

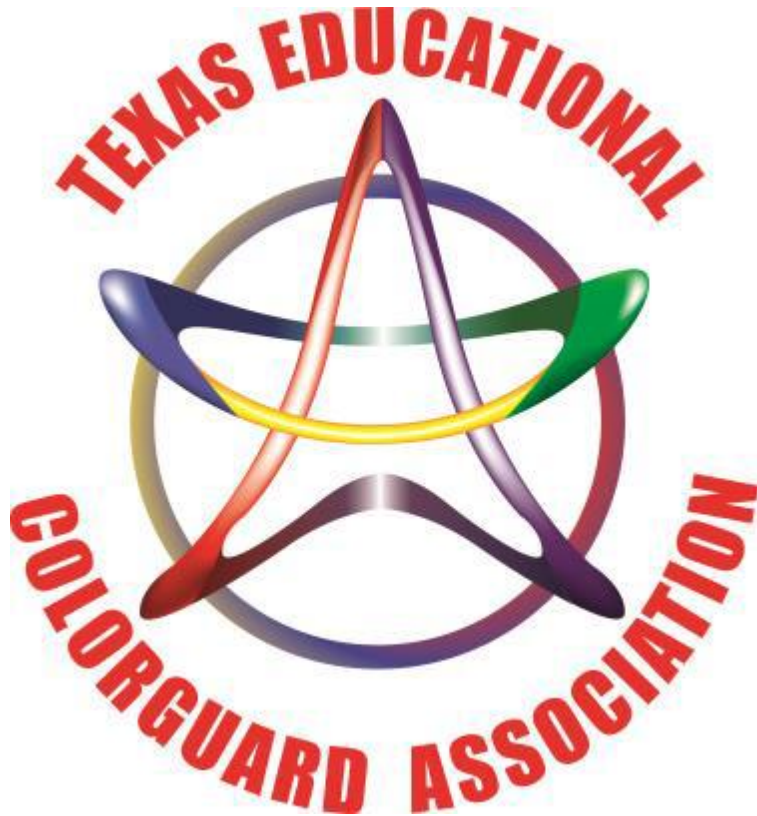
**Saturday, February 20, 2016**

Rio Hondo High School Gymnasium

A TECA Sanctioned contest hosted by the **Rio Hondo High School Winter Guard**



**RIO HONDO WINTER GUARD INVITATIONAL**



Dear Directors,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the inaugural Winter Guard and Indoor Drumline Contest with Rio Hondo High School. We hope that this contest is a successful one for you and your students! We will do our best to solve any problems swiftly and efficiently, and we ask for your cooperation in ensuring that the contest moves smoothly. Included in this packet is information pertaining to the contest.

Contest Location:

Rio Hondo High School

22547 Hwy 345

Rio Hondo, Tx 78583

(956)748-1200 Front Office

(956)748-1214 Band Hall

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We hope that the contest runs smoothly and that your group does well! Please contact me with any questions regarding the facilities and flow.

-Jessica Philippus

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## Rio Hondo Contest Information

### **I. Location, Directions & Map**

The Rio Hondo Winter Guard Invitational will be held at Rio Hondo High School

22547 Tx-345 Rio Hondo, Texas 78583

#### **From San Antonio or points north:**

Take IH 35 South to IH 69/US-77 South towards Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley. (Continue on IH 69 for two hours/116 miles)

Exit FM 508 towards Rio Hondo, turn left on FM 508 under the highway. (Continue for 10 miles)

Continue on FM 508, take fork towards the left onto FM 106/Colorado Ave.

Turn right on Hwy 345 (at the light next to Stripes gas station)

The high school will be on the left.

**SPECTATORS ONLY:** Continue straight through the light at Hwy 345. The entrance to the parking lot in the back of the school will be just past Rio Hondo Marine.

#### **From McAllen or points west:**

Take I-2/US-83 East towards Corpus Christi/San Antonio. Merge onto IH-69/US-77 North.

Exit FM 508 towards Rio Hondo, turn right on FM 508. (Continue for 10 miles)

Continue on FM 508, take fork towards the left onto FM 106/Colorado Ave.

