

ShowMakers of America

Contest 2010

Dear Director,

Attached you will find a tentative schedule for the **Alamo City Dance/Drill Team Competition™**. ► Please review and **e-mail any changes no later than TUESDAY**. ◀ Please note that all changes must be **in writing via e-mail**. ► Please **direct changes to Stacy Becker** in our San Antonio office: stacy@showmakerscamps.com.

Upon registration on Friday or Saturday, we will advise you of any schedule changes. It is very important that you notify us upon arrival at registration if you have “on the spot” changes (add/drops). We will then notify the sound table and the judges’ area. We ask that you share this schedule with your dancers and supporters. Please ask parents NOT to call the ShowMakers office regarding the schedule, changes, etc. During contest season we receive an overwhelming amount of phone calls from parent’s asking questions regarding schedules, directions, things to do in the area, places to eat, where to stay...the list goes on. Many request a return call and it is most difficult for our office staff to do so.

As stated in the previously sent contest information, doors are scheduled to open at 4:00 p.m. on Fri. and 7:50 a.m. on Saturday. (DO NOT arrive prior to this time as doors will NOT open for early arrivals. On Fri., school ends at 4:05 p.m., so anticipate congestion.) All routines will be performed in the Main Gym and the alternate gym. Please call or e-mail **Aubrey Garcia** at O’Connor HS for questions that are pertinent to her as the director of the hosting school: (210) 397-4865 / aubrey.garcia@nisd.net. For door to door directions to O’Connor H.S. 12221 Leslie Rd. Helotes, TX 78023: www.mapsonus.com or www.mapquest.com. In San Antonio: travel I-10W to 1604W. Travel on 1604W, pass up La Cantera Mall on your right and then exit Hausman Rd. (It’s the 2nd intersection. (The 1st intersection is Kyle Seale Rd.) Turn RIGHT on Hausman Rd. Stay on Hausman Rd. as it turns into Leslie Rd. after crossing over Bandera Rd. at the only major intersection (lights) of Hausman Rd. Bill Miller BBQ on right corner. O’Connor HS will be on the right FAR corner of this major intersection (Bandera and Leslie Rd.) Kuentz Elementary is on the corner in front of O’Connor. Avoid traveling on Bandera Rd. – lots of traffic!!!

TICKETS / ADMISSION

Three contest VIP wristbands will be included in your packet and given to you upon registration at the TEAM entrance. Please notify our office no later than Tuesday via e-mail (susan@showmakerscamps.com) if an additional director will be attending (otherwise we will not have a name badge prepared). Many contest registrations only included the name of the director. ►FYI: Independent entries will not receive guest passes. Please issue these passes to your chaperones, and bus drivers. (Note the different colors for each day.) Team members and managers must be in uniform to be admitted free of charge. Please have your TEAM ENTER through the door marked “Teams Only”. Admission cost for spectators will be **\$8.00** on Friday and **\$10.00** on Saturday. Chaperones receiving a VIP pass must enter through the **Spectator Entrance** (located at the front of the gym). All school administrators will be asked to sign in at the Spectator Entrance. Notify our office (via e-mail) with the name of the administrator attending.

CHECK-IN / PACKETS

Upon arrival on Friday or Saturday, each director will be given a packet containing an updated schedule, contest program, nametag, guest passes, and additional contest information. ► It is imperative that directors check-in and pick up their packet. We ask that all directors wear their nametag throughout the duration of the contest. Your team will be met by a representative from the O’Connor H.S. Dance Team, who will serve as your hostess throughout the contest. She will help you “find your way” around the campus facilities. Your team is welcome to check spacing in

both gyms (on Sat.) prior to the contest start time and during break intervals. Space checks will be on a “first come” basis and should not be used as a practice. A practice gym (2nd gym) will be available on Saturday. We ask that you take time to **check your music** with our sound tech prior to performances. Headphones are available to check speed and quality. Included in our professional sound equipment are pitch controlled CD and cassette players. Due to the sensitivity in reading CD recordings on professional sound equipment, it is imperative that you check your music prior to use of CD players and have a back-up TAPE available. **Not all professional players read MP3 files.**

► Please **READ** the information previously sent regarding CD recordings and playback or visit our website at: www.showmakerscamps.com. Again, if a CD is used, it is advisable to have a back-up TAPE on hand at the sound table. CD's tend to skip and tapes are usually a “sure thing.” (Be sure and inform soloists, etc.)

TEAM ENTRANCE

Buses will drop off the teams on the side of the building facing the football field. To get there, the bus will need to travel around to the back of the school. There will be a registration table at this entrance for all teams and directors ONLY. (All helpers, chaperones and prop assistants must enter through the spectator entrance - NO EXCEPTIONS!) This is where each team will also check out at the end of the night before the awards ceremony can begin. Checkout will include checking your dressing room to make certain it is left in good condition and without damage. **For more information, please contact [Aubrey Garcia: aubrey.garcia@nisd.net](mailto:aubrey.garcia@nisd.net).**

SPECTATORS' ENTRANCE & PARKING

Spectators will enter at the front of the building by the parking lot. The large parking lot in front of the building is for spectators only. You may enter this parking area from the main entrance (road) to O'Connor H.S.

