

# Midland Valley Tournament of Bands



*"The Mustang Classic"*

October 2, 2010

L.L. Willis Stadium

Midland Valley High School, Graniteville, SC

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Midland Valley High School Welcomes you and your band to the Thirteenth Annual Mustang Classic!

Any and all information regarding the contest can be accessed through:

<http://www.midlandvalleyband.com/mustangclassic2010.htm>

Enclosed in this packet you will find information covering most activities, procedures, and services available to our guest bands attending this year's Mustang Classic. A map indicating the recommended routes to get to Midland Valley High School is included, and available on our website. You may wish to share this map with your fans that will be attending the competition.

#### **Arrival Procedures:**

Upon arrival at Midland Valley High School, buses should stop at the registration/reception area. Parking will be assigned based on the number of buses and other vehicles specified on your registration form. Only band buses and accompanying equipment vehicles should enter this driveway. Cars and other personal vehicles should park in the designated spectator parking lots and should not enter the bus parking lot.

At the registration /reception area the following items will be collected if they have not been previously received. All forms must be returned to proceed to bus parking area.

#### **Enclosures:**

1. Press Box information sheet-This form must be completed before you can proceed to the bus parking area.

During the registration process, Greeters will be assigned to your band. This person will accompany you to your bus parking area and be available to answer any logistical questions you may have. He or she will escort band members to dressing areas, warm-up areas, to the field entrance for performance. This person is there solely for your needs, if you do not need a guide, please let them know upon arrival at registration.

#### **Bus Parking Lot:**

You will be assigned to a specific parking area for your buses and equipment vehicles. Using grills on school grounds is strictly prohibited. You are more than welcome, however, to serve pre-prepared meals in the parking lot or other suitable areas, but please be advised that open space in the bus parking lot area may be extremely limited. Parking on the band practice field is prohibited!

*Please note: For the safety of participating students and their equipment, the bus Parking Lot has been designated as a "Secured Area" with entry restricted to band buses and supporting equipment vehicles; participating band staff, students, chaperones, and bus drivers. In order to assist us in the protection of your band members and their property, we ask that all parents and fans not acting in one of the above mentioned capacities be notified in advance of this policy.*

### **Equipment Trucks:**

Equipment trucks/trailers may follow your buses into the bus parking lot. Please contact us immediately if you travel with a tractor trailer so we may set aside space for your trailer in advance!

No vehicle larger than a golf cart will be permitted on the field. If you have indicated that you will need assistance when you registered, our staff will be available with cart/trailer/driver and assist you in transporting your equipment, but loading and unloading of equipment is the responsibility of your band personnel. Security will be provided in equipment truck areas before and after your performance.

### **Chaperone Passes:**

Each band will receive chaperone badges at a rate of 1 per 8 students. Chaperone passes should be used by chaperones, pit crew, equipment crew, and bus drivers. **All cart drivers and non-performing personnel including field support and pit crew will need Chaperone Passes to enter the stadium.** If you need more passes than have been included in the director's packet, they may be purchased at the Reception Tent (\$7.00 each). *\*\*\* Note from the Director: Please understand we have had bands take advantage of this in the past. When we travel, we must purchase a certain amount of extra passes for ourselves. Please be prepared to do this if the number of chaperones/equipment personnel exceeds the ratio of 1 per 8 students.*

### **Especially for Directors:**

We will have a Director's Hospitality area where directors and staff can take a 'breather' and sample the goodies we have prepared especially for you. Signs will be posted inside the school to direct you to this area. PLEASE take advantage of this area.

### **Dressing Areas:**

Dressing rooms will be available for your use. Your guide will assist you to and from this area. Dressing rooms WILL BE CLOSED after the last band who needs them is dressed. They will be re-opened at the conclusion of awards. This is to insure the safety and security of the school building. **One of your chaperones or staff members must be in the dressing rooms with your band students at all times. No student will be permitted access to these rooms without a chaperone or staff member. It will be helpful if you line up your band into two lines – one for boys, and the other for girls.**

### **Student Whereabouts:**

Students are not to wander school grounds outside the stadium. Directors, please insure your students are either ALL in the stadium or ALL outside the stadium going as a group. If a few individuals must go back to the bus parking area, they **must** be chaperoned. Security will be on the lookout for wayward students.

### **Warm-Up, Gate, and Performance Times:**

A Warm-Up area will be assigned to bands based upon their scheduled warm-up & performance times. Your guide will show you to the appropriate area and lead you from this area to the band entrance to the stadium and field before your performance. Indoor warm up will be provided only in bad weather. All bands are asked to face away from the stadium during warm up. Please be considerate of other groups when sending your drumline off for a separate warm up.

### **Warm-Up, Gate, and Performance Times Continued:**

All bands are scheduled to perform in fifteen (15) minute intervals. Bands are requested to report to the gate at or before the gate time listed in the contest schedule. This will insure that the contest runs smoothly, and insure that you will have enough time to take care of those last minute problems. Penalties may be incurred for undue delay of the overall competition. A schedule has been included in this packet. Please do your part to adhere to this schedule. Of course, if you do not need to dress, then you will not need to plan that time in your day; however, it is recommended that you do allot some extra time to make sure you have everything you need, and are where you are supposed to be - when you're supposed to be there! The enclosed schedule should serve as a good estimate for timing purposes.

**\*\*\*YOU MUST BE ON THE FIELD WHEN YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THERE!!!!**

We will do our best to remind the director of the contest schedule, but the responsibility lies with the director!

There is a minimum time limit of 6 minutes. There is a maximum time limit of ten minutes. Timing begins at the first note, and ends with the drum major's salute. Bands may perform a brief on-field warm-up if desired. A ".1" deduction will occur for every 15 seconds a performance is over or under the limit.

### **Judging Format:**

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

### **Awards:**

Placement trophies will be presented in each class. Trophies will be awarded for Best Horn Line (high music score), Best Percussion, Best Colorguard, and the Best Drum Major in each class. This year we are proud to announce will be offering 2 divisional champion awards with a cash prize of \$500. 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.

### **Concessions:**

A full line of concession food items will be available in the stadium. Trash disposal areas will be conveniently located.

### **Tickets:**

General admission tickets will be \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. Ages 3 and under are free.

### **Seating of Bands:**

All bands are requested to sit on the visitor's side of the stadium to view competition, both before and after their performance. This will allow ample room for spectators. Please encourage your students to cheer tastefully for other performing groups.

### **Programs and Other Souvenirs:**

Souvenir programs for the event will be available in the stadium area at a nominal cost. One complimentary copy will be provided in each director's packet. T-shirts, pins, and various souvenirs will also be available for band member and spectator purchases.

### **Videos:**

A complimentary Hi-Cam DVD video of your band's performance will be provided to the director after the Awards Ceremony.

A Videographer Pass will be included in the Director's Packet to be picked up at registration of the day's event. This pass will allow one representative for each band access to the designated video taping area of the stands. *Note: the "Videographer Pass" is for access to the video area only. The videographer will need either a chaperone pass or a purchased ticket to enter the stadium.*

**Police and EMS:**

Police and EMS will be present to insure the safety and security of all students, spectators, and facilities.

**Instrument Emergencies:**

Pecknel Music will have a representative on-hand for those last minute instrument emergencies and needs.

**Fan Parking:**

There will be no parking fee at any of the spectator's lots around the school. These lots will be marked with signs along Mustang Drive. Handicapped parking is reserved right next to ticket booth beside stadium.

**Enjoy your day at the Midland Valley Tournament of Bands  
"Mustang Classic"!**

# **Directions to Midland Valley High School**

On your way to Midland Valley, there will be several signs along the road. Every now and then some signs tend to “disappear” due to theft, car accidents, etc....please follow these directions carefully, and I apologize in advance if there are any missing signs along the road!

## **Way One: I-20**

Take SC Exit 5 (U.S. Hwy 25). Go toward North Augusta. At the first red light past I-20, take a left onto Ascauga Lake Road (Hotel/Gas Station on Left) At the next light, bear right at the sign reading "Midland Valley High School" onto Sudlow Lake Road. Follow Sudlow Lake Road 3.4 mi. until you see another “Midland Valley” sign on your right. Turn right onto Mustang Drive. The school is just up Mustang Drive on the left. Spectator Parking will be first entrance by stadium. Bus entrance will be 5<sup>th</sup> entrance past the band practice field (observation tower/lights). If you miss the turn onto Mustang Drive, you will hit Hwy. 1. Just follow directions in way 2 to get back!

## **Way Two: Highway 1 (from Aiken)**

Follow Highway 1 South to Sudlow Lake Road (this is the first traffic light past Aiken Technical College) and turn right. Follow Sudlow Lake Road less than a mile to Mustang Drive and turn left. The school is just up Mustang Drive on the left. Spectator Parking will be first entrance by stadium. Bus entrance will be 5<sup>th</sup> entrance past the band practice field (observation tower/lights).

## **Way Three: Highway 1 (from Augusta)**

Enter SC on Hwy 1 N (Gordon Highway). Go to 7<sup>th</sup> traffic light (Citgo Gas Station on Left) Turn Left onto Duncan Rd. Take first right onto Mustang Drive, school is ahead on right. Spectator parking will be 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> entrance by stadium. Bus entrance will be 1<sup>st</sup> entrance you come to - next to the band practice field (observation tower/lights).

## **Way Four: Palmetto Parkway (Bobby Jones Expressway – Augusta)**

Take Bobby Jones Expressway into SC until it dead ends into Hwy 1. Take right, follow directions in **Way Three minus 1 traffic light.**

## **Way Five: From the coast and through Savannah River Site** (Your directions are a little tricky near the end)

Take US 278 to Allendale, stay straight, it becomes SC 125.

Take SC 125 out of Allendale, and all the way through SRS, Jackson, and Beech Island. (40mi.?)

About 3 miles past Beech Island, look for Hwy 1 North Signs.

You will bear off to the right. Take the first left. Then right at the light. This puts you on Hwy 1 North. Go to the 4<sup>th</sup> Light (3 mi) and turn Left onto Duncan Rd – Citgo Gas Station on Left. The first road on the right is Mustang Dr. Turn right, and the school will be ahead on your right. Please get with me if the directions are too vague!

# OFFICIAL PRESS BOX INFORMATION SHEET

**PLEASE PRINT AND RETURN TO REGISTRATION**

JOINING US FROM \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
(HOMETOWN) (STATE)

PLEASE WELCOME THE \_\_\_\_\_ HIGH SCHOOL  
(SCHOOL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF BAND) !!!

THE DIRECTORS ARE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

THE DRUM MAJOR(S) IS/ARE \_\_\_\_\_

THE BAND OFFICERS ARE:

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THE \_\_\_\_\_ MUSICAL SELECTIONS INCLUDE THE  
(NAME OF BAND)

FOLLOWING \_\_\_\_\_  
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WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT IN \_\_\_\_\_ COMPETITION  
(Division 1, Class 1A, Class 2A, Class 3A, Class 4A)

DRUM MAJOR(S) \_\_\_\_\_

& THE \_\_\_\_\_ HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ !!  
(SCHOOL) (NAME OF BAND)