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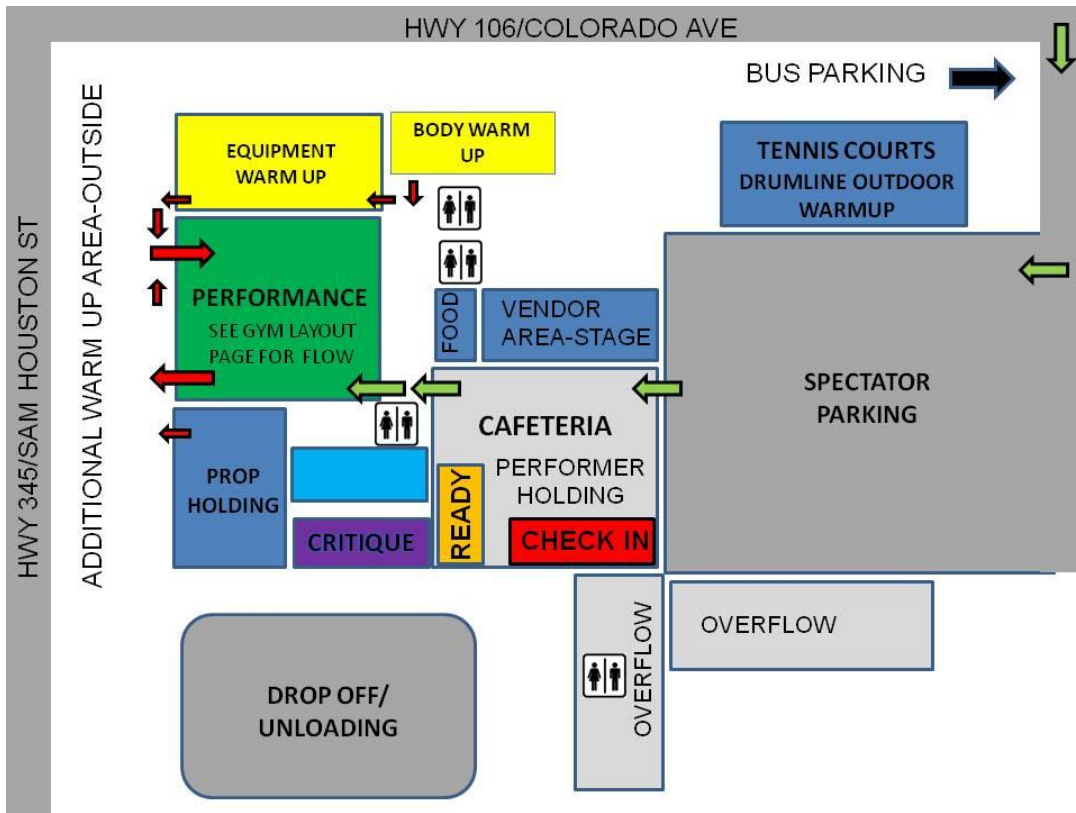
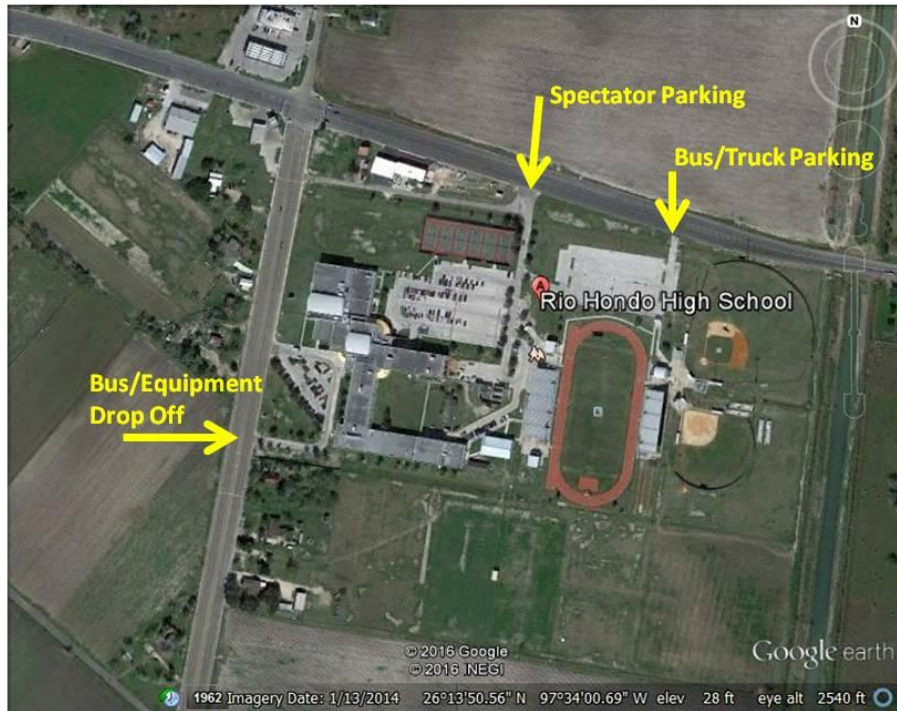
#### **From Brownville or Points South:**

