

VBODA MARCHING ASSESSMENT

William C. Berg, Chairman

VBODA will sponsor the 31st Annual MARCHING ASSESSMENT in October 2011. The event will be held at seven locations this year. Please fill out the enclosed application. Your group will not be registered until you turn in the \$175.00 entrance fee. DO NOT INCLUDE THE PARTICIPATION FEE OR FORM WITH THIS APPLICATION!

There is a 30-band maximum at each location. After the band allotment is reached, the site will be closed. On your application please put your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th site option. To accommodate schools taking the ACT test on the first weekend, there will be a line to mark if you request an early time (no students testing) or late time (students testing). The West Site must start at 1:00 P.M.; because of travel issues. For the southeast site on the second weekend, I'll be running a "double festival". To help south side schools that may have late Friday night games and have to travel, I'll have them go after the judge's lunch (hour break). I will place the "Peninsula" schools early. All other site bands will be registered on a "first come, first served basis". If you wait you may not get your first choice for site!

Dates and Locations

October 22nd, 2011

West Site (starting time will be 1:00 P.M.)

Pulaski County High School-Dublin

Host-Patrick Butler

Site Coordinator-Bill Berg

Central Site (starting time will be 10:00 A.M.)

Battlefield High School-Haymarket

Host-Matt Brodt

Site Coordinator-Dwight Leonard

Capital Site (starting time will be 10:00 A.M.)

Hermitage High School-Richmond

Host-John Sarvay

Site Coordinator-Jessica Isemann

October 29th, 2011

Northwest Site (starting time will be 9:00 A.M.)

Millbrook High School-Winchester

Host-Mike Ward

Site coordinator-Chris Hoovler

Northeast Site (starting time will be 9:00 A.M.)

West Springfield High School-Springfield

Host-Larry Einuis

Site Coordinator-Joe Tornello

East Site (starting time will be 9:00 A.M.)

Massaponax High School-Fredericksburg

Host-Corey Koch

Site Coordinator-Bill Berg

Southeast Site (starting time will be 9:00 A.M.)

Warhill High School-Williamsburg

Host-Jonathan Hargis

Site Coordinator-Dwight Leonard

Site Confirmation Once I receive and process your application, I'll send you an e-mail. For groups that have applications mailed from August 25th to September 2nd, I'll confirm on the 3rd. Cruising during that time!

Entry Fee and Application Due Date

The entry fee this year is still \$175.00 per school (judge's tapes and a video of your groups performance will be furnished). **PLEASE SEND CHECK MADE OUT TO: VBODA MARCHING ASSESSMENT** The enclosed **VBODA Marching Assessment Official Application** and copy of your **MENC** card must be postmarked by **September 9th, 2011** Any application postmarked after Sept. 9th **must include a \$100.00 late fee.** Applications postmarked after **September 16th, 2011** **will not be accepted!** Please do not put your group in a position to miss this assessment!

Performance Order and Class Sizes (Bands must march within their class. Please schedule your group at the proper site! Please stay at site nearest to you. East and southeast are too crowded! If testing is a conflict or you are going to the southeast site, mark appropriate box!)

Your group's performance order will be based on: TOTAL NUMBER OF PERFORMING MUSICIANS INVOLVED AT ANY ONE TIME DURING YOUR SHOW AND TRAVEL DISTANCE. This includes "drum lines and pits".

Classifications are as follows:

Class A 0-50
Class AA 51-70
Class AAA 71-95
Class AAAA 96-130
Class AAAAA 131+ Up

Adjudication

We are using "caption judging" again. Your ensemble will now be judged by: 3 music performance judges, 2 visual performance judges and 2 general effect judges. All seven scores will be included and then averaged to achieve the final rating (score sheets and tally form can be found at the VBODA.org website). A power point about the score sheet should be on the web site shortly.

Timing

You have **15 minutes** to run and complete your program. This includes **any** warm-up on or off the field. The timing will begin when the first person crosses the field boundary or the first note of an off the field warm-up. Any warm-up done within the performance area must be done to the backfield bleachers and **within the official field boundaries. Once a group performs the first note of a warm-up their 15 minutes will start! Minimum show length is 6 minutes.**

Rule Violations

Any violation of the festival rules will result in the overall rating being lowered. Timing penalties will result in the highest individual judge's rating being lowered one grade level.

Commonwealth of Virginia Honor Band

The VBODA Marching Assessment will continue to be the first step in achieving this honor. Bands receiving a superior rating in both marching and concert assessment will receive this designation.

Scheduling

No band will go out of class (except where noted!) The schedule for your site will be posted on the VBODA website under Marching Assessment. The schedule will also be e-mailed to you with final instructions (please make sure to include e-mail address on application). Host schools will have the option of where they march within their class due to their students assisting. Once the schedule is posted no changes will be made!

Mailing

This mailing is based on the directory on the CD, Wayne Powell's manual fee list, and the new schools list from the Virginia High School League. If you find anyone not receiving this mailout, please have them contact me. Thanks for working with me as we try to make things better for you. Hope everyone has a very successful year!

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