

# THUNDER

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DRIPPING SPRINGS PERCUSSION INVITATIONAL



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WELCOME!

We at Dripping Springs High School are proud to welcome you back to the 14th Annual Dripping Springs Thunder in the Hills Percussion Invitational! To the competing units and directors in attendance today, I would like to gratefully thank you for continuing to support this activity through your participation, dedication, and hard work. Today promises to be a fun filled celebration of the percussion art form.

We have **35 incredibly talented percussion units** from the across Texas converging to compete for class ranking and caption awards. We are pleased to be able to bring four world-class adjudicators in from all across the U.S. to give valuable educational feedback and commentary to the participants and their directors. Be sure to check the contest schedule on the following pages to ensure that you don't miss your favorite performers!

The concession stands will be open all day offering cold drinks, snacks, and full meals to all spectators and participants. **Be sure to visit the souvenir booth to purchase this year's Thunder in the Hills t-shirt.** Directors can find a moment of peace in the Director's Hospitality room located in the press box at Tiger Stadium.

I would like to acknowledge how incredible our parents, students, and volunteers have been in coordinating and executing this event. If not for their late nights, thoughtful consideration, and relentless organization of all of the logistics involved, we would not be able to host this event year after year. I would also like to thank our generous sponsors for their contributions and support. Without their help, it would be impossible to host a contest of this size and scope. Please consider reaching out or visiting these businesses while in town and be sure to let them know that Thunder in the Hills sent you!

We are glad that you have decided to make Thunder in the Hills a part of your Fall marching experience. Best of luck to everyone performing, and let the THUNDER begin!

Matt Ehlers, Percussion Director  
Dripping Springs Band Program



# CONTEST SCHEDULE

## SCHOOL

Sonia Sotomayor  
Austin High  
Wimberly  
Lockhart  
C.E. Ellison  
East View  
Cedar Creek

## Break

Pieper  
Weiss  
New Braunfels  
Akins  
Bastrop  
Medina Valley

## Break

John Jay  
Temple  
Moe & Gene Johnson  
San Marcos  
Copperas Cove  
William Howard Taft

## Intermediate Awards/Lunch Break

## Awards

Brandeis  
Tomball  
Georgetown  
Rouse  
McCallum

## Break

Dripping Springs  
Sandra Day O'Conner  
Lake Travis  
Hebron  
Hutto  
James Bowie

## Break

Winston Churchill  
Cedar Park  
Vandegrift  
Leander  
Vista Ridge  
Coppell

## Awards

## CLASS

Intermediate Small  
Intermediate Small  
Intermediate Small  
Intermediate Small  
Intermediate Small  
Intermediate Small  
Intermediate Small

## 11:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Intermediate Large  
Intermediate Large  
Intermediate Large  
Intermediate Large  
Intermediate Large  
Intermediate Large

## 1:30 PM - 1:45 PM

Intermediate Large  
Intermediate Large  
Intermediate Large  
Intermediate Large  
Intermediate Large

## 3:30 PM

Advanced Small  
Advanced Small  
Advanced Small  
Advanced Small  
Advanced Small

## 6:00 PM - 6:15 PM

Exhibition  
Advanced Large  
Advanced Large  
Advanced Large  
Advanced Large  
Advanced Large

## 7:45 PM - 8:00 PM

Advanced Large  
Advanced Large  
Advanced Large  
Advanced Large  
Advanced Large  
Advanced Large

## 9:45 PM

## PERFORMANCE TIME

10:00 AM  
10:15 AM  
10:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
11:00 AM  
11:15 AM  
11:30 AM

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## 3:15 PM - 4:45 PM

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9:15 PM



# MEET OUR ADJUDICATORS



**ANDY FILIPIAK**

Andy Filipiak is an active arranger and music educator in the U.S. He has a primary focus in the marching arts and is an avid educator and arranger with some of the world's

premiere marching ensembles. He is

currently on staff at Monarch Independent, the Mandarins Drum and Bugle Corps, and The Woodlands High School as the Front Ensemble Coordinator and Arranger for all three groups. Andy has previously worked with The Boston Crusaders (2012-2019) and Tomball High School (2017 PSCO World Champions).

