

19th Annual Sierra Cup Classic Band Director Information



Contest Date: Saturday, October 22, 2016

Gates Open: 10:00am

Contest Start Time: 10:30am (SSB), 10:36am first band performs

Admission:

Prelims only ticket: \$12.00 General Admission;

Finals Wrist Band: \$10.00 General Admission;

All Day Wrist Band: \$16.00 General Admission;

\$9.00 Senior Citizen/Students/Children

\$8.00 Senior Citizen/Students/Children

\$12.00 Senior Citizen/Students/Children

WELCOME!

We are very proud of the tradition we have established here at Fresno State with the Sierra Cup Classic and we're pleased that you and your band will be joining us to help continue to make this marching band competition one of the finest on the west coast. Thank you and welcome! We hope the day is fun-filled and very educational for you, your staff, you parents and most importantly, your students. Thanks for putting us on your schedule!

ARRIVAL

Things will be slightly different this year with our parking lots. The lots will open at different times and the Director's Check-In will be in two different locations and times. Please note:

White Lot will open at 8am. An official *numbered* White Lot Pass will be required for entrance.

Red Lot will open at 11am. An official *numbered* Red Lot Pass will be required for entrance.

Blue Lot will open at 8am. An official *numbered* Blue Lot Pass will be required for entrance.

Please do not arrive with your trucks or buses until the lot you are assigned to is officially open. When you arrive on the Fresno State campus, please proceed to the parking area your band has been assigned. **Band Directors will get *numbered* parking passes by US mail in the coming few days.** If you do not get them by Monday, October 10, 2016 please call Eileen Zacharczyp right away at 559.278.5086. Please be sure these are not duplicated in any way. A strict inventory of parking passes means that each pass will only be honored once. If you are in the **RED LOT** proceed to the corner of Barstow and Cedar Avenues. Enter through **Gate 7** (please note that this is a little different from the past when Gate 6 was used) from Cedar Avenue as indicated on the enclosed map. If you are the White Lot continue south on Cedar Avenue, go right on Bulldog Lane (at the light) and then right on Millbrook. Our parking officials will guide you from there.

A Fresno State official will assist with the parking of your vehicles and will tell your staff exactly where they are to park each vehicle. Please note that only buses and official vehicles will park in these lots and **only with the numbered parking pass provided.** Band Director CARS (one per school) should park in the VIP Lot on the South side of the stadium with the proper enclosed VIP Parking Pass. There will not be guides assigned to your group. You are responsible to have your band at the gate in the stadium at the time noted on the official schedule. **Please visit our website at fresnostatebands.com for maps and directions to Fresno State and location of various sites on campus. Feel free to direct your students and parents to this website to these maps and contest schedule as well.**

PARKING

Buses and Equipment Vehicles: All buses and equipment vehicles will park in the "Red Lot" or the "White Lot" with parking passes sent to the band director from each school. The number of passes for each group has been defined by band directors. Maps of the stadium can be found at fresnostatebands.com website. Only vehicles with the proper vehicle pass will be allowed to park in these lots. No exceptions! It is your

responsibility to be sure that your food vehicle has a pass. Please don't ask for more. We are already concerned that there is enough space for all bands.

Band Director or V.I.P. Parking: We are providing some V.I.P. spaces in the "Blue Lot" just South of the stadium. Please see the map enclosed. Each band has been given one V.I.P. pass.

Spectator Parking: Fresno State Free parking is available at your own risk in the surrounding areas. The best lot available is the "P20 lot" (formerly the "Q lot") located on Barstow Avenue just east of Cedar Avenue. The north end of Bulldog Stadium (on Barstow) will be open for ticket sales and pedestrian entrance into the stadium.

HAND STAMPS

Band members and Bus Drivers (*NOT parents and chaperones*) will have their left hand stamped as soon as your buses arrive. Please be prepared to have our Fresno State officials actually board each of your buses before the students begin unloading. We will stamp each student so they may gain access to the stadium. We will have several people aboard each bus while your buses are parking in order to save you time.

CHECK IN & STAFF/CHAPERONE PASSES

Our check in will be in two different locations this year. Band Directors are asked to report to the Check In table as soon as they arrive on campus. Please note that check in times are limited to these hours and locations:

White Lot Registration (just inside the lot) will take place **from 8am until 11am**.

