

## Notes for Frisco

### Rehearsals for Frisco

Wednesday, January 6, 2015 – 4:30pm – 6:00pm (JSU Stadium)

Thursday, January 7, 2015 – 4:30pm – 6:00pm (JSU Stadium)

1. The full band will arrive at Toyota stadium on Friday afternoon around 4pm (NO INSTRUMENTS). The stadium staff will need to time the band getting off the field from the last set of the show. (Be prepared, with the size of our band you may have to run off instead of marching off to a drum tap). Everyone will exit through the same tunnel. Large instruments (percussion) and guard / ballerina equipment can be stored in the stadium overnight in a secured area (Friday night).
2. The full band will arrive at Toyota stadium on Saturday morning around 8:00am. Everyone should be in full uniform when you exit the bus to enter the stadium. (Section leaders make sure that everyone is holding shakos in the proper hand and in proper fashion). Everyone will proceed to the seating area in the stadium and get settled. (Please see attached map) Brass, Woodwinds and Percussion will access your seats through the concourse in section 121. Guard and Ballerinas will access your seats by entering the northeast stairway near the Pep Rally area at the north stage.
3. At 9:15am all section leaders and any members that have participated in a GAMECOCK WALK this season will exit the seating area and proceed to the pep rally area in Tailgate Town on the north plaza of the stadium. You must arrive in this area by 9:30am. (Unfortunately there is not enough room for our entire band). The JSU Pep Rally will begin at 9:40am local time and will last approximately 10-15 minutes. You will receive a schedule of the tunes that will be played prior to leaving for the trip. When they ask for us to play our Alma Mater, we will play “Stars Fell on Alabama” (right on it....NO pick-a-note)
4. Once the pep rally is over, instrumentalists will immediately walk back to your seating area by using the east concourse. Guard and Ballerinas exit through the northwest stairway and return to the bleacher seats.
5. When instructed, all Ballerinas and Color guard members will exit the bleacher area and march onto the field to form a tunnel outside JSU’s Team entrance to the field. COLOR GUARD – you will need to use your JSU Flags for this “team entrance” tunnel. (Our band is too big to form the tunnel and will take too much time to get back into the stands...so, we are only using the ballerinas and guard). When the JSU team runs out, The Southerners will play the FIGHT SONG from the stands. Guard and Ballerinas divide your sections equally so that there will be the same amount of people on both sides of the tunnel. Guard members will be first---closest to the team entrance and then ballerinas. It would be great if you all could space yourselves out enough so that guard members can do the fight song flag work as the team runs through. Ballerinas, you will do your fight song routine facing into the tunnel. Once the team is on the field and the band

finishes the fight song...proceed back to the visiting band bleacher seating area on the stage.

6. The band director should wear the headset at all times so that the marketing director can be in communication to let The Southerners know when it is permissible to play.
7. The Southerners may play the long version of the fight song when the team runs onto the field at the beginning of the game, however, be prepared to play the **short version** of the Fight Song after "some" touchdowns... especially if the touchdown is being reviewed. We CAN NOT play over ESPN commercials. There will be NO special songs like "Hey, #2, Go Tell Aunt Rodie, etc..." following the Fight Song after touchdowns.
8. The band CANNOT play over video presentations or announcements.
9. The Marching Southerners may only play when OUR team gets a 1<sup>st</sup> down (1<sup>st</sup> down cheer) and when the opposing team gets a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> down (only when the ball is not in play) So, needless to say, we will need you to cheer as loud as you can!!!!
10. **HALFTIME** – The North Dakota's band will perform first. While they are performing, we can set up around the field to come onto the field for our performance. (Please keep movement to a minimum so that you do not distract from their show). Everyone should have shakos (with plumes) on when you leave the seating area to enter the field for halftime. As soon as North Dakota finishes their show, The Southerners may start to enter the field. **There will be a special presentation on the 10yd line on the stage side (where the guard and ballerinas sit) of the field. Please walk around these people as you are coming on the field.... do not walk in front of them....it will be a short presentation and you will have plenty of time to set up for our show.**
11. We will be performing the CLOSER only - - we have a total of 6 minutes to get on and off the field. We may come on to a tap....or we may have to run onto the field....be flexible.
12. If we lose the game (which I hope that we do not) the band **WILL NOT** play anything. When they give the losing team the opportunity to play their Alma Mater, we will sing "I'll Fly Away" and then exit the stadium.
13. If we win - - we will go **CRAZY** and play as much as possible. (We will still have to take breaks in playing for ESPN and for the National Championship Trophy Presentation, but Mr. Gillespie will be in contact with the marketing people and let you know when and what to play.