

The Wando High School Band Boosters are pleased to announce the

2016 Lowcountry Invitational Marching Band Festival

to be held on the campus of Charleston Southern University in North Charleston, SC on Saturday October 1, 2016.

The 2016 LCI Marching Band Festival is exclusively run by the Wando Band Boosters.

Dear Friends:

We are pleased to invite you to perform at the 2016 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 country, who have come from a cross-section of experiences. We will continue to offer a post-performance critique 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 are excited to be able to use the Charleston Southern Buccaneer Field for the first time this year. More detailed information regarding the stadium, parking, etc. is coming soon.

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 1st, we hope that you will consider joining us for this exceptional Marching Band experience.

Sincerely,

Bobby Lambert Director of Bands Wando High School Lanie Radecke Associate Director of Bands Wando High School Jeff Handel Associate Director of Bands Wando High School



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 non-refundable \$75.00 registration fee. Registration forms are available at <u>www.wandobands.org</u> or from the Wando High School Band Director. The registration Fee and application are due on or before Friday, August 21, 2015. After August 21, 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:

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

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

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 Highest Music Score. 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.

2016 JUDGING

Judges are selected from among the finest music and visual educators in the United States. Judges will evaluate performance in Music, Marching, and General Effect, along with additional judges that will evaluate marching technique, drum major, colorguard, and drumline captains.

Music General Effect: Nola Jones Music Ensemble: Freddie Martin Visual Ensemble: Michael Turner Visual General Effect: Michael Gray Color Guard: Tim Pierce Commentary: Bob Buckner

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 us!

Bobby Lambert: director@wandobands.org

Lanie Radecke: radecke@wandobands.org

Registration Form



Lowcountry Invitational Marching Festival

| Band Name | School | School | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|------|------|------|--|--|
| School Address | | | | | | | |
| City | State | Phone | | Fax | Fax | | |
| Band Director | 1 | Email | | | | | |
| Classification | 1A | 2A | 3A | 4A | 5A | | |
| Band Booster President for 2016 | Email | Email | | | | | |
| Band Booster President Physical Address | | | | | | | |
| Band Directors Signature | | | | Date | Date | | |
| Principal's Signature | | | Date | | | | |
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Registration/payment can be completed <u>online</u> or you can mail the registration form with non-refundable **\$75.00 fee** to:

Bobby Lambert, Director of Bands Wando High School 1000 Warrior Way Mount Pleasant, SC 29466

Make Checks Payable to Wando Band Boosters

HOW TO REACH US:

Phone: (843) 881-8257

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