

ShowMakers of America

Contest 2010

Dear Director,

Attached you will find a tentative schedule for the **Texas State Dance/Drill Team Championship™**. Please review the schedule **checking for name spelling, conflicts between performers, and let us know if you have adds/drops/number of participant changes**, etc. If you **DO** have changes or conflicts, please TELL **Stacy Becker** (see info below) exactly what you need changed AND, if possible, a solution to the conflict. ► Please review and **e-mail changes no later than Tuesday**. ◀ (Please note that **all changes** must be in **writing** (e-mail.) Please **direct changes** to **Stacy Becker** in our San Antonio office: stacy@showmakerscamps.com / Fax #: (830) 438-3700 / **San Antonio Office: (830) 438-3709**. The revised final schedule will be e-mailed on Thursday. Upon registration on either Friday, Feb. 19 or Saturday, Feb. 20, we will advise you of any last minute schedule changes. We ask that you share this schedule with your dancers and supporters. Please ask parents (send word home with your performers) **not** to call the ShowMakers office regarding the schedule, changes, etc., as the schedule will be posted on our website by Thursday under "Contests". (**Special note:** It's located in the contest section and is not visible on the home page).

Doors will open at **3:00 p.m.** on Friday with solo/ensemble competition starting at **4:00 p.m.** These categories will be performed in 3 separate gyms: Strahan Coliseum, Gym 101 and Gym 221-222. Please be on time for every performance as it will throw the schedule off and inconvenience all other participants in both areas. **Important:** Please prepare for possible traffic delays (I-35 in Austin and in San Antonio can become congested between 3:00-6:00 pm.). It is advisable for you to review the floor layout along with entrance/exit locations. We ask that you check your schedule in advance for location of each performance. (Review the previously sent contest packet.) Due to the large amount of solos, ensembles, and special time requests by many schools, the schedule will be very tight with limited time for costume changes. We have tried to accommodate as many performance requests as possible. We are aware of long-distance travel and school conflicts and have arranged this schedule as to prevent conflicts with the solo area. In order to keep the contest on a timely schedule, please advise your performers to move on and off the floor as quickly as possible. Entrance and exit will **not** be judged. Team and Officer competition will be held on Saturday with the doors opening at **7:00 a.m. (DO NOT arrive prior to this time as doors WILL NOT open for early arrivals)**. The contest start time will begin at **8:00 a.m.** All team routines for High School will be performed in Strahan Coliseum and all officer routines in Gym 101. For directions to Texas State University-San Marcos 601 University Drive San Marcos, TX 78666: www.mapsonus.com / www.mapquest.com or visit the Texas State website: www.txstate.edu. **Please do not call the SMA office for directions.**

TICKETS / ADMISSION

Contest VIP passes 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 registrations only included the name of the director. Packets must be picked up by the director and will **not** be given to parents or chaperones. FYI: Independent entries will not receive guest passes. Please issue these tickets to your chaperones/ 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**". Chaperones, etc., receiving a VIP pass must enter through the spectator entrance which will be located in the new athletic wing across the grass from the team entrance. Admission for spectators will be **\$8.00/\$3.00 children(under 12)** on Friday and **\$10.00/\$4.00 children(under 12)** on Saturday. All spectators will receive a wristband that must be worn while in the athletic facilities (and to be re-admitted). A different color will be issued each day. All school administrators will be asked to sign-in at the spectator entrance.

CHECK-IN

► **Team Entrance** will be located in Strahan Coliseum (**Spectators** will enter on the opposite side of the coliseum and will not be allowed to enter with teams).

Upon arrival on Friday/Saturday, each director will be given a packet containing an updated schedule, contest program, nametag 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 assigned a representative from the Texas State Strutters who will serve as your hostess throughout the contest. She will help you “find your way” around Strahan Coliseum and Jowers Center. Please move your team through the team entrance as quickly as possible and follow the signs for directions to strategic areas. **DO NOT** have your team linger in the Team Entrance (move them down the concourse). Your team is welcome to check spacing in the gyms and coliseum prior to the contest start time and during break intervals. Space check will be on a “first come” basis and should not be used as a practice. A practice gym will be available on Friday and 2 gyms on Saturday (3 gyms in the afternoon). We ask that you take time to check your music clarity 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 tape players. This device will be available for use in all performance areas. 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 included in the previously sent packet regarding CD recordings and playback. ◀ Again, if a CD is used, it is **advisable to have a back-up TAPE** on-hand. (Be sure and inform soloists, etc.)

DRESSING FACILITIES

Friday: There are locker rooms in Jowers Center. We will provide a map and location diagram in your packet.

Saturday: Teams will be assigned an area in Jowers Center for changing. All teams will **share** facilities. Absolutely no men will be allowed in these areas. If you have a male performer, we ask that you make arrangements for him to change in the men’s locker room (or restroom) in Jowers Center. Any school that has a male as a director or assistant director must notify our office. Assignments and locations will be given to you upon registration on Friday or Saturday.