Andy's marching experience includes The Glassmen (2008-2009), Matrix (2009-2011), The Cavaliers (2010-2011) and Rhythm X (2012). Andy helped the Cavaliers win the Fred Sanford High Percussion Award in 2011 and also performed at PASIC with Rhythm X in 2011. Andy has had the privilege of learning from some of activities best instructors during his time in these ensembles.

Including Erik Johnson, Alan Miller, Rob Ferguson, Rob Pastor, Andrew Markworth, Tim Jackson, and Tim Fairbanks.

Andy Filipiak proudly endorses Pearl/Adams, Innovative Percussion, and Zildjian.



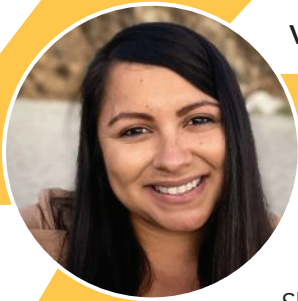
**Tyler Sammons**

Tyler Sammons is a percussionist, teacher and composer/arranger based in Dallas, Texas. He also serves as the percussion supervisor and front ensemble arranger for

the Phantom Regiment Drum and

Bugle Corps from Rockford, IL. Originally from Seguin, Texas, He graduated in 2011 from the University of North Texas with degrees in percussion performance and music theory. Tyler has been involved in the drum and bugle corps (DCI) activity for over 15 years, having previously served for 11 years as a member of the percussion staff for Santa Clara Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps. Santa Clara Vanguard won the Fred Sanford Award for best percussion in 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 and was the DCI World Champion in 2018. Prior to his involvement with the Santa Clara Vanguard, he taught the Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps, and was a marching member of the Crossmen (TX) and Phantom Regiment (IL), capturing the DCI world championship with the Phantom Regiment in 2008, and the Fred Sanford award for best percussion in 2008 and 2010. Tyler is an active arranger, whose arrangements have been performed all over the United States, including in Bands of America (BOA) Regional, Super Regional and Grand National Finals, as well as UIL state marching contest finals in Texas. He is an in-demand national clinician and adjudicator in the marching arts, and is a proud Innovative Percussion, Sabian and REMO artist.

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**VERONICA WICKS**

Veronica Wicks is a percussion educator in Southern California with an additional background of study in psychology and social work.

She has taught many schools throughout her teaching career and is dedicated to educating young adults through music and mentorship. Veronica's previous experience ranges from teaching and designing for several high schools throughout Southern California along with drum corps to include battery education and Percussion Caption Head of the Blue Knights (2014 – 2019). Veronica currently teaches and designs for battery percussion at several high schools to include scholastic world groups Vista Murrieta High School and Rowland High School, along with Broken City and Carolina Crown.



**JEFF AUDEMORE**

Jeff Ausdemore currently serves as President and Co-Founder of Stryvemind.com, a revolutionary online music education platform that impacts students

and music educators around the

world. This venture serves students, music educators and administrators in many capacities, including educational consulting, professional development opportunities, as well as the Stryve Academy. In addition, Jeff serves as the President of Ausdemore Music, a proprietary composition and arranging house for Mr. Ausdemore's music catalog, published through TapSPACE Publications. As a composer, Mr. Ausdemore has contributed original works for piano, instrumental guitar, contemporary multimedia, percussion and choir, percussion solo instruments, percussion ensemble, as well as wind ensemble and marching band. Several ensembles have commissioned and premiered Mr. Ausdemore's works on recordings, concerts, the Music for All national festival, the Interlochen Fine Arts Academy summer camp, the 2021 Midwest Clinic, and two world premieres at the 2022 Percussive Arts Society's International Convention.

Mr. Ausdemore also serves on the faculty of Texas A&M University-Commerce, where he teaches privately within the percussion studio, as well as technique and pedagogy/methods classes.

