

APPLE FESTIVAL BAND COMPETITIONS

INFORMATION SHEET

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 2011

GRAND PARADE

SPONSORSHIPS: THE QUALITY CONNECTION, WITHERS BROADCASTING,
THE SOUTHERN ILLINOISAN, AND WSIL-TV

STARTING TIME: 11:00 AM.

ARRIVING IN MURPHYSBORO: Please note that we have modified the arrival route for Parade Bands. Please turn north on **18th Street** (just past Dairy Queen). If your band is NOT in uniform, pull into the grass/gravel lot on the right side of 18th St, just north of Pine St. If your band is ready, proceed on 18th St. It will turn to the left and become Logan St. Proceed to the west end of the Assembly Area, Longfellow Park (Logan and 21st St.). You will be greeted by a host who will show you to your warm-up area.

ASSEMBLY AREA: Upon your arrival to Longfellow Park, please check in at the information booth. Bands have been taking too long to unload at the park and creating unneeded conflicts for other bands. There are only 2 porta-potties/restrooms available. **IT WILL BE TO ALL BANDS ADVANTAGE TO ARRIVE IN UNIFORM.** Parade units should report to the assembly area by 10:30 a.m. The parade will start at 21st & Walnut and is one mile long. Please continue the tradition of parade excellence by playing frequently during the short parade route and not just in front of the judges.

CHAIRMAN: Nick Williams, Office (618) 684-3041, ext. 2224, Cell (618) 967-9150

PARADE ROUTE: Proceeds east on Walnut St. from 21st to 7th St. (15 blocks-approximately one mile). No turns!

JUDGING AREA: **NEW JUDGING AREA THIS YEAR! PLEASE NOTE: *Reviewing Stand is moving to NEAL TIRE; 16th and Walnut, North Side of Street.*** Judges Assistants will be present to instruct you, and there will be signs advising you that you are entering the judging area. Routines must be performed in a forward motion only. Bands are **NOT** permitted to stop unless there is an unavoidable pause in the parade. Should you miss playing in front of the judges, you may not regroup for a redo. We frequently have large gaps between units. Any efforts made by the bands to reduce the space will be greatly appreciated.

TAPES: At the request of the judges, we will not provide tapes for the parade. I have asked them to provide plenty of written comments to justify their score.

AWARDS: Presentation of parade awards will be at approximately 2:30 PM at the high school football stadium; Doc Bencini Field. ***This time could change depending on the parade length.*** Awards will be presented for PARADE ONLY bands. Bands participating in Drums at Appletime will receive their awards for the parade at the conclusion of the field show competition.

FOOD: Outstanding concessions will be available. A menu has been included in your packet. **Lunches may be pre-ordered for your band and will be ready when you are.** If you want to take advantage of our pre-order lunch program, please contact our Concession Chair, Scott Cutler, at (618) 534-5390.

**By participating in the Grand Parade, participants agree that the Murphysboro Apple Festival, Murphysboro Chamber of Commerce, and the Murphysboro High School and all of its employees and volunteers shall not be liable to the participant or to the third persons for personal injuries resulting from wither the use of its facilities, participation in the event, acts by other participants or spectators, or the presence of the participant's equipment on the premises.*

DRUMS AT APPLETIME 2011

SPONSORSHIPS: WPSD NEWSCHANNEL 6, CWI OF ILLINOIS

TIME: Gates open at 3:30 PM, Doc Bencini Field, Murphysboro H.S. Introductions and National Anthem will take place at 4:15 PM. Competition begins at 4:30 PM

CHAIRMAN: Nick Williams, **School: (618) 684-3041, ext. 2224, Cell (618) 967-9150, Email: nwilliams@mhs.org.** Please feel free to contact me should you have ANY questions regarding the event.

ARRIVAL: **Please keep your students on the bus until our greeters have met them and stamped their hands.** Please report to the check-in table to pick up your final information. You will receive one complimentary ticket for each staff-member and one complimentary ticket per support vehicle/bus at this time.

CHANGING AREA: If your students need to change into their uniforms, they may do so in the stadium restrooms. **Murphysboro High School will be accessible ONLY to directors and staff members.** Students will **NOT** be allowed inside the high school to change. Please help with this, we did have a few issues last year, thank you!

RESTROOMS: Restroom facilities are located at the Doc Bencini Field Stadium, and various porta-potties located on the stadium grounds.

WATER: Water refills for jugs will be provided; ice will be available for purchase. **Bands however MUST provide their own water, jugs, and cups.**

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EMS: Both police and ambulance units will be on the grounds in case of an emergency. Please take note of where each are located upon your arrival.

TICKET POLICY: Only those individuals holding a valid ticket will be allowed to sit on the front sideline stadium seats. Students may sit in the back sideline bleachers, or purchase a ticket if they wish to sit on the front sideline. Please ask your students not to stand in front of the stadium seats. Adult admission tickets are \$7.00, student admission (6-12) is \$4.00, with 5 and under free.

TIMES: All times are final for DRUMS AT APPLETIME 2011. Times have been assigned based upon the placement of the top three bands in each class from DRUMS AT APPLETIME 2010. All other schools were put into a lottery and names were drawn to determine the remainder of the performance order.

WARM-UP: If your warm-up area is vacated earlier than the time assigned, feel free to begin your warm-ups. Please have your band play facing away from the stadium. ***Bands/percussion batteries warming up next to the stadium will be assessed a two (2.0) point penalty by the Competition Coordinator.***

READY GATE: **Please be at the entry gate by your assigned time.** You certainly may report earlier if you are uncomfortable with having only five minutes time between gate arrival and performance times. ***Failure to report as scheduled will result in a two (2.0) point penalty for each minute late. The goal of the Competition Coordinator is NOT to penalize bands, but to keep the contest running on schedule.***

FEEDBACK FROM JUDGES: **Judges' comments will be available via a digital recording.** We are planning to have all comments placed on a webpage that will be made for your band before Drums. After the competition, our tech chair will be placing all comments for you on your designated webpage. This is different than last year, however it will allow you to download comments on your school or home computer. You will be given the link to your webpage when you check in. **If you have any questions or concerns about this new change, please contact me.**

BEING BROUGHT BACK THIS YEAR! At the end of each band's performance, a clinic will be given by one of our "Overall Effect" judges. Bands will be escorted by their guides to the clinician area after their performance, where comments will be given by the clinician. Please feel free to talk with me after your band's clinic. This is still a new aspect to Drums, and we would like any feedback that we can get.

HOSPITALITY SUITE: You and your staff may access the hospitality room, located in the high school, at any time during the performance. There will be GREAT complimentary food and beverages for all staff, so please join us and relax. Please enter from the rear of the building. **REMEMBER: DIRECTORS, STAFF, AND BUS DRIVERS ONLY!** We will give you a "special stamp" to enter the hospitality room. Only these individuals stated previously will receive the stamps.

RETREAT: Drum majors only. Drum majors should meet Nick Williams at the band entry gate when announced.

CRITIQUE: You and your staff are encouraged to participate in the Advice & Review session immediately following the Awards ceremony. You will have five minutes with each judge for discussion. Critique will be located in the Hospitality Area (Home Ec. Classroom). This area is for Directors, Staff, and Judges. Please do not invite favorite students, parents, etc. The entrance is shown on the attached map.

DRUMS AT APPLETIME PROGRAMS/T-SHIRTS/AIRGRAMS: As with years past, programs and band airgrams will be available for purchase, along with Drums at Appletime T-shirts.

NOTE: THERE IS A LIMIT ON BAND AIRGRAMS THIS YEAR. ALL BANDS ARE LIMITED TO 10 AIRGRAMS FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE!

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EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT

Nick Williams – (618) 967 – 9150