Take IH-69/US-77 North towards Harlingen.

Exit Hwy 345/Sam Houston Blvd, Turn Right. (Continue for 10 miles)

The high school will be on the right.

**SPECTATORS ONLY:** Continue on Hwy 345, turn right at the light onto FM 106/Colorado Ave. The entrance to the parking lot in the back of the school will be just past Rio Hondo Marine.



## **II. Check-in**

All contest rules and regulations from the 2016 TECA Constitution and By-Laws and the 2016 TECA and WGI Rule Books will be followed.

All props, performance shoes and equipment must be padded and taped according to the TECA and WGI rule book specifications. Please refer to the 2015 WGI Color Guard and Adjudication Manual and Rule Book.

Students and equipment will be dropped off in the front of the school, closest to Hwy 345. Immediately to the left of the main entrance is the Band Hall, which is where we will hold props and large equipment.

Performers will Check-in just inside the main entrance to the school, inside the Cafeteria. Performers must show the Check-in representative that their equipment is correctly padded and taped. Each unit will have a guide who will show you a specified table in the Cafeteria for the performers.

Spectators will park and enter on the back (north) side of the school. We ask that spectators do not cross into the main part of the Cafeteria or the hallways of the school. We will do our best to ensure that performers and spectators do not cross paths.

**Once you have checked in your unit, please ensure all large props are stored in the Band Hall.**

Maps of the school and performance times will be available.

### **Guard, Crew and Staff Admission**

Performing members and crew members will need to check in at the “check in table” prior to warm up. Admission will be given to 3 directors plus 10 student crew members and all bus drivers with credentials.

**Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and children**

### III. Contest Flow

#### **Cafeteria Area/Colorguard Area**

Outside food or drink will not be allowed inside the school. Food and drink will not be allowed in any part of the school except the Cafeteria and Performance Gym.

The cafeteria and hallways are traffic areas only. **Students and Staff will not spin, toss or maneuver equipment inside any of the buildings at any time other than in designated areas.**

If you need an extra equipment warm-up, you may do so outside.

**The front office area, upstairs, and the G wing are strictly off limits.** Please ensure that your students stay in the designated areas to reduce risk of loss or damage.

#### **Body Warm-Up, Equipment Warm-Up and Performance Notes for Colorguards**

When it is time for your guard to be “READY” according to the schedule, please report to the “READY TABLE” located in the Cafeteria. You will be escorted by a monitor to each warm up area and to the performance gym. No one will come outside or to the cafeteria to find you. **It is your responsibility to get to the ready table.** We will have a speaker system set up to call each unit a few minutes prior to their “READY” time.