Red Lot Registration (just inside the lot)will take place **from 11:30am until 3:00pm**.

Your Band Director Check In packet will have staff/chaperone passes (10 for bands in class A, AA & AAA; 1 for each ten performing members for class AAAA & AAAAA), press box passes (2 per school), pit passes (same as staff passes), video passes (one per school) and any final details available. Your band will not be permitted to perform until check in has occurred. All passes will be collected as they are "used" coming into the stadium as it will be exchanged for a hand stamp at that time. Each pass will be used only once. We will not stamp the hands of parents/chaperones/staff without collecting an official staff/chaperone pass. Please let your parents know so that they will not hassle our volunteers who will not stamp their hands.

BULLDOG STADIUM

Bulldog Stadium is a grass-turf field, complete with all proper markings, including numbered 10-yard lines, yard marks and college hash marks. Small off-road vehicles may be used to transport equipment into the arena, however, no vehicle will be permitted on the football field proper. Each band is responsible and liable for any damage their equipment and or staff/students/volunteers may cause to any Fresno State property. The Sierra Cup Classic Staff will chalk down high school hash marks, dividing the field in to equal-thirds. It would be beneficial to paint college hash marks on your practice field to help alleviate confusion for the performers.

Yard markers will also be placed on the front sideline for performer reference. Motorized carts are not permitted on to the field proper, and must remain on the sidelines when moving equipment. Other items/substances not allowed on the field or in use during the band's performance include:

- Powders
- Water
- Pyrotechnics
- Animals
- Drones
- Any item or material deemed hazardous or flammable

WARM-UP AREA

Bands may enter their designated warm up area at their scheduled time, but not prior to the stated time. All participating bands must warm up in their designated spaces and refrain from pointing any instrument toward the stadium. Any time-keeping or voice amplification devices must be set at a reasonable level as not to disturb other bands, the ensembles performing in the stadium, or the judging panel. All bands must exit their warm up area on time with no exceptions. Please see the map enclosed and use the warm-up area indicated on the schedule enclosed. Each group should have a generous amount of time as there are several areas used in rotation. Please be aware of your facing(s) during warm-up. It is suggested that you face away from the stadium and other bands. As a general rule, if you can hear the bands in the stadium, they can probably hear you. Please be considerate of the bands performing on the field and make sure your group is facing in a direction that will not disrupt the performances in Bulldog Stadium. **You will note that Warmup areas A, B, & C (Soccer Stadium) do not allow marching/movement opportunities. If you are assigned to one of these areas and feel you need to marching/movement time/space, please call me right away at 559.278.2489 and I will make other arrangements for you and your band.**

BAND ENTRY GATE:

All pit equipment and all performing members will enter the stadium from the gate marked on the map associated with the parking area assigned to each band. Pits will please be at the top of the ramp 15 minutes prior to their performance time while the band proper will please enter the stadium (after their pit) 10 minute prior to their performance time. Only stamped performers (students), teaching staff with passes and volunteers with pit passes will be allowed on to the field level. The field coordinator/timing judge will control the flow of entrance and exit.

PIT EQUIPMENT

All pit equipment will move in and out of the stadium from the South ramp. We have had problems in the past with some pit vehicles “escaping” down the ramp so we are requiring each group to connect to a security device at the top of the ramp. **This process is not optional. It is required by our university (Risk Management) and bands not willing to cooperate will not be allowed to perform.** This is being done for safety reasons and we appreciate your cooperation. Our staff will simply attach a hook to a solid location on your rig just in case the brakes do not do their job. Likewise, we will help the rigs up the hill. This system has worked well for us over the years. Each pit will be lowered down the ramp two groups prior to its performance time **so please have your pit at the top of the South ramp plenty early.** All pit crews must follow directions given by our ramp chief. You will be headed down the front sideline, unload then to the North end till your band is done performing and back along the front sideline to the ramp. Please make any turns wide in order to avoid tearing up the turf and stay off the playing field. **Please be sure that you download (from our website mentioned above) the Pit Crew Map for your pit crew drivers.**

PERFORMANCE:

Each band must make their entrance, perform their show and exit in the time slot provided. The Field Coordinator/Timing and Penalties Judge will tell the band when to take the field. A formal announcement of the band will occur just before the band begins their competitive program: “Presenting their program _____, the Sierra Cup Classic is proud to present the _____ High School Band!”..... “Are the judges ready?”..... “Drum Major(s) – names announced – you may take the field, in competition”. Following the announcement, the official timing of the performance will take place upon the first generated sound by the performers. Band members and all associated staff and parent volunteers as well as equipment must vacate the field by the end of their scheduled performance time.

