

2009 Lowcountry Invitational



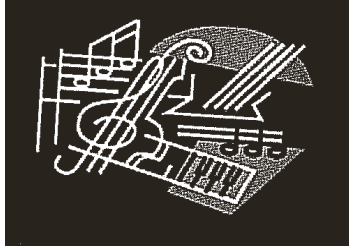
Marching Band Festival

Wando High School
Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

Saturday
October 3, 2009

The Wando High School Band Boosters are pleased to announce the
Annual Lowcountry Invitational Marching Band Festival

to be held at the Wando High School Stadium located on the old campus of Wando High School,
in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina on Saturday, October 3, 2009.



The 2009 Lowcountry Invitational Marching Band Festival is
exclusively run by the Wando Band Boosters.

ENTRY FEE AND DEADLINE

Performance order for the Lowcountry Invitational will be determined by postmark of all returned materials. This includes a registration form and a \$75.00 registration fee. Registration forms are available at www.wandobands.org or from the Wando High School Band Director. The registration Fee and application are due on or before Friday, August 28, 2009. After August 1, bands will be accepted on a space available basis. The host band director will select performance preferences for performance times within each class in the order in which registration fees are received.

BAND CLASSIFICATION

Class will be determined by the number of wind players in the band. Classifications are as follows:

Class A	less than 40 winds
Class AA	40 - 80 winds
Class AAA	81 - 100 winds
Class AAAA	101 and above

Directors may elect to register by hornline size or may register by their SCBDA classification (high school league designation).



AWARDS AND TROPHIES

First, Second and Third place trophies will be awarded in each classification. Trophies will also be awarded for Best Drumline, Best Drum Major, Best Colorguard and Best Hornline. The Grand Champion Trophy will be awarded to the ensemble with the highest total score, regardless of classification. The Wando High School Band will march in exhibition prior to the awards ceremony.

WARM-UP AND PERFORMANCE

Bands will be scheduled in fifteen minute performance slots. All bands should attempt to perform within a six to ten minute time span. There will be four warm-up areas for your convenience. Dressing rooms will be available on site.

JUDGING

Judges are selected from among the finest music and visual educators in the United States. Judges will evaluate performance in the following areas: Music, Marching, and General Effect. Additional judges will evaluate the drum major, colorguard, and drumline captions. Judges scheduled to evaluate in 2009 are Wayne Dillon (DCI and BOA judge), Todd Zimbleman (DCI and BOA judge), Curtis Costanza (DCI, WGI, and BOA judge), Kyle Miller (DCI and BOA judge), Frank Oddis (Morehead State University), and Michael Gray (DCI, WGI and BOA judge).

MISCELLANEOUS

Approximately one month prior to the Invitational, directors will receive a complete information packet. This packet will contain a master schedule, site maps, rules, and basic procedures for the contest. Passes for staff members and chaperones can be picked up at the check-in table which will be located at the front of the school. Concessions will be available and meals can be arranged prior to the event. All other information can be accessed via the band website.

If you have further questions, do not hesitate to get in touch with:



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Dear Friends;

We are pleased to invite you to perform at the 2009 Lowcountry Invitational Marching Band Festival. We take pride in offering a festival that is well run and based on the educational welfare of its participants. The goal for the entire event is to provide participating bands with a wealth of knowledge about their product and to offer a myriad of ideas as to how they can improve their performance.

We have hired some of the best evaluators in the business, who have come from a cross-section of experiences. We will continue to offer a post-performance critique (with some modifications) following the exhibition performance with the goal of having you walk away feeling that it was certainly a worthwhile experience to attend the event and that it was time well spent.

In addition to knowledgeable judges, we feel that we have one of the best stadiums anywhere for a Marching Event. The home side seats 6,000 and is really a great venue for "getting a good look" at your band's performance. As most of you know, we moved to a new campus five years ago, but our football games and Band Contests have remained at the old Wando stadium site.

For all of you who have participated in the past, we hope that you will return and also spread the word about the event. For those of you who are looking for a contest on October 3, we hope that you will consider joining us for this exceptional Marching Band experience

Sincerely,

Scott Rush
Director of Bands
Wando High School

Registration Form
Lowcountry Invitational Marching Festival

Band Name _____ School

School Address

School Phone _____ School Fax

Band Director(s)

E-mails(s)

Classification that you wish to enter in

Band Booster President for 2008 _____ E-mail

Band Booster President Address

Band Director Signature _____ Date ___ / ___ /

Principal's Signature _____ Date ___ / ___ /

Send Registration Form with **\$75.00 fee** to:

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Make Checks Payable To:

Wando Band Boosters

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