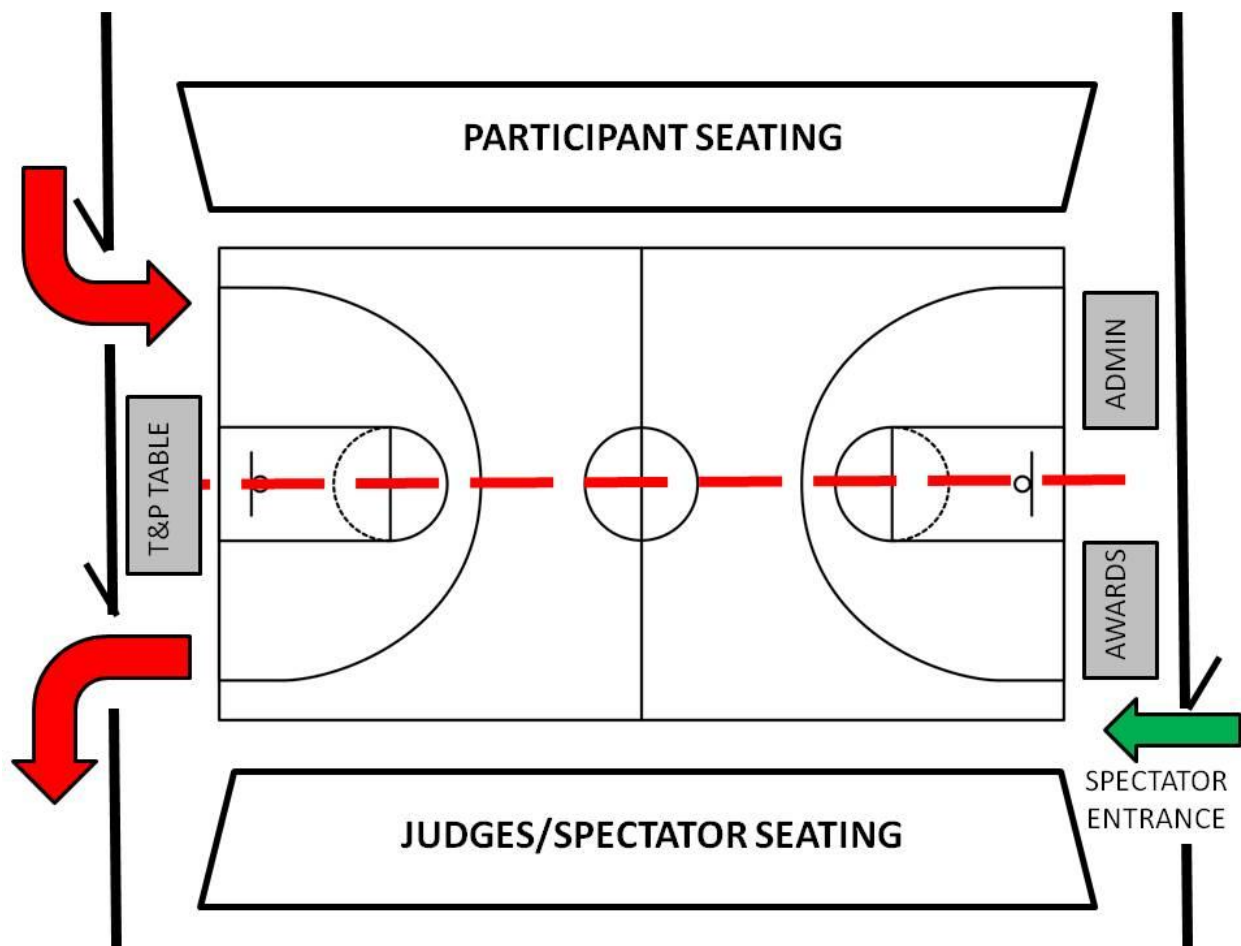
Each unit will be led from the READY table outside to Body warm up, which will be in the Training Room. Students may stretch or engage in a body type of run through. No equipment will be utilized during this segment of the official warm up time.

After body warm up, your guard will wait in the hallway just outside the Training Room and be placed in holding until their equipment warm-up time starts. Equipment Warm-up is in the Small Gym. A sound system will be made available to you in both body and equipment warm up areas if you need one.

After your equipment warm-up, your guard will be led outside to the Performance Gym. You will be placed in holding until your official set up and performance time starts. The grassy area immediately outside the Performance Gym will be available for floor folding.

#### **Warm up and Performance Notes for Drumlines**

Warm up will be allowed on the tennis courts. There is no electricity available in this area. A monitor will come and find your group at your ready time to escort you to the performance gym.



WE WILL BE UTILIZING A HORIZONTAL CENTER LINE FLOW FOR THE PERFORMANCE AREA.

From audience perspective, you will enter back of Side one (left) and exit front of Side one (left).

