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Dear Band Director:

It is our pleasure to take this opportunity to officially invite you and your band to the 33rd annual *Blue Springs High School Invitational Marching Band Festival* as well as our *Indoor Percussion and Color Guard Festival* to be held on **Saturday, October 1, 2011**. All entry forms should be postmarked by **June 1st**. [Fees may follow in June]. Late entries will be accepted as space allows. Those schools who attended in 2010 will be guaranteed entry with registration postmarked by May 20th. **A confirmation letter will be mailed/e-mailed in June to all registered schools.** Please register immediately and do not put this off. As in past years, we are expecting to be beyond capacity again with many schools already confirmed. Those on the waiting list will be contacted in order of postmark or web-entry. Please visit the web site for additional information (www.goldenregiment.org).

Prelims/Finals Format

Artificial Field Turf!

***Newly Renovated
stadium for 2011!***

- Morning Grand Champion (1A-4A)
- High Score Prelims: 5A Band
- High Score Prelims: 6A Band
- Next 8 highest scores from 5A/6A Prelims

The day competition will conclude around 5:00 p.m. with finals beginning around 6:30 p.m. under the lights. All finalists participate in a full field retreat for the awards ceremony.

Sponsor: Blue Springs High School Golden Regiment Marching Band

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2011

Place: Blue Springs High School Football Stadium

Contest: Field Marching only (no street parade)

Adjudication: 8 judges from around the country will be used for band (in the box and on the field). 1-2 percussion judges for the indoor drumline competition and 1-2 color guard judges for the indoor color guard competition. All judges will use digital recorders and provide written comments designed to be positive and constructive.

Band Classification: Based on school size (6 classes).

Photo: Group photos will be available by Jolesch Photography.

Video: Max Stout Studios will be producing videos of the festival.

Weather: The artificial field turf will allow the festival to continue regardless of most weather conditions. In a worst case scenario, an indoor performance will be given in the Performing Arts Center or gymnasium.

Time limits: 15 minutes (including entrance and exit).

Exhibition Band: *TBA and Blue Springs High School* will perform in exhibition and will not compete.

Website: You may also obtain additional information and register on-line at: www.goldenregiment.org.

**Which class
to enter?**

This is basically a 2 show festival. The morning show is class 1A-4A with classes noted. The afternoon is open class with 5A/6A mixed as well as any interested 1A-4A schools electing to enter in 5A. Judges do not know your classification in the afternoon; however, classifications will be utilized for prelim awards. Night finals are all open class.

Awards (tentative)

- A. Trophies for first through fourth place awarded in each class.
- B. Morning Grand Champion (1A-4A) and Festival Grand Champion (finals)
- C. Outstanding Drum Major
- D. Outstanding Field Color Guard
- E. Outstanding Soloist (s)
- F. Outstanding Field Drumline
- G. Outstanding Visual Performance
- H. Outstanding Musical Performance
- I. Indoor Drumline and Indoor Auxiliary awards (from indoor competition)
- J. Finals Awards: All places recognized plus caption awards

Time-Table

The festival will begin around 8:30 a.m. with the 1A-4A awards occurring approximately at 12:00 noon. The 5A-6A competition will begin around 1:00 p.m. concluding with an awards ceremony and exhibition performances around 5:00 p.m. The drumline/color guard competition runs concurrently beginning around 9:00 a.m. and concluding around 3:00 p.m. Awards for all indoor drumline/color guard will all take place at approximately 3:30 p.m. in the gym. Field show finals will begin around 6:30 p.m.

Concessions

Pizza, sandwiches, snacks, drinks, etc. will be on sale by the Blue Springs Band Parent Volunteers. This is our major fund-raiser of the year and we encourage you and your students to support them as they spend a great deal of time organizing the festival.

Indoor Percussion and Color Guard Festival

We also offer an indoor percussion and color guard contest in the high school gymnasium. Each group will receive 10 minutes including entrance and exit. You may participate competitively or for critique only. Written comments and digital recording utilized. There will be 2 classes for the indoor drumline/color guard competition based on school size. **This is a stand and play competition [no drill, etc.].**

Thank you for your interest in the *Blue Springs High School Invitational Marching Band Festival*. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact us at anytime. Specific information, times, requests for program information, etc. will follow upon your band's acceptance to the festival.

We are looking forward to seeing you in October and hope you will join us at this great Kansas City tradition! Please direct questions to the staff listed below. Additional information/adjudication sheets and **information is** available at www.goldenregiment.org. [select marching invitational]. Have an enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

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