

# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Heart of Georgia

Marching Band Invitational

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McConnell Talbert Stadium

Warner Robins, Georgia

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## Philosophy

The Heart of Georgia Marching Band Invitational embraces the ideals of the highest standards of performance and creativity in music and visual design that has become what we refer to as the marching band activity. It is an opportunity for band members to perform for an appreciative crowd and to be appropriately rewarded for their excellence, hard work and dedication to this activity. It is also an opportunity for these same students to see, hear and appreciate the work of other band students whose performances may expose these young musicians to a wide variety of music and visual concepts.

## Order of Performance

In order to provide a quality competition the performance field shall be limited to 30 performances. These groups will be admitted on a first-come first-served basis. Bands will be scheduled within the appropriate classifications based on the number of WIND players in the group. Bands are allowed to enter above their classification, but not below. Bands will be scheduled in order of postmarked dates on the applications that arrive with the performance bonds and entrance fees. The earlier postmarks will perform later in the class. ALL applications MUST be accompanied by the appropriate fees and include the signature of the school principal. Performance order within class will be in reverse order of application receipt.

## Penalties

Bands will be allowed a total of 15 minutes of field time (including entrance, performance and exit). Penalties of 0.1 points for every 15 seconds will be assessed to contest bands exceeding their allotted time. An additional penalty of 0.5 points for every minute will be assessed for delay of performance. Disturbances in warm-up will have a penalty of 5 points.

## Units Judged

Band, Drum Major(s), Color Guard, Percussion, Majorettes, Dance Line / Drill Team. \* Majorette teams consisting of less than 3 will not be eligible for contest rankings.

## Adjudication

The Heart of Georgia Marching Band Invitational will strive to provide the best possible evaluation of each performing ensemble by utilizing the OLYMPIC system for the Festival and the CAPTION system for bands participating in the contest. There will be 2 adjudicators each for Visual Performance and Musical Performance, and 1 adjudicator each for Music Effect and Visual Effect.

Overall band score is the result of the combination of the music and visual score. The other areas of judging will have 1 adjudicator each for Drum Major(s), Color Guard, Percussion and Majorettes/Dance Line.

### Awards and Trophies

**Festival Format:** Trophies will be awarded to all participating bands. All units will receive trophies for Superior and Excellent rated performances. Sweeps trophies will also be awarded to each band that receives a Superior rating from ALL judges

**Contest Format:** All bands and their respective units will receive a division rating based upon the following scale:

- I - Superior: 85-100
- II - Excellent: 70-84.9
- III - Good: 55-69.9
- IV - Fair: 54.9 & Below

**Rating Awards:** All bands and auxiliary units will receive trophies for Superior and Excellent rated performances.

**Class Awards:** Band - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>; Percussion - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>; Majorettes (3 minimum) - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>; Dance Line/Drill Team - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>; Color Guard - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>; Drum Major(s) - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Best In Contest Awards (Regardless of Class):** Visual - 1<sup>st</sup> place; Overall Effect - 1<sup>st</sup>; Music - 1<sup>st</sup>; Percussion - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>; Drum Major(s) - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>; Majorettes (3 minimum) - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>; Dance Line/Drill Team - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>; Color Guard - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>; Band - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up and Grand Champions.

**Grand Champion:** The Heart of Georgia Marching Band Invitational GRAND CHAMPION trophy will be awarded to the band with the highest score (not including auxiliary scores) regardless of classification and each band member will receive a Grand Champion medallion.

**Packets containing comment sheets, tapes, etc. can be picked up at the trophy table immediately after the awards ceremony.**

**Contact Information:** Information is located at [www.wrhsband.net/hog](http://www.wrhsband.net/hog) . Should you have questions, please contact event Chair Patty Herb via email at [hildabuck@aol.com](mailto:hildabuck@aol.com) or call (478) 957-8634.



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## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

### FIRST AID:

The First Aid station is located in the Field House. There will be an emergency services vehicle just outside the fence around the stadium near the First Aid station. In addition, EMT personnel will be present at the emergency services vehicle at the warm-up areas South of the stadium, across the street. You may also obtain assistance by approaching any of the Heart of Georgia Staff who will be wearing red shirts. Staff members in red shirts with radios will be stationed throughout the stadium and warm-up areas.