An area for floor re-folding will be available directly outside the performance gym on the grass field. After you exit the performance area, staff members will need to make sure that all of their equipment is put away, then proceed to the sound table and pick up your show music. The sound table will be on the half court line at the bottom of the Participant bleachers.

#### **IV. Award Ceremony and Critique**

We will be holding two (2) award ceremonies on the day of the competition. The Award Ceremonies will be held in the Performance Gym. Critique will be held in the Small Band Hall, just off of the Cafeteria. **NO STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED IN THE SMALL BAND HALL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.** We ask that you refrain from entering the small band hall (adjacent to prop and large equipment storage) if at all possible. Crew may exit the outside doors of the band hall and enter the cafeteria via the main entrance.

The Captain's Retreat and Award Ceremony for ALL Colorguard classes will be held in the afternoon. Guard critique will begin immediately following the last guard performance. We ask that all captains be ready at the specified time so that we may expedite the Awards Ceremony.

The Captain's Retreat and Award Ceremony for ALL Wind and Percussion groups will be held following the final performance. Critique for these units will begin immediately following the final performance.

Judges' comments will be delivered electronically through Competition Suite.

As always, there will be a critique session hosted by the adjudicators and TECA for you to attend. Thank you for listening to your comments before entering critique. If you have a problem with any of your judges' comments, you will need to fill out the WGI Color Guard Instructors Evaluation Form from your 2015 WGI Color Guard and Adjudication Manual.



## V. Contact Info

### **Contest Site Host:**

Jessica Philippus

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(956)748-1214 Band Hall office

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### **Rio Hondo Band Booster President:**

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(956)793-0519

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## VI. Food and Meals

The Rio Hondo Band Boosters will have the following items for sale in the concession stand available all day:

Frito Pie \$1.50

Hot Cheetos with Cheese: \$1.50

Nachos: \$3

Dominos Pizza: \$2/slice

Candy: \$1

Canned soda: \$1

Bottled water: \$1

The following restaurants will deliver to the high school.

### **RHISD Band Booster**

6 Hamburger Combo  
Cooked onsite  
Includes chips and 12 oz drink

### **Peter Piper Pizza**

306 N 77 Sunshine Strip  
Harlingen, Tx  
(956)425-3600

### **Pizza Hut**

920 Morgan Blvd.  
Harlingen, Tx  
(956)428-2191  
1224 S Commerce St.  
Harlingen, Tx  
(956)423-1900  
1130 U.S. 77  
San Benito, Tx  
(956)399-1612

### **Domino's Pizza**

795 W US Hwy 77  
San Benito, Tx  
(956)276-9696  
703 N 77 Sunshine Strip  
Harlingen, Tx  
(956)428-6296

### **Jason's Deli**

2224 U.S. 77  
Harlingen, Tx  
(956)428-3354

### **Whataburger**

1110 U.S. 77  
San Benito, Tx  
(956)399-7440  
613 N Ed Carey Dr.  
Harlingen, Tx  
(956)428-0774  
1522 E Harrison Ave.  
Harlingen, Tx  
(956)423-0372

### **Mr. Gatti's**

1208 S Expressway 83  
Harlingen, Tx  
(956)428-4933

### **Chick-Fil-A**

1201 Dixieland Rd.  
Harlingen, Tx  
(956)365-3833

### **Subway**

1220 W Bus Hwy 77  
San Benito, Tx  
(956)361-7821  
325 Colorado Ave  
Rio Hondo, Tx  
(956)748-2500

**RIO HONDO BAND BOOSTER**  
MEAL ORDER FORM

\$6 Combo meal  
Combo meals include the following:  
Burger (with lettuce, tomato, and condiments on side)  
1 bag of chips  
1 canned soda/water

**ALL ORDERS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>**

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> Delivery quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_ **1<sup>st</sup> Delivery time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Soft drink quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Water quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> Delivery Contact person:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Leave the following blank if you only need one meal)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Delivery quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_ **2<sup>nd</sup> Delivery time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Soft drink quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Water quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Delivery Contact person:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make all checks payable to the Rio Hondo Band Boosters.**

**Please return this form by email ([jermar21@yahoo.com](mailto:jermar21@yahoo.com)) or fax to (956)748-1204.**