PARKING

All buses, cars, etc., will park across from Strahan Coliseum in the large commuter parking lot. Parking may be tight early on Friday due to Texas State students attending classes. The parking area will thin out as the day progresses. **DO NOT** park in an area marked **reserved or restricted** as you will receive a ticket. For more information on parking at Texas State University-San Marcos, please visit the website: www.txstate.edu (parking services).

LOADING DOCK

Large props must be unloaded at the dock area connected to Strahan. These props will be lowered through a freight elevator to floor level. Please have a representative from your school supervising this area. There may be Strutter managers available to assist on Saturday, however, be prepared to have your own support staff. Props may not be unloaded until time of use. ► **School representatives must wear an admittance wristband** in order to unload/enter in this area. Please **BE SURE** to inform those involved **before** arriving to the area.

FLOOR

The floor level bleachers in Strahan Coliseum will be pulled out on both sides during the Saturday contest. Reminder: Perform your routines within the boundary lines as there is not much overflow. It is advisable for you to read through the previously sent contest packet for location of teams on-deck/entrance and exit. (***Note that exit will be to the left upstairs (judges right)**). 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! Due to the setup of the coliseum, it is imperative that schools enter from the tunnel area leading onto the floor. (It will be obvious when you see the setup.)

Props may not be stored in the coliseum due to fire and safety regulations. Please review the previously sent contest packet for the dimensions of the freight elevator. **Props** must be unloaded at the loading dock shortly prior to the time of use. Please make your own arrangements for storage. *Props can be set up in advance of the performance in Gym 102 on Saturday only. SMA will not be responsible for props left in an unsecured area.* **Reminder: Props & sets making contact to the floor must be padded with a protective covering** **Hard-soled shoes are not permitted (including some character type shoes.)** ► **Teams will not be permitted to perform with props or sets that do not meet this requirement! (This is a Texas State University policy!)** ◀ ***For information on the floor markings, please visit the Texas State website and go to the athletics’ page (www.txstate.edu).**

ON-DECK

Strahan Coliseum / GYMS 101-102

FRIDAY: Strahan Coliseum: All Duets, Trios, Ensembles and some Solos

Gym 102: Warm-up/practice gym. Traffic will flow through this gym from Strahan and dressing facilities.

Gym 101 (is adjacent to 102) – Solo Competition: On-deck location is in Gym 102 (will enter through the door from the judges’ right). Spectator entrance will be located through the doors leading from Strahan to Gym 101. ► There WILL NOT be access to the dressing facilities through this gym on either day. ◀

Gym 221-222: Solo Competition: On-deck and spectator entrance will be located upstairs leading from Gym 102. On deck will be located through a door on the opposite side of the gym (signs will be posted and staff will be available to

direct). Participants will enter from a door directly in front of the judges. Spectators will enter through the same side as the judges.

SATURDAY: Gym 102 will be open for warm-up and will be the starting location to the on-deck entrance into the Strahan tunnel. Access to this gym will be available from the dressing rooms and Strahan concourse.

Gym 101 (is adjacent to 102) Officer Competition: The flooring in this gym is wood. Officers will enter through a door from Gym 102 (from the judges' right). A representative will be posted at the door to assist. This gym WILL be available for warm-up/practice in the afternoon on Saturday.

SEATING

Strahan Coliseum: We would like to reserve the performance side for all paying spectators. The side facing away from the judges will be for teams. Please do not take up more space than needed. We have many teams to accommodate!

Friday Gyms: A limited amount of chairs will be set-up in Gym 101 and Gym 221-222 for paying spectators.

SCHEDULE / CONTEST FEES

All outstanding balances must be received prior to the contest unless special arrangements have been made through our office. Only school checks or money orders will be accepted. If payment is not received, teams/participants will be taken off the **final schedule**. We will notify you by Wednesday if payment has not been received. The revised final schedule will be e-mailed on Thursday. **Questions: Please e-mail the SMA office: susan@showmakerscamps.com**

CONCESSIONS / NO OUTSIDE FOOD & DRINKS

Two concession stands will be open throughout the duration of the contest. Due to the concessions contract between G&M Catering and the University, **outside food or drinks will not be allowed** to be brought into the facilities. If food is purchased from outside vendors, it must be eaten **outside** the facility complex. For your convenience, G&M Catering is providing preordered meals. Please see order form in the previously sent contest packet.

Please take time to read through the previously-sent contest information. If you have additional questions, we invite you to e-mail our office: susan@showmakerscamps.com. As a reminder, the **ShowMakers office will be closed Friday, Feb. 19.**

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 & Stacy Becker

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.
- ▶ Contact G&M catering to order meals. *See order form in previously sent contest handbook. Outside food and drink will NOT be allowed. Security will be posted to enforce this rule.
- ▶ **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**
- ▶ **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.