

The Midland Valley Band Boosters are proud to announce the tenth annual Midland Valley Tournament of Bands, "The Mustang Classic," to be held on Saturday, September 22, 2007, at L.L. Willis Stadium at Midland Valley High School in Graniteville, SC.

BAND CLASSIFICATIONS

Class A - less than 40 winds Class AAA 57 to 70 winds
Class AA - 40 to 56 winds Class AAAA 71 winds & up

Bands may enter according to their number of wind players or their SC High School League classification (schools from other states may enter by school enrollment, grades 9 through 12). Due to the early date, there will be no minimum time limit for shows. The judges will judge what is on the field. Maximum length will be ten minutes. A class smaller than Class A may be created if a large amount of very small bands register. Classes may be altered to insure an equitable contest experience for all.

AWARDS

Trophies will be presented to each band receiving a Superior or an Excellent rating. First, Second, and Third place trophies will be presented in each class. Trophies will also be awarded for Best Horn Line, Best Percussion, Best Colorguard, and Best Drum Major in each class. This year we are proud to announce we will be offering 2 divisional champion awards with a cash prize of \$500. Div 1, 1A and 2A will be in our Orange Division and 3A and 4A will be in our Blue Division. A Grand Champion will be named for the contest, and a Spirit Award will be given to the band organization showing the most school spirit.

JUDGING FORMAT

Music Execution	40%
Visual Execution	30%
General Effect Music	15%
General Effect Visual	15%

The Mustang Classic will use SCBDA sheets for judging music, visual, and general effect categories. Single judges will cover each of these categories. Additional judges will evaluate percussion, band front, and drum major categories.

JUDGING PANEL

Our distinguished panel of judges has been assembled from the finest musicians and music educators throughout the Southeast, with experience in top bands and drum corps. Our judges will emphasize the positive aspects of what they are presented on the field, using constructive comments to help prepare for future contests.

REGISTRATION FEES AND DEADLINES

To help us prepare a valuable contest experience for your band, please register your group as soon as possible. **The registration fee is \$40.00. The last day to register is September 7.** Bands may register by mail, or they may go online to: www.midlandvalleyband.com to complete the application and equipment needs form. Bands are scheduled by the date their registration info is "received".

MISCELLANEOUS

All bands will receive audiocassettes of judge's comments and a videocassette of their band's performance. All registering bands will receive a packet containing performance times, rules, maps and other pertinent information. Passes will be provided to directors, staff, bus drivers, pit crew and chaperones (one per 8 band members).

FACILITIES

The Mustang Classic will be held at L.L. Willis Stadium at Midland Valley High School. The field is known as one of the best in the state, and the spectator seating area is excellent, seating 6500 spectators. Our two-story press box gives adjudicators a superb vantage point from which to evaluate your band's performance. Our grounds are undergoing major construction which should be finished by your arrival. Improvements include: paved roads to the stadium, improved parking, a new spectator gate, and expanded track around the field. Several large and separate warm-up areas are located around the school; the building itself will be available for dressing facilities and indoor warm-up, if necessary. Large paved and overflow parking areas are adjacent to the stadium.

LOCATION

Midland Valley High School is located just off of US Highway 1 between Aiken, SC, and Augusta, GA. The school is also easily accessible from I-20. We are approximately one hour from Columbia, SC. Several restaurants are located near the school, and a wide variety of foods will be readily available at our fine concession stands.

CONTEST HISTORY

The 1998 debut Mustang Classic was an outstanding success. This is due in large measure to our past experience in hosting state marching contests. Midland Valley has played host to the SC Lower State Championships several times in the past('91,'93,'95,'99-'06). Each time, our organization has received praise for putting on a superlative contest, crossing all the "t's" and dotting all the "i's" to make each contest a special day for the participating bands and directors.

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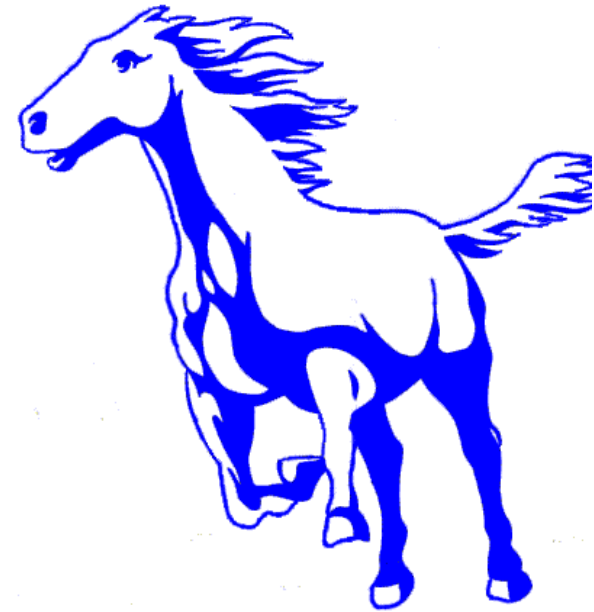
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