BUS PARKING

After dropping off teams on the side of the building facing the football field, the buses will park in the parking lot next to the spectator parking lot. Please coordinate with your bus driver for your team's departure on Saturday.

FLOOR

A reminder to perform your routines within the boundary lines as there is not much overflow AND additional seating will be floor level. It is advisable for you to read through the previously sent contest information for location of teams on deck/entrance and exit (FYI: floor diagram is posted on our website:

www.showmakerscamps.com). (***Note: Enter from the judges' right back & exit to judges' right front**)

Prepare your team to move on and off the floor as quickly as possible as your entrance and exit **are not** judged.

ShowMakers takes pride in the timely manner in which we run a contest! Please make your own arrangements for storage of props with the hosting school. *Reminder: Props & sets making contact to the floor must be padded with a protective covering!* ► **Teams will not be permitted to perform with props or sets that DO NOT meet this requirement. Hard-soled shoes are not permitted. (This includes some character-type shoes.)**

Please call or e-mail **Aubrey Garcia** at O'Connor HS for questions that are pertinent to the contest floor: (210) 397-4865 / aubrey.garcia@nisd.net.

PROPS

The drop-off area for props will be in the coaches' parking lot along the right side of the gym. Props will be stored in the auxiliary gym along the walls until the team is ready for performance. Prop trucks will park in the coaches' parking lot. When finished with your props, please return them to your trucks for the remainder of the contest to insure enough room for others and move your vehicle to the spectators' parking lot.

CONCESSIONS / NO OUTSIDE FOOD & DRINKS

The O'Connor Dance Team Boosters are providing concessions for the spectators and participants. The concession stand is located in the foyer of the Main Gym. Please advise your team and spectators that there will be no food, drinks or coolers allowed in the facilities. **THIS INCLUDES DRESSING ROOMS!!** (Please read the previously sent letter from Aubrey Garcia, Dance Team Director that requests your supervision of teacher classrooms - dressing areas). We must respect our use of these classrooms. In 2005, we had problems with food and vandalism (computers) in a few of the classrooms. If food is purchased from outside vendors, it must be eaten **outside** the facility complex. O'Connor H.S. will have custodians, security, Dance Team booster parents, and team members on the campus throughout the contest to insure cleanliness, safety and assistance.

CONTEST FEES / SCHEDULE

All outstanding balances must be received prior to the contest unless special arrangements have been made through our office. Only school checks or money order will be accepted. If payment is not received, teams/participants will be taken off the **final schedule**. Please inquire via **e-mail** if you have questions or need to check if your payment has been received. The final schedule will be **e-mailed** on Thursday and will reflect the Monday through Thursday revisions. **Questions: Please e-mail the SMA office: susan@showmakerscamps.com**

SEATING

We would like to reserve the performance side for all paying spectators. The side facing away from the judges will be for inside viewing.

Please take time to read through the previously-sent contest information. If you have additional questions, we invite you to **e-mail** or call our office. As a reminder, both **ShowMakers** offices will be closed Friday, February 26.

Our thanks to you for choosing **ShowMakers®** for Contest 2010! We look forward to seeing your team(s) showcase their talent. BEST OF LUCK!

Warmest regards,

Susan Angell-Gonzalez

REMINDERS

- ▶ **Changes** must be in writing (e-mail) and directed to **Stacy Becker** in our San Antonio office no later than **Tuesday**. Please include changes to ensemble numbers/performers, etc. E-mail: stacy@showmakerscamps.com / San Antonio / **Fax:** (830) 438-3700 / San Antonio Office: (830) 438-3709 / A final schedule will be e-mailed on Thursday and will reflect the Mon. – Wed. revisions. You will receive the most updated version of the contest schedule at registration.
- ▶ As a reminder, no food or drinks will be allowed in the CLASSROOMS or the GYMS. No outside food or drinks will be allowed through the door at O'Connor HS. To prevent paying a clearing fee to O'Connor HS, please leave your dressing room clean and the way you found it. Questions should be directed to: **Aubrey Garcia** – aubrey.garcia@nisd.net.
- ▶ **Contest fees** MUST be paid prior to the contest. Contact our office via **e-mail** if you have questions. **All bookkeeping questions directed to Susan Angell: susan@showmakerscamps.com.** Please inquire via **e-mail** if you have questions or need to check if your payment has been received.
- ▶ **Contest Store:** Please inform your dancers & supporters that all sales are **CASH** only (no personal checks accepted). Shirts range from \$10-\$15 / Patches - \$5/\$6 / CD Cases - \$7 / SMA Bags - \$6-\$10
- ▶ **Patches:** SMA **will not** accept phone orders from **parents**. We will take orders from school directors only (supplies are limited). If we sell out of the Texas State Championship patch, orders can be placed for a minimum of 50.