



J. Birney Crum Stadium

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USBands 2019 A-Class National Championships



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USBands welcomes you to the *2019 USBands A Class National Championships*. Thank you for joining USBands at Andre Reed Field at J. Birney Crum Stadium for this wonderful performance opportunity for your students! The following information is provided to make your participation as easy as possible. Please read it carefully so you know what to expect when you arrive at the event. We encourage you to check www.usbands.org often between now and the competition for the latest information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call USBands at (610) 821-0345

**Band Tickets:**

Each band has been sent OPTIONAL tickets to sell at a discounted rate for this event, and assumes financial responsibility for each and every ticket.

If you did not receive your tickets, or if you need more tickets, please contact the USBands office at 610-821-0345.

Although there is no ticket sales requirement for this event, we hope you bring plenty of supporters to cheer on all of the performing students! When you arrive at the event, please be sure to return any unsold tickets at Registration.

Bands will be responsible for full payment of any tickets not returned at Registration on the day of the event. Tickets will be available at the event for \$25 at the Box Office near the spectator entrance to the stadium. Children age 6 and under will be admitted free.

There is a no parking fee for this event. Parking for this event is on the surrounding streets. Please observe all posted parking restrictions. DO NOT park in front of the Fire Station on Turner Street – your vehicle will be towed immediately. Handicapped Parking is available on Turner Street near Gate 3. Spaces are limited. Linden Street is closed for Band Bus and Truck parking ONLY. NO cars will be allowed on Linden Street past St. Elmo. Please pass the word on to your fans, parents and staff.

Check-in/Registration: Please check in with the USBands Representative at Band Registration Bus parked on Linden Street near GATE 2 immediately upon arrival. In addition to handling invoices and tickets, you will also receive last-minute information related to the event.

Restrooms: The Green Parks Department Building and the Locker Rooms in the Athletics Building near Gate 2 will have restrooms available upon arrival. No changing rooms are available at this event.

Band Parking: Band Vehicles ONLY will park on Linden Street between St. Elmo and Ott Streets. To facilitate a faster park – please have your vehicles travel WEST down Linden Street from 15th toward St. Elmo. Do not have your vehicles enter via St. Elmo St. It is a very small road with a difficult turn at the end to get onto Linden Street.

Parking (*continued*): No personal cars for band staff, parents or volunteers are allowed to park in the band parking areas. Please let all of your staff and fans know that they will need to park in spectator parking.

Warm-Up: Warm-up areas are available in Cedar Beach Park across the creek. Please be conscious of your location to the stadium. If you can see the stands – the audience and adjudicators will be able to hear your band warming up. Please go across the creek via the bridge and WEST so that you cannot see the stands. A USBands Representative may ask you to move if you are playing too close to the stadium. As a courtesy to the performing units – please warm-up as far west in the park as you can. See map for acceptable locations.

Gate Time: Your band needs to be at the BAND ENTRANCE GATE 15 minutes prior to your scheduled performance time. It is your responsibility to arrive at the gate at the appropriate time. It is approximately a 10-13 minute walk from the warm-up areas to the gate. If there are any significant changes in the event schedule, USBands representatives will contact you via cell phone with the latest information.

Field Surface: Synthetic Turf with High School Hash Marks sewn in the turf.

Motorized Vehicles and Props: Motorized vehicles moving equipment on and off the field must be in proper working condition and equipped with a diaper (a covering to ensure that there is no leakage) if gas powered. All front ensemble and prop equipment that is being rolled onto the field must have large inflatable tires or tires with a minimum of 8-inch wheels (pneumatic wheels/casters). Any equipment with smaller wheels must be lifted and placed into position.

The use of fire extinguishers, water that comes into contact with the field, live animals and pyrotechnics (including fire batons) are prohibited at all USBands shows. This also includes anything that may result in debris left on the field.

Photography: Jolesch Photography will be on site to take action and group images of your band. Group photos will be taken immediately following your performance. Images can also be ordered online at www.joleschenterprises.com. Please pass this information on to all parents and fans of your group.



Awards Ceremony: Drum Majors and/or Band Representatives should assemble for the Awards presentation at the band entrance gate (Gate 2) before the last band performs during your portion of the event (see schedule on trigonroad.com/yea).

Critique: No critique will be offered at this event. The adjudicators will provide feedback about your band's performance in the form of digital recordings available on Competition Suite. Please notify a USBands staff member if you will be unable to stay for awards. If you have any post-event questions regarding adjudication, please contact USBands with questions, concerns or clarifications.

Souvenirs: Airgrams, Programs, Candygrams, band wearables by PepWear and other band related souvenirs will be available in the stadium during the event.



Concessions: Concessions will be available in the stadium during the event.

Rain plan: In the event of inclement weather, all directors should report to the Band Registration Area to meet with the USBands Representatives to discuss delay or cancellation scenarios.

Staff/Adult Access into Stadium: You should have already received one USBands Director Badge and a specified number of USBands Staff badges for your instructors and adult chaperones/equipment handlers, etc. The number of passes assigned to you is based on the group size of the band (see Participant Guide). Only USBands Official Credentials will be honored at this event.

Entry to the Stadium Following the Performance: Your band members are invited into the stadium to view the remainder of the event, free of charge. Entrance for band members in uniform, or in a group if out of uniform, is through **GATE 2**. While in the stadium, the band members are to sit in groups, with appropriate supervision. Please remind your students to be respectful of other audience members, as well as the bands performing on the field.

Security Checks: Stadium Security may check any bag you bring into the stadium. To help expedite re-entry to the stadium for your band after your performance, please only bring absolutely necessary items into the stadium. Also, please allow bands entering and exiting the stadium for their performance to pass by before entering.

Please explain these guidelines to your staff, students and supporters prior to the event.
We appreciate your cooperation!





