

2024 Southern Oregon Invitational
Director's Information Packet
March 9th, 2024

We look forward to hosting you and your Guard team at Grants Pass High School for the Southern Oregon Invitational!

Grants Pass High School

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Schedule- Loaded in by NWAPA

List of Judges

Amanda Mitchell	Eugene	OR
Christine Clayton	Portland	OR
Jonathon Brown	Seattle	WA
Dean Payne	Columbia	TN
Phil Madden	Tigard	OR
Anthony Riederer	Portland	OR

Amanda Mitchell T&P Judge

[Contest Flow and Area Map](#) see attached

Contest Performance Procedure:

Teams will enter the gym from the south west entrance. Teams will be staged in the hallway leading to this entrance and then let into the gym by volunteers. Volunteers will be directing teams and we ask that all directions be followed to keep the show running smoothly. The floor will have arrow directions indicating which side of the walkway and ramp should be used down to the gym floor. Please follow these directions in order to avoid traffic jams with the previous team coming off the gym. Teams will be directed down onto the gym floor and follow the edge until they reach the end to stage their floor. **Folding floors will need to be done horizontally.** This is to reduce oncoming teams waiting for the previous performing team to vacate the main show area. Teams will exit the gym floor the same way, following the arrows, and out the same external door to enter the hallway.

Bus Arrival and Unloading:

All buses will come in on 9th street and will unload students at the designated location. Each team will be met by your team Host for directions, your welcome packet (including wristbands) and further instructions.

Performance Schedule:

Groups will be adjudicated according to their specific classification. All groups will compete in Prelims and Finals. Please refer to the schedule on nwapa.net for the most up -to-date performance times.

Guard Host for SOI: (your main connection)

The name and number of your guard host will be provided to you in a separate email, as will details of your overnight stay, if applicable, and directions on where your buses will be parked. Your Guard Host will be contacting you or your alternate contact to obtain information and to assist you in making SOI wonderful for you and your team. Please make sure your alternate contact will be present at SOI, and that we have a good cell phone number for them.

Performer Check-In

Upon arrival, staff and performers will report to Performer Check-In. Performers will receive a wristband. However, performers will not be issued a wristband until a staff representative has acquired the Show Packet at check-In. Performer wristbands will be inside Directors Packets. Each group will receive 7 show passes with the availability to purchase 10 additional at half cost at the ticket booth.

Locker Rooms:

Locker rooms will be available for groups who need to change into uniform. Please use Locker rooms or restrooms close to your home base for dressing and NOT spectator restrooms. Please use locker rooms for dressing into costume ONLY. Hair and make-up shall be done in the homebase area or restrooms.

Indoor Group Space:

Each group will be designated an area inside the school to house your equipment and supplies. We respectfully ask you to not warm up in these indoor spaces. Please only warm up in designated areas. Your "Living Room Area" will be listed on the map.

Outside Practice Space:

Weather permitting groups are welcome to practice outside before your performance in designated areas.

Show Music:

Please upload your show music to contest dynamics. (this service is provided through NWAPA). As a backup please have a copy of your music on an electronic device in the event your music is not working properly.

Parking Non-Bus Rigs on campus:

Please let your Guard Host know what time your non-bus rigs will be arriving. We will direct you to your appropriate areas for set-up. Please see the map for an idea of where you will be. Please note that we are using as a guide the list of equipment you provided to NWAPA. If this has changed, please contact us right away so that we can make adjustments/accommodations.

Practice /Warm-up Areas:

Please see attached schedule and map for locations and times. Body warm ups and Equipment warm ups will be in the commons. There will be a side A and a Side B. We will have staff at each side to help keep track of times and to assist with flow of teams coming in and exiting.

Prop and Floor Storage:

There will be a designated area for all floors in the gym adjacent to the performance gym. There will be double door access to this gym. You may also store your props in this area as well.

