



Cobra Band Festival

Industrial High School

Saturday, May 16, 2009

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IHS Cobra Band Boosters, Sponsors

Greetings from Industrial!

As promised, here is the information about the Festival. It will be on Saturday, May 16. We are really excited to bring this festival to you again. It is all about you and your kids being successful. Nothing gets kids more excited than success!

This Festival is designed to encourage your beginner or 2nd year band student. It is designed to make kids feel great about being in band.

The Festival will be in three phases:

Concert:

Bring your Beginning Band and play your concert selections. You can perform a minimum of 2 selections (of your choice, of course). Judges will be asked to make positive and constructive remarks. To reinforce what you are teaching in the classroom. This will not be rated like U.I.L.. Rating are designed to be encouraging. The trophies are big, and very attractive. Every band will receive a trophy..... Of course, some are bigger than others...

Sightreading:

This is optional. Should you choose to go for a SWEEPSTAKES Trophy, then you can sightread. There will be several selections in the sightreading folder. They will range from VERY easy to medium hard. YOU PICK the selection you feel your band will be successful on. The Judge will make positive and constructive remarks.

Solo & Ensemble:

This is where your band students will benefit personally. Students may prepare any solo they wish to. It can be a line from their book, a solo you have picked out.... Anything. Ensembles can range from duets to large ensembles.

Each judge will listen to your students, and then spend a little time talking to them. After they have critiqued them, they will be given their award by the judge. If they receive a division one, the judge will give your student a medal (a nice big holographic draped one, I might add). If the student just falls apart, or was unprepared, and they receive a division two, the judge will address it, and give them a division II ribbon for their efforts.

No child will leave empty handed. Every child rewarded for trying.

My experience with these sort of festivals has been very positive. Kids walk away feeling 10 feet tall. It gives them bragging rights, and really gets them excited about being in band. A good thing at the end of the year, I might add!

Enclosed are all the forms you will need to get to me before the deadline. The deadline for entries is April 10, 2007. I need nearly a month to get all the medals, ribbons and trophies ordered and delivered.

We hope you plan to attend our festival. If you are planning to come, please drop me an email to let me know. This will allow me to plan a little more before the deadline.

Sincerely,

Stephen Henry
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Cobra Band Festival Entry Form

Print this out and mail with your check

School Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Director: _____

EMAIL: _____

Number of Bands: _____ X \$275 = \$_____

Number of solos: _____ X \$7 = \$_____

Number of Ensemble students: _____ X \$7 = \$_____

Total \$_____

Have checks made out to: Industrial High School Band
P.O. Box 399
Vanderbilt, Texas 77991

Please indicate the level of the band(s) you will bring:

Band 1 Band's Name: _____ Beginner Intermediate

Band 2 Band's Name: _____ Beginner Intermediate

Band 3 Band's Name: _____ Beginner Intermediate

Championship Trophy

Points will be tallied up, and the band with the most points wins the overall Championship trophy!

Concert

Div I = 100 points

Div II = 50 points

Sightreading

Div I = 100 points

Div II = 50 points

Solo

Division 1 = 10 points each

Division II = 5 points each

Ensemble:

Division I = 50 points for each ensemble

Division II = 25 points for each ensemble