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What are they?

Field Tournaments are band competitions.

When are they held?

Field Tournaments are held on various Saturdays throughout the Marching Band season. They are usually afternoon/evening events with the dress rehearsal before we go so keep your calendar clear for these dates. (Refer to the master calendar for specific dates.) Unfortunately, we will not know exact performance times until the week of the tournament.

Whom do we compete against?

Members of the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA) set the standards and expectations. Numbers are assigned to each performance and then the bands are ranked.

How are we judged?

A panel of very experienced adjudicators will evaluate us on music, marching, auxiliary teams, percussion, and the overall general effect of our field show. Points are awarded in each of these categories and are added together for an overall score. Written and taped comments are also given to us so that we know what needs to be improved upon before the next competition or performance.

How do we get there?

Bus transportation to and from Irvine High School will be provided for the students. Maps will be provided for the parents. Participation fees paid at registration will cover these expenses.

What does my student need to bring?

Besides the essentials (uniform, shoes, instrument, equipment), students should bring warm clothes and either a sack lunch or money for food. Some students even like to bring blankets for those exceptionally cold evenings.

Parent support?

Parent support is needed at these tournaments. You can help the students get ready or just be an enthusiastic member of the audience! Usually, if the audience likes it, so do the judges. Plan ahead so you can join us at these fun events! Admission fees are charged by the host school as these events are fundraisers for the host school.