# CONCESSIONS

## DRINKS

Bottled Water	\$2.00
Powerade	\$3.00
Fountain Drink	\$2.50

## FOOD

Cheeseburger	\$5.00
Hamburger	\$5.00
Burger Meal (fries + drink)	\$9.50
Sausage Wrap	\$4.00
Hot Dog	\$4.00
Hot Dog, Meal (fries + drink)	\$8.50
French Fries	\$3.00
Frito Pie	\$4.00
Nachos	\$4.00
Tigerize	Add \$1.00
(add chili & nacho cheese)	

## SNACKS

Chips	\$2.00
Big Pickle	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$2.00

## CANDY

Blow Pops	\$0.25
Bubble Gum (5 pcs)	\$0.25
Candy	\$2.00

**THUNDER IN THE HILLS TSHIRTS**  
**LIMITED QUANTITY AVAILABLE**  
**ONLY \$22.00**



**T-shirts are available in**  
**S, M, L, XL, XXL, and 3XL.**

**We also have**  
**Stickers for \$5.00**



# PREVIOUS WINNERS

— 2022 —

McDavitt Drum Grand Champion:  
Coppell High School  
Intermediate Small – Pflugerville HS  
Intermediate Large – William Howard  
Taft HS  
Advanced Small – McCallum HS  
Advanced Large – Coppell HS

— 2021 —

Intermediate Small – Pflugerville HS  
Intermediate Large – Stony Point  
Advanced Small – Hutto HS  
Advanced Large – Cedar Park

2020 – No event held

— 2019 —

Adv. Large Division – Vandegrift HS  
Adv. Small Division – Stony Point HS  
Int. Division – W. Charles Akins HS

— 2018 —

Adv. Large Division – Cedar Park HS  
Percussion Adv. Small Division –  
Rouse HS Percussion  
Int. Division – Temple HS Percussion  
Int. Small Division –  
Harlandale HS Percussion

— 2017 —

Adv. Large Division – Vandegrift HS  
Adv. Small Division – McCallum HS  
Int. Division – Taft HS

— 2016 —

6A Division – Vandegrift HS  
5A Division – Seguin HS

— 2015 —

6A Division – Cedar Ridge HS  
5A Division – McCallum HS

— 2014 —

6A Division – Cedar Ridge HS  
5A Division – Vista Ridge HS



— 2013 —

5A Division – Cedar Ridge HS  
4A Division – Vandegrift HS

— 2012 —

5A Division – Round Rock HS  
4A Division – Vandegrift HS

— 2011 —

5A Division – Round Rock HS  
4A Division – McCallum HS  
3A Varsity – Lorena HS/MS  
3A Non-Varsity – Eastview HS