PERFORMANCE TIMING:

Bands in classes A, AA and AAA must perform a minimum of five minutes and a maximum of nine minutes.

Bands in classes AAAA and AAAAA must perform a minimum of seven minutes and a maximum of eleven minutes.

All bands must make their entrance, perform their show and exit in the time slot provided.

PERFORMANCE AREA:

The performance area is defined as anywhere on the grass/turf field. Performers may not go into the spectator area or stands (Drum majors are exempt from this limitation).

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT/USE OF TECHNOLOGY:

One electrical outlet will be made available near the 50 yard line. Sierra Cup Classic will not provide extension cords for each group. Balancing sound reinforcement systems may be done by students on the field or by a non-student off the field. Wireless devices may also be used. It should be clear that all use of electronic equipment and technology will be done at your own risk.

VIDEO RECORDING

Your band will be provided with one Video Tape Pass that will give one person a special wooden platform from which to record. **They will NOT be permitted in the press box.** Your official videographer will be permitted in this area just a few minutes before your scheduled performance time and they will be required to vacate that area immediately after your band is finished. Your Video Tape Pass will be in your check in packet. Please make arrangements to get it to your official videographer. It should be noted that this pass does not give them free access to the stadium. Your band will be recorded from the top of the press box by our staff and your group will be given a complimentary digital file of your school's performance from that night. The link will be emailed to you within a few days of the event.

PERFORMER SEATING AREA

Each band will be given an assigned seating area when they are finished with their performance. All bands will sit in the "red seat" area on the west side of the stadium so that they can enjoy the rest of the show. Your band's seats will be clearly marked. Entrance into this seating area will be tightly controlled by our people. Most sections of the stadium will be off limits in order to make stadium cleanup a more efficient process. Band directors will receive their post-performance seating assignments upon check in. **Please do NOT sit in an area that has not been assigned to you and your band as it will increase cleaning fees in the stadium which may be passed on to you.**

NOT ALLOWED

Please advise your parents and supporters that backpacks, ice chest and strollers are not allowed in the Stadium. No bottles or glass containers, and no water bottles larger than 12 oz are allowed into Bulldog Stadium. Safety is a concern and these are standard regulations. ***It also should be noted that Fresno State does not allow the use of charcoal on site anymore. All grilling must be done by gas/propane.***

DIRECTORS' LOUNGE

Members of our booster group, the Friends of the Bulldog Marching Band, will have a wonderful spread of food and drink for you and your spouse to enjoy in the Director's Lounge in the press box. Due to size limitations, however, press box passes will be limited to two per school. If your spouse will not be with you, please feel free to share the extra press box pass with your assistant director. Press Box Passes will be available at the Director's Check In.

PRELIM AWARDS:

1st Place in Each Class

2nd Place in Each Class

3rd Place in Each Class

Best Music in Each Class: Music Perf (Ind) + Music Perf (Ens)

Best Marching/Movement in Each Class: Visual Perf (Ind) + Visual Perf (Ens)

Shirlee Whitcomb Best Effect Award in Each Class: Music Effect + Visual Effect

Best Percussion in Each Class: Percussion

Best Auxiliary in Each Class: Auxiliary

FINALS AWARDS:

1st Place

2nd Place

3rd Place

Best Music: Music Perf (Ind) + Music Perf (Ens)

Best Marching/Movement: Visual Perf (Ind) + Visual Perf (Ens)

Shirlee Whitcomb Best Effect Award: Music Effect + Visual Effect

Best Percussion: Percussion

Best Auxiliary: Auxiliary

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please familiarize yourself with the rules and regulations posted at fresnostatebands.com

JUDGES

The following experts have been hired to adjudicate our contest:

PRELIMS:

General Effect Visual: Shirley Dorritie

Ensemble Visual: Alice Hays

Individual Visual: Jason Pliska

Auxiliary: Heather Kuyper

General Effect Music: Frank Dorritie

Individual Music: Michael Corrigan

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Sierra Cup Classic, Saturday, October 22, 2016, Performance Schedule

Prelims Performance Time	Pit Report Time	Band Report Time	School	Parking Lot	Warmup Area	Classification
10:15am			Star Spangled Banner			
10:24am	10:09am	10:14am	Liberty	White Lot	D	A
10:36am	10:21am	10:26am	Ceres	White Lot	E	A
10:48am	10:33am	10:38am	Selma	White Lot	F	A
11:00am	10:45am	10:50am	Beyer	White Lot	D	A
11:12am	10:57am	11:02am	Taft Union	White Lot	E	AA
11:24am	11:09am	11:14am	Mission Oak	White Lot	F	AA
11:36am	11:21am	11:26am	Hanford	White Lot	D	AA
11:48am	11:33am	11:38am	Kingsburg	White Lot	E	AA
12:00pm	11:45am	11:50am	Sierra Pacific	White Lot	F	AA
12:12pm			Judge's Lunch			
12:48pm	12:33pm	12:38pm	Hanford West	White Lot	D	AAA
1:00pm	12:45pm	12:50pm	Golden West	White Lot	E	AAA
1:12pm	12:57pm	1:02pm	Sunnyside	White Lot	F	AAA
1:24pm	1:09pm	1:14pm	Sanger	White Lot	D	AAA
1:36pm	1:21pm	1:26pm	Mt. Whitney	White Lot	E	AAA
1:48pm	1:33pm	1:38pm	Madera South	Red Lot	A	AAA
2:00pm	1:45pm	1:50pm	Tulare Western	Red Lot	B	AAA
2:12pm	1:57pm	2:02pm	James C. Enochs	Red Lot	C	AAA
2:24pm	2:09pm	2:14pm	Washington Union	Red Lot	A	AAA
2:36pm			Judge's Break			
2:45pm	2:30pm	2:35pm	Tulare Union	Red Lot	B	AAAA
3:00pm	2:45pm	2:50pm	Clovis East	Red Lot	C	AAAA
3:15pm	3:00pm	3:05pm	Buchanan	Red Lot	A	AAAA
3:30pm	3:15pm	3:20pm	El Diamante	Red Lot	B	AAAA
3:45pm	3:30pm	3:35pm	American Canyon	Red Lot	C	AAAA
4:00pm	3:45pm	3:50pm	Lemoore	Red Lot	A	AAAAA
4:15pm	4:00pm	4:05pm	Ridgeview	Red Lot	B	AAAAA
4:30pm	4:15pm	4:20pm	Bullard	Red Lot	C	AAAAA
4:45pm	4:30pm	4:35pm	Bulldog Marching Band Exhibition			Exhibition
5:00pm			Prelim Awards			

Finals Perf Time	Pit Report Time	Band Report Time	School
6:15pm			Star Spangled Banner
6:30pm	6:15pm	6:20pm	Sierra HS Exhibition
6:45pm	6:30pm	6:35pm	Band One
7:00pm	6:45pm	6:50pm	Band Two
7:15pm	7:00pm	7:05pm	Band Three
7:30pm	7:15pm	7:20pm	Band Four
7:45pm	7:30pm	7:35pm	Band Five
8:00pm	7:45pm	7:50pm	Band Six
8:15pm	8:00pm	8:05pm	Band Seven
8:30pm	8:15pm	8:20pm	Band Eight
8:45pm	8:30pm	8:35pm	Band Nine
9:00pm	8:45pm	8:50pm	Band Ten
9:15pm	9:00pm	9:05pm	Bulldog Marching Band Exhibition
9:30pm			Finals Awards