Tickets/Programs

\$15.00	Adults
\$10.00	Seniors(65+) Children k-12, and Military w/ID
\$3.00	Programs

We will accept cash, credit cards, and checks
Please make checks payable to "GPHS Band Boosters"

For GUARD student armbands, we will be using the number provided on your NWAPA unit listing. If this number changes, please let your Band Host know prior to your arrival so that we can make sure the armband process goes smoothly.

Photography:

"Open your Is" photography will be taking pictures and they will be available for purchase online after the event.

Video Recording:

Personal videotaping is permitted, however, please be courteous to the spectators seated around you. Spectators are not allowed on the gym floor at any time during performance.

Judge Critique:

The critique area will be in a classroom next to the Judge Hospitality room located in the science building. Signs will be clearly posted to help you navigate to critique.

Gymnasium Business

Please do not have any staff members talking near the Judge's area in the Bleachers. Also, please do not stand at the rail during performances. The judges' area with distance around them shall be honored.

Guard Member Seating

For the convenience of our spectators, we ask that **all guard students sit ONLY on the far side of the gymnasium.** The entrance and seating area will be shown on the map.

Souvenirs

Our souvenir booth will be located in the lobby area before entering the gym to the right. We will have numerous items for sale, including: various SOI merchandise, SOI t-shirts/hoodies, programs, stickers, and Guard wear. We will also have candy grams and flowers. We will accept credit cards and cash.

Team Fun Zone

In the core building on the main level there will be an area where props will be set up for all the teams to have the opportunity to have some fun and take pictures. We highly encourage the teams to have some fun with your own team AND with other teams as well, take photos and make some memories! We are so happy you're here!!

Finals Awards:

We will have a captains only awards ceremony at the conclusion of the Finals round of competition. Please have your Guard Captains meet at the same location as they do when entering the gym for performance. Someone will meet them there to place them in line. All other guard members are asked to sit in the uncovered stands.

We will award 1st through 3rd place trophies and one additional award:

Esprit De Corps:

This award is given to the team that the staff of SOI have selected as showing the best overall spirit throughout the competition. This award will be chosen by the Event Hosts.

Concession Menus

There will be a concessions booth open in the lobby area before entering the gym that will have a variety of drinks and snacks available for purchase. We will accept cash and credit cards.

FOOD VENDORS:

Our vendors will be located directly outside the gymnasium on 9th street.

The Hangry House:

Offering a variety of breakfast and lunch items. Options include: Breakfast burritos, breakfast sandwiches, sandwiches, wraps, burgers, hot dogs as well as drinks. Prices range from \$8.50 to \$12.50.

Ernest Baking Co.

*Pastry & dessert

Muffin \$4

Coffee cake \$4

Blondie brownie \$5

Cupcake \$5

Peanut butter pretzel crunch bar \$5

*Sandwiches & such

Short rib sandwich \$15

Korean pork sandwich \$15

Lasagna \$15

Coconut, cashews, & chickpea curry with rice & naan \$15 (vegetarian & Vegan)

Side of curry \$8

Beverages

Coffee \$5

Hot chocolate \$5

Cadillac (1/2 hot chocolate 1/2 coffee) \$5

Soda \$2

Bus, Support Vehicle & Guard Camp Information

Print this page out for your drivers

Use the below address for your GPS system:

Grants Pass High School
830 N.E. 9th St.
Grants Pass, OR 97526

BUS ROUTE TO SOI:

FROM THE NORTH: Take Exit #58 for Grants Pass; This will become 6th Street.

FROM THE SOUTH: Take Exit #58 for Grants Pass, go left under the overpass. This will become 6th Street

Follow 6th for approximately 1.5 miles.

Left on A Street. Continue for five blocks.

Left on 10th Street. continue for 2 blocks.

Left on Madrone Street. Continue to 9th Street.

Left on 9th Street

Buses will stop in front of the High School main entrance for unloading.

Buses will park on Madrone Street.

Bands coming from the coast will want to come up 7th Street and take a right onto A Street, and then follow the rest of the directions listed above.

Please be advised that the neighborhood streets around GPHS are extremely narrow

