

Surviving Bandtober!

A Parent's Guide to Marching Band Contest Season

Below are some pro tips and tricks for the marching band season. Please use the links and external resources listed below to get the most up-to-date information.

Bands of America Contests – Managed by Music For All , Full Schedule	
Contests can be viewed live through FloMarching , a paid subscription service.	
BOA Austin (w/full schedule) Prelims/Finals: Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019	Gates open 7:45 AM Day Pass (Both sessions) \$31 Prelims Only \$21 Finals Only \$21 Clear Bag Policy
BOA San Antonio Prelims: Friday, November 1, 2019 Prelims/Finals: Saturday, November 2, 2019	Schedule TBD Purchase Tickets Online (not available closer to event date)

Pro Tips for BOA Austin

- Since we have an early prelims time, there are several hours between the performance and when Finalists are announced.
- If you leave stadium, be sure you understand how you will re-enter or if you need to purchase another ticket.
- If you leave the parking lot, realize you will have trouble finding a spot when you return. Spectators are constantly coming/going and no one will leave toward the end of Prelims because they are waiting to hear the list of Finalists. Parking should clear out between Prelims and Finals.
- The event staff will empty the stadium between Prelims and Finals as tickets are purchased for each event separately.
- One option is to leave stadium but “tailgate” in your car between performances. Not a full tailgate setup but hang out in your car so you don’t lose your spot.
- Bring umbrella to event if forecast dictates. Again, re-entry may be an issue if you run to your car.
- Take care of yourself and your family at the event – don’t worry about the kids. Think of it as a really long field trip. They will be fed, rested and taken care of by chaperones and volunteers.
- Don’t expect to be able to talk to your kids when you want. They will have their own schedule and may not be able to talk/text at a moment’s notice.
- They will be exhausted when they get home. Hopefully please with their performance too.

UIL Music Region 26 – Main Web Page	Calendar
In 2019 – 2020 school year, Cedar Ridge will complete in Region Marching Contest only. Location: Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex Date: October 19, 2019 Schedule: TBD Band performs one time and receives a Rating (I, II, III or IV)	