**The Tri-County Invitational** at Chiefland Middle High School is an FMBC sanctioned regional event. This is a prelims/finals event with the winners of each class and the next 5 highest scores competing in finals. Timing penalties **will not be** assessed at this show. You will receive a Time Sheet in your packet following your performance informing you of your performance length.

**Prelims Performance Order:** The prelims performance order is based on entry form postmarks within each class. Those that sent forms in earlier will be placed near the end of each class.

**Finals Performance Order:** The finals performance order will be the last 5 in (by overall score), followed by the winners of each class (by overall score)

**General Spectator Parking:** General spectator parking will be available in our stadium parking lot. Handicapped parking will be available at the entrance to the stadium. **Parking is free.**

**Admission: Adults $10/Students $7. Children under 5 FREE.**

**Festival Programs:** Available for purchase at the Happy Grams Tent for $3.

**Restroom Facilities:** Restroom facilities are available in the Gym, Auditorium, and at the stadium.

**Staff:** Badges will be provided for Directors and wristbands will be provided for staff members.

**Chaperones/Pit Crew:** Chaperone/Pit Crew armbands will be given at 1 for every 10 students. Extra armbands can be purchased for $10 a piece.

**Judges’Critique:** The judges’ critique will be held simultaneously with awards in the Cafeteria/Judges Room.

**Concessions:** Please support our program and eat at the concessions provided.

Menu:

**Warm-up Sites:** Please direct any questions to your band guides. Each band is assigned to one of our three warm up sites. Please arrive at your site five minutes before your designated warm up time. Each band will have 45 minutes to warm up. Bands will also have a 10 minute travel time to the stadium and 5 minute gate time. Please have your wind players face away from the stadium to limit the sound bleeding into another bands performance. Bands that interfere with other performances could have ratings lowered at the discretion of the judges panel and show coordinator.

**Changing Facilities:** Changing facilities are available near the parking areas. 3A-5A bands will use the middle school gym, 1A and 2A bands will utilize the high school auditorium. All bands must provide two chaperones for each of the boys and girls changing rooms while they are being utilized.

**First Aid:** The first aid tent will be set up immediately as you exit the field after your performance. The tent will be staffed by registered, qualified medical personnel. If you have an emergency and need immediate assistance, please contact any host staff personnel.

**Equipment Transportation:** The CMHS Band will provide trailers to transport sideline percussion, podium, etc. to and from the performance field. We have allotted two trailers for each band. If you need more than two trailers, please let us know ASAP so we can plan for your group. Band needs to provide students and parents to load, unload, and steady the equipment.

**Performance Details:** Bands will have fifteen minutes to set up, perform, and exit the field. Bands will enter the stadium from the Visitor Side Right and exit the field from the Home Side Left. (Directions are looking at field from press box) Bands may cut across the end zone for set up. Bands are also permitted a 1 minute warm-up on the field. Please inform the Timing and Penalty judge at the entrance gate if you are playing a warm-up. Water will be provided before and after performances. Please, no cadences going to and from the performance field. Cadences may be used to enter or exit the performance field. An extension cord will be available for bands using electronic devices. If you need more than one plug, you must provide your own power strip for additional outlets. As per FMBC rules, the use of fire or any type of pyrotechnics is strictly prohibited. Any streamers or other similar items used in a show must be cleaned up by the band.

**Prelims Awards Ceremony:** An awards ceremony will be held after the performance of the last 5A band. Drum majors and band officers will meet at the band exit area. They will line up in performance order and proceed to take the field for awards.

**Finals Awards Ceremony:** An awards ceremony will be held after the exhibition of Chiefland. Drum majors and band officers will meet at the band exit area. They will line up in performance order and proceed to take the field for awards.

**Awards:**

The following awards will be given for prelims:

* **Participation plaque with place in class and caption ratings**
* **Best in class (Music, Visual, GE, Percussion, Auxiliary)**

The following awards will be given for finals:

* **Best overall (Music, Visual, GE, Percussion, Auxiliary)**
* **2nd Runner up, 1st Runner up, Grand Champion**

\*\*\*\*\*All ties will be broken with the highest music score.