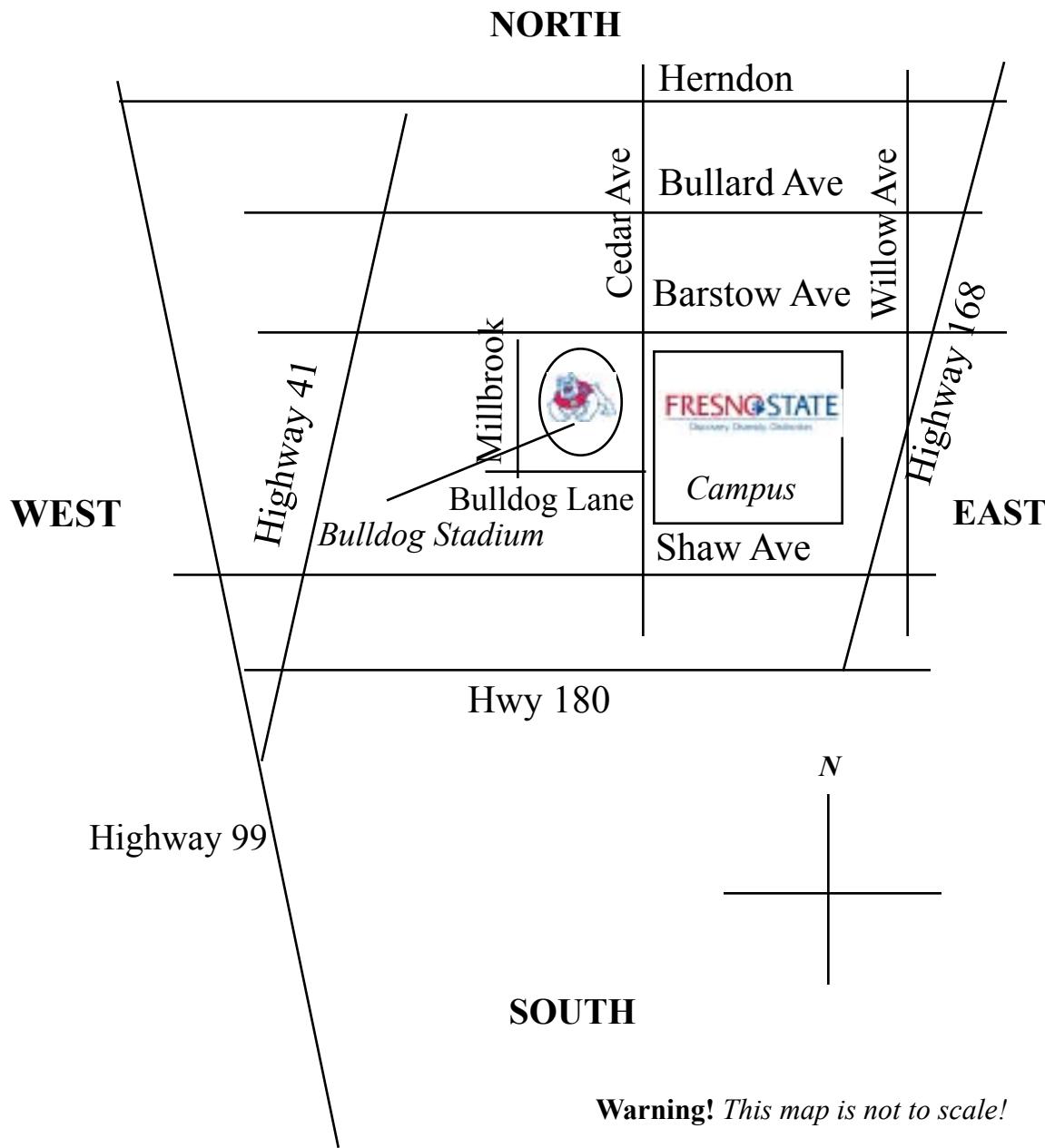
The winner of each class will advance to finals, along with the next five highest scoring bands, regardless of class

The order of finals will be determined by two draws:
the five lowest prelim scores in the first five performance slots
and the five highest prelim scores in the last five performance slots



