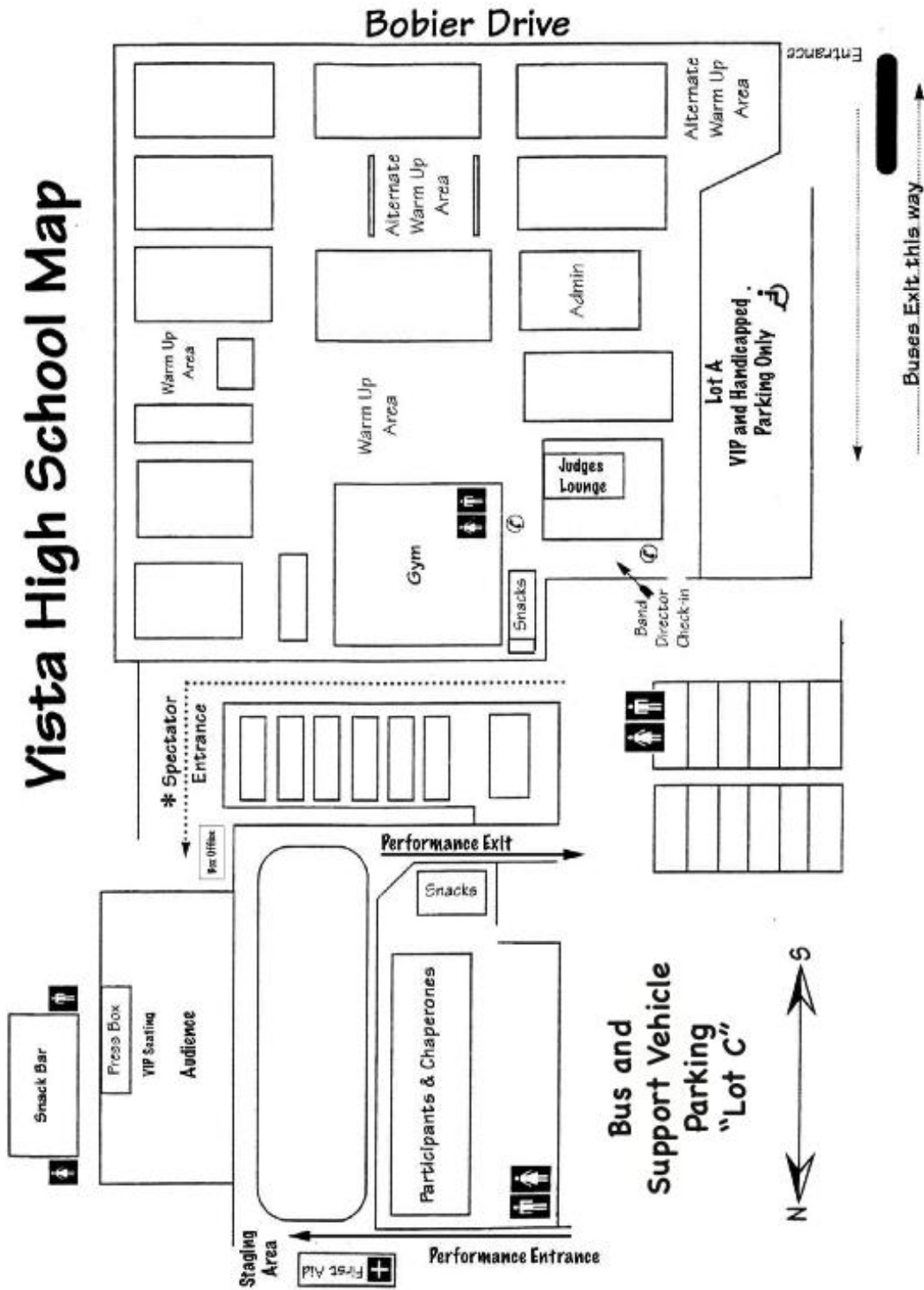
Lot A is in the school parking lot and will accommodate a small number for handicapped parking. This is also a permit parking area if you have been sent a ticket for Lot A.

Lot B is located across the street from the school at the Vista Adult School. This is permit only in the evening and in the morning will be used for Morning show buses.

Shuttle Lot is located at The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints at 451 W. Bobier Dr., less than a mile past the school entrance. This will be available for parking all day, however, shuttle service won't start until 2:00pm.

For early arrivals, there is some parking on Bobier Dr. and throughout nearby residential neighborhoods. Please observe all City of Vista parking regulations. There is no Event Parking in the nearby shopping centers and vehicles could be subject to tow.

Vista High School Map



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SCSBOA FIELD ADJUDICATION CONTEST RULES

Classification of Competitive Units

5.0 Penalty applied to the band only

There are six (6) classes of bands in SCSBOA field show competitions. Classification of each band is based on the TOTAL number of Woodwind, Brass and Percussion Performers (Performing Musicians).

Performing musicians include all Brass, Woodwind and Percussion players. Drum majors or equipment/sound operators are not counted unless they also perform on a musical instrument.

Classification is as follows:

1A.....1-50	2A.....51-70	3A.....71-90
4A.....91-120	5A.....121-150	6A.....151-up (or fewer than 151 by Director's choice)

- Based on the above formula, bands will select the classification at their first SCSBOA adjudicated tournament. Once this decision is made, the group will remain in that division for the entire season. Bands may select to compete in a larger band classification if they wish. Bands **may not** compete in a smaller band classification.
- Contest hosts will distribute a Field Tournament Application, which will include the "Band Classification Formula." The host will forward this information to the SCSBOA Head Judge panel for the final band classification.
- If the number of performing musicians exceeds the classification assigned to that unit, the group **will be** penalized.
- An application may be duplicated and sent to other SCSBOA adjudicated contests for classification purposes.

