

# Cougar Band



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Nov. 5-7, 2008 CRHS Drumline Trip to Austin, TX (information letter as of September 4, 2008)

Dear CRHS Band Percussion/ Drumline Parent:

Preparations are being made for the Cinco Ranch HS Drumline to participate in the 2008 Percussive Arts Society International Convention Marching Percussion Festival to be held on November 6 and 7 in Austin, TX. The CRHS Drumline has been approved to miss Thursday and Friday, Nov. 6 and 7, with a school approved excused absence. This Percussion Convention is the largest in the world and will offer great opportunities for us to learn about all facets of percussion from around the world with concerts, clinics, and exhibits. The PASIC convention was held in 2006 in Austin and we had a blast as we took a percussion group from CRHS to participate. A breakdown of the cost is below.

The drumline will have to rent a charter bus for two days, rent two Enterprise Box Trucks (24ft.) for instruments and equipment, and spend two nights in a hotel. Students will need money for meals and souvenirs from the convention.

The cost of the trip will be approximately \$200 with all 37 CRHS drumline students attending. The payment schedule will be as follows:

Monday, Sept. 15	\$100
Monday, Oct. 13	\$100
Monday, Oct. 27	to be determined if needed

Make checks payable to CRHS Band Boosters with a memo stating that it is for the Drumline Trip to Austin. Give the check to Mr. Fesler.

Please check out [www.PAS.org](http://www.PAS.org) for more information about the convention.

I have listed a basic itinerary for the trip on the back of this page. Hotel information will be passed out soon.

This Drumline trip is a special opportunity for us that will probably not be available in the future. This will be the last year for the convention to be held in Austin, TX as the Percussive Arts Society moves the annual convention to Indianapolis, IN (the site of its new headquarters).

I am thankful of the hard work and commitment of the CRHS percussion students and the support of the parents. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Tom Fesler

Basic Itinerary (subject to change)

Wed. Nov. 5

330pm-430pm	Marching Band rehearsal with drill team
430pm-5pm	Load Battery Percussion on trucks/bus (Pit Perc. will be loaded during the school day)
5pm	Leave for Austin (fast food dinner in route)
9pm	Arrive to Austin and check in hotel

Thurs. Nov. 6

530am	Wake Up
7am	Leave hotel for Austin Convention Center
730am-930pm	Register for PASIC and attend concerts, clinics, and exhibits (Austin Convention Center)
10pm	Arrive back to hotel

Friday, Nov. 7

530am	Wake Up
630am-7am	Check out of hotel and leave for the convention center
8am	Check in for the High School Marching Percussion Festival
9am-10am	The cymbal ensemble will more than likely perform during this time slot
10am-1230pm	The drumline will more than likely perform during this time slot
1230pm-130pm	Load trucks and eat lunch
130-630pm	Observe the rest of the High School and College Drumline Competition
630pm-7pm	Depart for CRHS (fast food dinner in route)
10pm-1030pm	Arrive back to CRHS

Saturday, Nov. 8

12pm	CRHS/ Katy Football Game (every drumline member is expected to attend)
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