— 2010 —

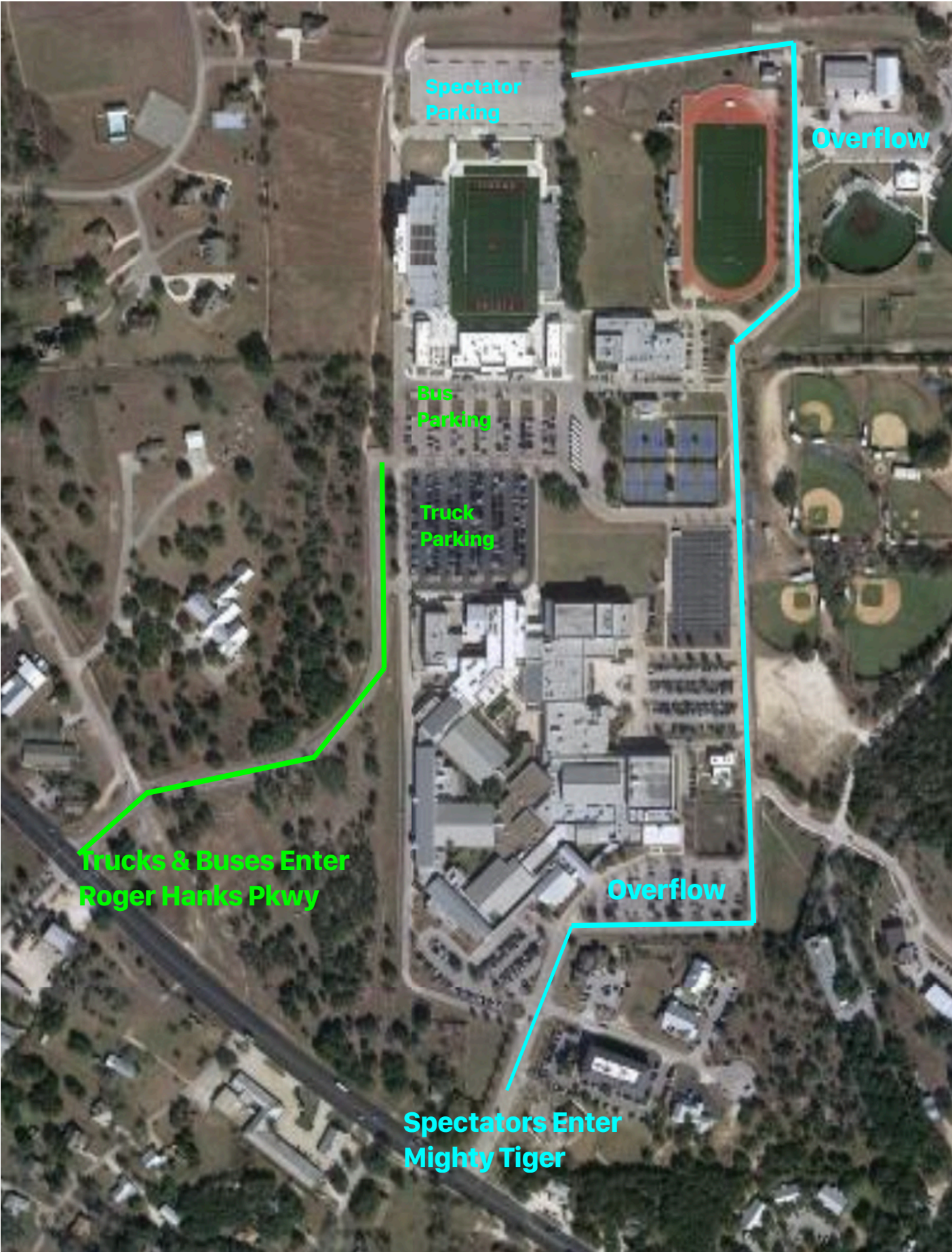
5A Division – Round Rock HS  
4A Division – Calallen HS

— 2009 —

5A Division – Georgetown HS  
4A Division – McCallum HS  
3A Division – Lorena "B"



# THUNDER IN THE HILLS PARKING MAP



# THUNDER IN THE HILLS EVENT MAP



# LINDA MCDAVITT

Linda McDavitt was director of bands at Dripping Springs from 1978-1984. Being the only director for 6th-12th grade band Linda felt like this is where she really became her own as a teacher. During McDavitt's six years at Dripping Springs she led them to be state finalists in both UIL Marching Band and UIL Honor Band contests. She was amazed by the work ethic of the Dripping kids and helped to lay a foundation that would serve the program well to this day. Linda had an incredibly successful teaching career and was named to the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame in 2012. On top of teaching Linda has been an active percussion performer throughout her lifetime. She has performed regularly with the Austin Symphony, Charlotte Symphony, Charlotte Opera, The Austin Symphonic Band, and Inside Out Steel Band.

After retiring in 2001 she began to run the Genevieve and Ward Orsinger Foundation founded by her aunt. The Foundation reflects the philosophy of the Orsingers. It helps give people the tools to become educated, healthy, and self-reliant by making grants in the areas of Cultural Enrichment, Education and Human Services. The Foundation supports organizations and institutions in Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall and Travis Counties.

Linda even found time to be a competitive sailor throughout her lifetime and in 2015 at the age of 69 she was on a team that competed in The Clipper Around The World Race. This race helps to raise money for UNICEF and takes a full year to complete!

Thunder In The Hills is honored to start "The McDavitt Drum" award. This award will be presented to the group with the highest overall score regardless of division and it will be a traveling trophy with each year's winner being engraved on a nameplate on the base of the trophy. Linda has helped to make our world a better place through her amazing work as an educator and her time leading a non-profit. And to top it off she's a percussionist! We hope this award can embody some of her amazing spirit and energy for percussion and life.