### RESTROOMS:

Restrooms are available in Crossroads school for bands in the warm-up areas. At the stadium, men and women restrooms are available under both ends of the home and visitor stands. **Please note there are NO RESTROOMS at REGISTRATION.**

### BAND DIRECTORS/BUS DRIVERS RECEPTION:

The Band Directors Reception area will be under the awnings on the West end of the home stands on the South side of the stadium. The Bus Drivers Tent will be just past the Directors Reception Area.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

A number of people with portable radios will be positioned throughout the complex. They will be able to contact Mr. Todd Howell, Warner Robins High School Band Director and Ms. Patty Herb, Event Chair; the Press Booth (Judges Area); and First Aid.

### LOST AND FOUND:

Found Items will be taken to the Communications/Security Center located near the inner fence on the West side of the home stands. You may claim lost items there.

### EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION:

During the day of the event (October 24), you may contact Patty Herb, Event Chair, at (478)957-8634.

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The competition field will be the size and shape of a regulation football field with five and ten-yard lines, hash marks, and sidelines clearly marked. There is a fence enclosing the field, a regulation track inside the fence, and the bleachers are located outside the fence. **The press box is above the highest rows of seats on the south side of the field.**

2. Order of performance is determined by the on-line registration, postmark or fax date on completed application. Earliest on-line registration, postmark or fax date performs last in class, latest on-line registration, postmark and fax date performs first in class. All participating bands must perform in uniform.

3. The registration fee is \$75 per event. In addition to the registration fee, all bands must submit a \$500 performance bond. The performance bond should be submitted on a separate check which will be returned upon registration at the performance site. If registering on-line or by fax, the payments must be received within seven (7) calendar days of the on-line registration or fax date to retain the on-line registration or fax date as the registration date. Bands whose fees are not received within 7 days of registration may be moved to the beginning of their class or may be dropped from the event completely.

4. The Heart of Georgia Marching Band Invitational will strive to provide the best possible evaluation of each performing ensemble. The Festival will use the Olympic system of adjudication with the highest and lowest band scores being thrown out and the remaining scores being averaged to achieve the band's overall rating. The Contest will utilize the CAPTION JUDGING system. There will be two adjudicators for Visual and Musical Analysis: one adjudicator for Visual Effectiveness, one adjudicator for Music Effectiveness and one adjudicator each for Drum Major(s), Color Guard, Percussion, and Majorettes/Dance or Drill Team. Total Band scores will be derived by using the GMEA caption judging system whereby Music Performance (2 judges) shall be worth 40%, Visual Performance (2 judges) shall be 20%, Music Effect (1 judge shall be 20%, and Visual Effect (1 judge) shall be 20%. Any penalty Points will be subtracted from the final band score.

5. Bands are scheduled every 15 minutes. A group must enter field, set up, perform and leave the field in their allotted time. This includes any on-field

warm-ups. In the contest, there will be a penalty of .1 (one tenth) of a point assessed for each quarter minute (15 seconds) over this 15-minute time allotment. A one-half point per minute will be assessed. A 5 point penalty will be assessed for warm-up noise or playing which interferes with the competition.

Adjudicator's score sheets can be viewed on the GMEA website at:  
<http://www.gmea.org/Information/Band/Marching%20Contests/Judges%20Sheets/Caption%20Judging%20Forms%202009.pdf>

6. There will be assigned seats in the stadium for participating bands. Groups **MUST** sit in their assigned seating area.
7. No director, parent, or student from any participating band will be allowed in the press box. There will be a reserved section beneath the press box where video cameras may be set up. We will issue one video pass per band at registration unless the professional videographer provides a complimentary video to each participating band director. In that event, no band will be issued a video pass.
8. All band and auxiliary officers who will participate in the awards ceremony must be in full uniform. They will follow the directions for the retreat/awards ceremony. No other students will be allowed on the field during the ceremony.
9. GMEA/GHSA mandates 1 chaperone for every 10 students in the band. Heart of Georgia Invitational allows one additional chaperone over the minimum requirement plus equipment handlers to enter free. These passes will be issued at registration.
10. At the conclusion of the awards ceremony, all band members, parents, etc. who are not involved in the awards presentation must not enter the field area. The gates will be closed and guarded. Do not allow your students to climb the fence onto the field. This is not only for the safety of everyone but also to preserve the dignity of those students accepting trophies for their bands.
11. The Heart of Georgia Marching Band Invitational is registered with the Georgia Music Educators Association as a Contest (competitive) and Festival.