

UP ALL NIGHT TO THE BEST SONG EVER

With the help of 50,000 crazy fans, Harry Styles, Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Liam Payne and Louis Tomlinson made local history. Beating U2, Pink Floyd and The Rolling Stones, the "Where We Are" tour attracted the largest concert crowd the Sun Bowl has ever seen.

by [luisa herrera](#)

"If I had a chance to go on stage, I would cry, hug all of them, take photos and probably say it was my birthday, so they would sing 'Happy Birthday' to me."

-[gabriela pivetta-10](#)



"My mom wanted me to take my cousin, and I am glad I did. This was our first concert, and I am glad we were able to experience it together."

-[audrina rosales-streeter-10](#)



"My favorite song is probably 'Kiss You,' but I liked it when the concert got emotional, and they sang 'You & I.' It made me tear up."

-[marcela de la torre-9](#)

She couldn't stand it anymore. Sophomore Ryann Parham had some big news and had to tell someone. That someone would be her best friend. A week before, her father, a UTEP employee, told her that One Direction was coming to El Paso, but she had to keep it a secret.

"My friend started sobbing," Parham said. "All you could hear was, 'Mom, Mom! One Direction is coming to El Paso,' and her mom saying, 'Aye aye. You're lying, they aren't coming.' I had to get my dad on the phone and have him prove that they were. It was all really funny."

In November, the rumors were confirmed by the El Paso Times. The British boy band One Direction was performing at the Sun Bowl, Sept. 19. Tickets went on sale in December, almost 10 months before the concert. Like many fans, sophomore Alejandra Esquivel ordered her tickets the first day they went on sale. After waiting a month for them, they still had not arrived.

"I got worried and scared," Esquivel said. "Then, Christmas came and my mom said Santa had brought me a present. I screamed because I couldn't contain my excitement. Now that the tickets were in

my hands, I started learning their songs. My friend had an app on her phone that counted down the days. That's how excited we were. The day of the concert I wish I could have missed school to try and meet the guys, but I had a lot of tests."

The day of the concert the attendance office phones lit up. 46 students' parents called in sick for their kids, and another 49 left school early to prepare. Among those absent was junior Amanda Rosskopf. She arrived early, about 8, to the Sun Bowl and stood alongside other "Directioners" also hoping to catch a glimpse of Harry, Niall, Liam, Louis and Zayn.

"I started getting ready three hours before the concert," Rosskopf said. "The whole night had to be perfect. My once-in-a-lifetime dream was finally happening. I took hours straightening my hair and created two different shirts, one for 5 Seconds of Summer and the other for One Direction. When the first band finished, I ran to the restroom to change before anyone else got there. I didn't want to miss seeing One Direction take the stage. When the lights went off and the introductory video started playing, my heart just stopped. It was a dream come true. I wanted to cry."



"I did the poster the day before the concert. My friend helped me out. It didn't cost me much because I had all the crafts at home."

-[andrea mendoza-11](#)

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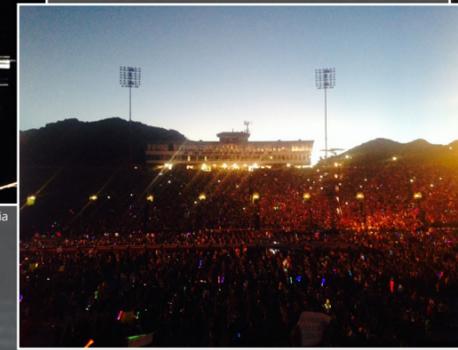
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