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Map To Campus



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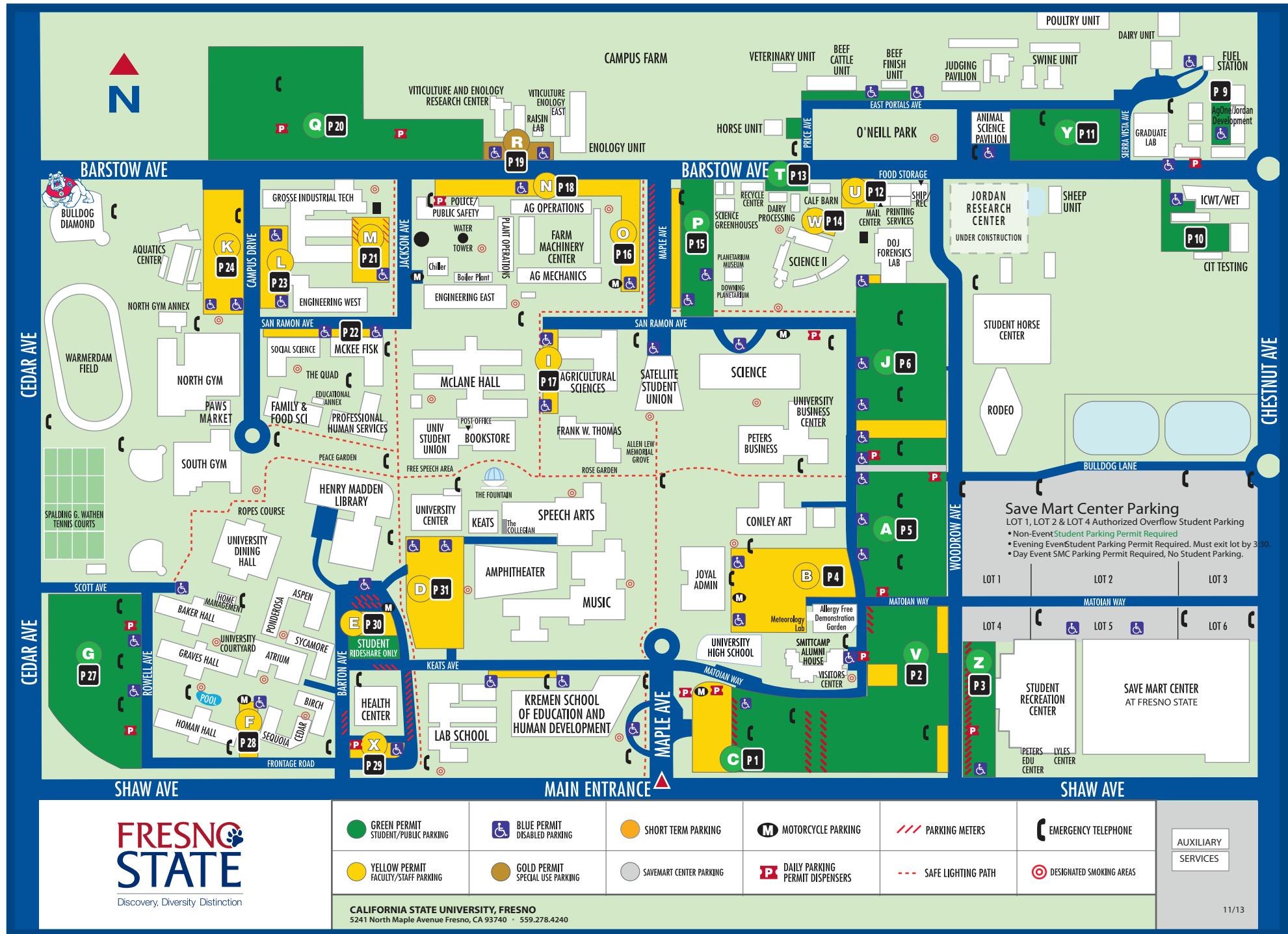
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Directions to Bulldog Stadium from the South:

- 1) Interstate 5 north
- 2) Highway 99 north
- 3) Take the 41 north (approx. 2.5 mile)
- 4) Take 180 East (approx. 1 mile)
- 5) Take 168 East (approx. 5 mile)
- 6) Take Bullard Exit, turn left at signal to Cedar Ave
- 7) Turn Left on Cedar Ave
- 8) Bands assigned to Red Lot Parking
turn into Red lot off Cedar
- Bands assigned to White Lot Parking
turn right on Bulldog Lane
turn right on Millbrook
BUSES PARK ON MILLBROOK
- 9) Please Park as instructed

Directions to Bulldog Stadium from the North:

- 10 Highway 99 south
- 2) Continue on Hwy 99 to the 180 East
- 3) Take 180 Est (approx. 2.5)
- 4) Take 168 East (approx. 5 mile)
- 6) Take Bullard Exit, turn left at signal to Cedar Ave
- 7) Turn Left on Cedar Ave
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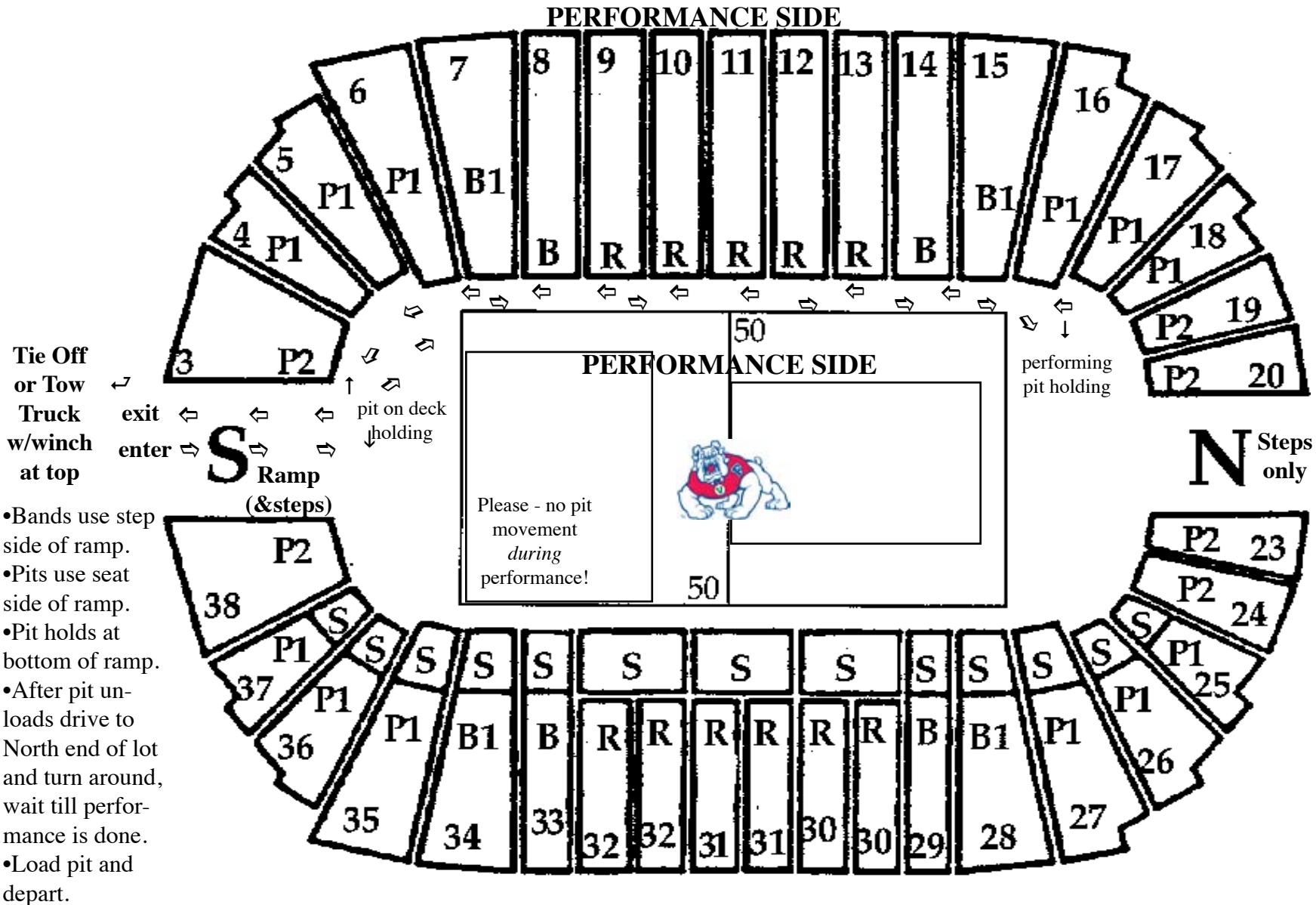


Fresno State Sierra Cup Classic Map of Stadium & Parking Areas



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Pit Rigs Direction of Travel



BAND AND PIT ENTRANCE STADIUM MAP

Please be sure your Pit reports 5 minutes earlier than
your band so the Pit in FRONT of your band!