Note: Bands desiring to compete at SCSBOA adjudicated field tournaments must perform in their class at the assigned time. Bands may perform in exhibition if performing in class is not feasible. Bands performing in exhibition will receive comments and scores, however no placement will be assigned and no trophies will be awarded.

Eligibility

1.0 Penalty applied to the band only

SCSBOA defines a high school band as one in which all participating members are enrolled at the same high school. Other eligible students may include students from feeder elementary, junior high and/or middle schools.

The function of all field show elements, including operation of props and equipment, playing musical instruments, and oral presentations **MUST** be performed by participating student members. To clearly identify these members they are required to wear a uniform.

Support staff, adults and non-participating students may assist in bringing equipment and props onto the field and track but must vacate the field and track of the "Judges are ready" signal.

The only exception to the eligibility rule is the sound equipment operator. There will be no penalty for the use of noncompetitive personnel such as parents/students or directors who have been assigned to operate sound equipment.

The director may choose to conduct and may designate sideline conductors who are not participating student members.

Classification of Auxiliary Units

At SCSBOA judged events, all non-musician performers (no minimum number required) will be adjudicated on the Auxiliary Adjudication Form.

Standardization of Timing Limits

Timing of Show: Number of Points Penalty applied to the band only

After the departing unit has made the field and the sideline accessible, the next unit will be allowed to enter when the announcer says "'X' High School, you may now take the field." (This announcement will be approximately four (4) minutes before the group is to perform.)

One minute later, the announcer will say "'X' High School, you have three minutes." Two minutes later, the announcer will say "'X' High School you have one minute." **The official SCSBOA show announcement script will be read at this time.**

One minute later, the Announcer will say "'X' High School the judges are ready." and the head Judge will begin timing.

All announcements, pre-show and post-show, will be made by the official tournament announcer.

Performance timing will end when the field (inside the sidelines and goal lines) has been cleared of all personnel and equipment.

Field performance time limits: Minimum 7 minutes. Maximum 11 minutes.

One (1) point penalty for each thirty (30) seconds or fraction thereof under time or overtime.

Professional Courtesy/Local Site Rule

1.0 Penalty applied to the band only, after the first warning and at the discretion of the Head Judge

No competing band, color guard or drum line may intentionally distract or disturb another performing unit in the parking area, in warm-up areas, while entering the field or while exiting the field. This includes, but is not limited to, inconsiderate use of loud metronome devices, full drum cadences played while exiting the field and additional rules set by the tournament host (attach tournament penalty/rule sheet).

Tie-Breaker

In the event of a tie in scoring, the following procedures will be instituted to determine the winner:

BAND: The recaps are set-up to break ties with the higher music score. If there is a tie in the Music score, the Head Judge will request the Music Judge(s) to break the tie.

AUXILIARY/PERCUSSION: The recaps are set-up to break ties with the higher Excellence score. If there is a tie in the Excellence score, the Head Judge will request the Percussion or Auxiliary Judge(s) to break the tie.

SCSBOA Championships

Director membership in SCSBOA is **required**. All scores received **prior to membership will NOT count** toward Championship qualification.

Any group desiring to qualify for SCSBOA championships **MUST PERFORM** in their division as scheduled throughout the entire season. Any out-of-class score received will not count towards championship qualification.

Host bands may perform in their own tournament to secure a qualifying score for the SCSBOA Field Championships. They must be scheduled within their appropriate class. Scores earned will appear on the official recaps. Trophies need not be awarded.

Rain Policy

When inclement weather or poor field conditions prohibit field performances, competitions may take place out of doors or inside Gymnasiums at the discretion of the tournament host and Head Judge. The entire judging panel will be used to adjudicate the music, general effect, auxiliary and percussion captions. Scores from these events will **NOT** count as qualifying scores for the SCSBOA Field Championships.

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AWARDS PROTOCOL

1. Students leaders (maximum of 5) will meet in the North end of the stadium and will line-up in performance order. There will be a Vista representative to help in this process.
2. Students will be informed that only a brief hand salute will be an appropriate response for receipt of an award. **Choreographed salute routines are not acceptable.**
3. The announcer will call up representatives from each school in a particular category. They will form a straight line in front of the presenter. Student leader will step to the awards podium to receive their award. A group salute will be given at this time by all participants. It will be returned by the Vista High School student leadership.
4. At the conclusion of the ceremony the assembled leaders are congratulated and dismissed to return to their units. The Sweepstakes winning band officers traditionally exit last.

Vista Invitational Field Tournament Awards Nov. 12, 2011

CLASS 1A RED	BAND		
1ST			
2ND			
3RD			
CLASS 1A BLACK	BAND		
1ST			
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3RD			
CLASS 2A	BAND		
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2ND			
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CLASS 3A	BAND		
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3RD			
CLASS 4A	BAND		
1ST			
CLASS 5A	BAND		
1ST			
2ND			
3RD			
CLASS 6A	BAND		
1ST			
2ND			
3RD			
SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS			
VISUAL			
GENERAL EFFECT			
JOHN VORWALD MUSIC			
AUXILIARY			
KEN GAMMIE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS			