

Vicksburg High School



“PRIDE” Marching Band

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August 15, 2007

Dear Colleague,

Please join us for the 5th Annual Red Carpet Invitational. It will be held at **Warren Central High School** in Vicksburg on **Saturday, October 13, 2007**. This contest is presented as a “Warm-up” for the State Championship and the scoring system will be the same. Bands will be evaluated in the areas of: Music Performance, Visual Performance, Music Effect, and Visual Effect. We will also evaluate the Percussion, Color Guard, and Drum Majors. **We have secured a Central States Judging Association Panel, and we will have the updated criteria-reference 2008 State Championship sheets** to provide your students the best evaluation possible as you progress to the State Championship Contest.

Whether or not your band is interested or qualifies for the championship, students and directors in any size program will learn a great deal under this “caption” adjudication system. “Festival” ratings (Superior, Excellent, etc.) for all units will be given (percussion, color guard, drum major), as well as trophies for each caption earning a “Superior with Distinction” rating. Additional awards will include Best in Class 1A – 5A; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd-place overall band, color guard, percussion, and drum major; and a “Sweepstakes” award. I will announce the judges as soon as they are available. We hope this panel will be one that truly emphasizes moving from your regional festival score to a higher level of excellence for future performances.

We will provide you with adequate parking, accessible warm-up areas, and a great performance area. We also offer directors and parents with the experience necessary to make your day a smooth one. We are working on having at least one Community College and one University band perform exhibition as well. The Vicksburg “Pride” Band Boosters will offer a full service concession stand in addition to meal plans for your entire band if needed. A video of your performance will be included in the contest entry fee of \$200.00. Please complete and return the enclosed entry form. We are requesting all responses be postmarked, faxed or e-mailed by **Friday, October 5th, 2007**. Best wishes for a smooth camp. We hope you will come out and play October 13!

Sincerely,

Terry Steed, Band Director

Red Carpet Invitational Marching Band Competition

Advance Meal Order Form

We are offering the opportunity for you to order a meal in advance for your students and staff. The purpose is simply to allow your band students a "full" meal without waiting in line at the concession stand. This meal will be delivered to your busses immediately after you return from your performance. You may either eat in the parking lot, or students can carry their food into the stadium. If you do not choose to order a meal, we will also have a concession stand open with a variety of items.

Meals will be available for \$5.00 each and will consist of the following:

- Hamburgers, chips, candy bar and soft drink
- OR**
- Fried chicken tenders, chips, candy bar and soft drink

of burger meals: _____

of chicken meals: _____
x\$5.00

Total: \$ _____

Please complete and submit this form and payment for meals by Friday, October 5, 2007 to:

Terry Steed
Vicksburg High School
3701 Drummond Street
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Please make checks payable to **Vicksburg Band Boosters**.

Red Carpet Invitational Entry Form

(This contest is sanctioned by the Mississippi High School Activities Association)

Name of School _____ City _____

Director/contact _____

School phone _____ Alternate phone _____

Fax _____ Director/contact e-mail _____

MHSAA Class _____

Number of winds _____ (to determine performance – school size/class will be used in adjudication)

Amount enclosed: entry fee (\$150) _____

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Red Carpet Invitational
Participating Band Registration and Biographical Information Form

Band Name:(as you want it printed/announced) _____

Band Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Director's Name: _____

Assistant Directors: _____

Other staff: _____

Band phone: _____ Director's home phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Fax number: _____

Principal: _____ Superintendent: _____

Drum Major(s): _____

Guard Captain(s): _____

Other Captain(s): _____

Repertoire:(please include titles, description, "themes", etc.) _____

School Classification: A AA AAA AAAA AAAAA

Total wind players: _____ Total of all performers: _____

(Do not count color-guard, percussion, or drum major)

Total of chaperones/staff: _____

Number of buses: _____ (Charter or School? Circle one)

Number of equipment trucks/trailers: _____

Will your buses be leaving anytime during the show? _____

Will you need a vehicle to help move your "pit" or other equipment? _____

Band Bio: brief history of school and/or band, recent honors, trips, etc. for program (use back if needed) Please attach a wallet-sized picture such as a "candid" for the contest program. _____

Director's Signature _____ Date: _____

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