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Greetings from Northern Illinois University and the Huskie Marching Band! We are excited that you will be attending our annual High School Band Day on September 15, 2007. Enclosed, you will find a schedule for the day, a campus map, parking passes, and a field position grid. If you have not done so already, please purchase the music we will be performing at halftime. Information on the selections for the day are listed by title and catalogue number on our website, www.niu.edu/band, under the “Music Educators” tab. After the event, please take a moment to fill out the “Band Director Feedback Form” to let us know how we can make the NIU Band Day a better event for you and your students.

Since the NIU Band Day will host nearly two thousand guests, it is absolutely crucial that you make plans to arrive early so that massed band rehearsal can start and end on time. **Please make plans to arrive no later than 6:45 AM.** Plan to arrive in uniform, since changing space at the stadium is extremely limited. Your busses will drop off students at the south-east corner of the stadium for rehearsal, and then proceed to Lot C3 behind the Convocation Center, as indicated on the enclosed map. You are invited to stay for the entire game, and to join the Huskie Marching Band on the field for our post-game concert, where we will offer our fans a repeat performance of the massed-band selections from halftime.

Given the early start to the day, our scheduled meal times are also going to fall much earlier than normal. Students are welcome to visit the concession stand anytime during the game, at the discretion of their respective band directors. The East Side Concession stands will be open as early as 8:30, and will be offering a special “Band Day Meal Deal” from 8:30 until 10:30 for Band Day participants. These discount prices apply only during those hours. For $5.00, the students can get a slice of pizza and a drink, or a hotdog, bag of chips and drink. All other concession items are available at their regular prices.

We look forward to your visit to our campus. Feel free to contact the Huskie Marching Band office if you need any additional information at (815)753-1042 or via email at band@niu.edu.

Sincerely,

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Northern Illinois University
High School Band Day
Sept. 15, 2007

Schedule of Events
6:00 AM  Huskie Marching Band event staff and volunteers meet in stadium
6:30 AM  Huskie Marching Band warm up
6:45 AM- Latest time for high school bands to arrive at Huskie Stadium. Please take your on-field positions. Colorguard and auxiliaries should report to the east side of the stadium for sectionals.
7:15 AM- Massed band rehearsal on the field, colorguard and auxiliaries sectional on the east side of the stadium.
7:55 AM- Guard and auxiliaries report to the field for full ensemble rehearsal of field entry and exit.
8:30AM- Rehearsal ends. Please clear the field at once so that the football teams can begin their warm-up routine. High school bands find seat locations in stands sections O, P, and Q. Students have lunch at east side concession stands.
10:30 AM- All high school bands seated in the stadium.
10:40 AM- NIU Pre-game performance.
11:00 AM- Kick-off
Halftime: Massed Band Show with Huskie Marching Band
2:00 PM Projected end of game.

Please note that busses will not be released from lot C3 until 30 minutes after the game ends. You are invited to stay to until the end of the game to participate in the post-game concert on the field with the Huskie Marching Band. We will perform all of our selections from halftime at the post-game concert. If you choose to leave earlier than that, you must walk to your busses in Lot C3.

General information:
• East side concessions will be open for Band Day participants to have a very early lunch beginning at 9 AM.
• Restrooms are located under the East side stands
• All students should be in uniform for the entire game
• Drum cadence for entry/exit onto the field will be provided by the HMB drumline
• Due to NCAA regulations, we are tightly restricted as to when any band can play during the game. Please refrain from playing during the course of the game. However, you are welcome to perform a selection or two from the stands before the official start of pregame at 10:30 AM.