

Boiling Springs High School

BULLDOG BAND

2010 COMPETITION INFORMATION BOOKLET

Sept 25th
Boiling Springs Festival of Bands

Our band will not be competing but WILL be performing an exhibition @ 9:15 pm

We have 26 bands scheduled; there are no preliminaries for this competition. This is one of the largest band competitions in South Carolina so we absolutely need YOUR help volunteering as it is one of our largest fundraisers. All volunteers will receive a wristband which gains them free admission. Those not volunteering will be expected to pay \$8 at the ticket gate for adults and \$5 for students ages 7-17. More information is available @ www.bandevents.org (this is our website promoting competitions that we host).

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October 9th

Olde English Festival of Bands, Northwestern/Rock Hill Schools, District Three Stadium, (Rock Hill, SC)

This will be our only local competition of the season and we are expecting 18 bands to compete. We will be taking school buses on this trip; any parents riding school buses will have to be district approved chaperones (with chaperone forms and \$25 SLED check fee turned in). We will be leaving mid-morning and returning late the same day. As of now the schedule has not been officially announced but our time for prelims should be mid to late afternoon.

This competition, as are all that we will be competing in, is a preliminary and finals format. We must be one of the top scoring bands in preliminaries to advance to finals. If we make finals, the performance times for finals will be selected and announced immediately after preliminary awards. There will be a supper break between preliminaries and finals. We will not be providing meals on this trip so your student needs to be prepared to pay for a meal at a food court on the way to Rock Hill and also to purchase a meal at the competition site after preliminaries.

We have competed in the “Olde English” twice before taking 2nd place in our class during preliminaries both times, and taking first place in finals once and second place once, so it is reasonable to assume that we are likely to make finals.

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October 16th

Western Carolina University Tournament of Champions, Cullowhee, NC

This is a prelims/finals format competition which will have some of the best bands from several states. The Western Carolina University of Champions is one of the most prestigious competitions in the southeast and typically has bands from four or five states. Our preliminary performance time is 3:30 PM. If we make finals, the performance times will be selected and announced after preliminary awards. There will be a supper break between preliminaries and finals. We will be providing one meal, between prelims and finals, so your student needs to be prepared to pay for a meal on the way to the competition.

After finals, all bands participating in finals will be in an “Olympic” style retreat with each of the finalist bands on the field for awards.

Ticket prices have not been announced but will be in the neighborhood of \$10-\$14 for preliminaries and \$10-\$14 for finals. If you purchase tickets for prelims and finals at the same time they do offer a substantial discount - we are recommending that you take advantage of this discount as we are likely to make finals.

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October 23rd

Upper state 2A/4A, Boiling Springs High School

This is an official SCBDA sanctioned event, the top placing band in both classes will be designated as the Upper state Champion for their class. The top placing bands in each class will also qualify to compete in the State Championship. It is likely to be the largest competition in South Carolina. There will be quite a few outstanding bands performing at this competition. This is essentially the preliminaries for 2A and 4A bands

and the winner of each division will be the Upper State Champion for their division.

For SCBDA competitions we are 5A and not 4A so we do not compete at this event. 5A is the same as the "Big 16" in athletic events. At this point our students are not scheduled to perform, although our Jr. High students will be performing for the opening ceremony.

We absolutely need YOUR help volunteering to run this competition as it is one of our largest fundraisers. All volunteers will receive a wristband which gains them free admission. Tickets for those not volunteering will be available at our ticket booths and prices are set by the SCBDA (to be announced).

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October 30th

BOA Regional Championship in Atlanta, GA, Georgia Dome (Atlanta, GA)

This competition is one of the most prestigious competitions held in the southeast and this year will have some of the best bands from 13 states competing. This is a prelims/finals format competition and is held within one of the largest professional football domes in the country.

Due to our home football game obligation on Fri. the 29th, this competition will be a day trip leaving early Saturday morning and returning late Saturday night (possibly past midnight). **Band Staff will chaperone this trip since it is a charter bus trip.** There will be band staff supervising the students on each of the buses. If you are concerned about chaperoning your student, it is recommended that you attend the competition so that you can be available to supervise your student between performances (most of the time your student will be warming up or practicing or in queue to perform. We will be providing one meal between prelims and finals, so your student needs to be prepared to pay for a meal on the way to the competition.

Since we do not know if we will make finals or not we will not be able to project a return time until after the preliminary awards ceremony. Our prelims time slot has not yet been announced but we are expecting a performance time around noon or possibly a little later.

The highest scoring 12 bands regardless of class will advance to finals. If each class is not represented by at least one top 12 scoring band, then the top scoring band from that class will perform in finals as an exhibition. After finals, all bands participating in finals will be in an "Olympic" style retreat with each of the finalist bands on the field for awards.

You may purchase tickets for the prelims and finals separately or as a "combo" pass at a discounted rate. The booster club will be drawing for two finals free tickets to the Atlanta BOA at the October booster club meeting. The booster club will also be offering a limited number of Finals tickets for \$15 each - you will be able to purchase these tickets at the October booster club meeting. Every supporter planning on attending will have to purchase separate tickets for the preliminaries, these will be available at the gate for \$19 each. You are highly encouraged to attend this competition as our band needs your audience support.

Ticket Prices:

Saturday Prelims Only (GA) \$19

Finals Only (GA) \$23

Finals Only (Reserved) \$28

Day Pass (Prelims GA & Finals GA) \$34

Deluxe Day Pass (Prelims General Admission & Finals Reserved) \$39

In the past we have not made finals, although we have a very good chance this year. After the Western Carolina competition we should be able to better gauge the likelihood of making finals. Last year one South Carolina band made finals while several other top South Carolina bands did not- so there is definitely no guarantee that we will or will not make finals. Since scoring system at BOA events differs slightly from SCBDA events it is possible that one or more SC bands may place higher than us at Atlanta, but for us to place higher than them the next week at the SC 5A Upper state and State Championships (or vice versa).



November 6th

South Carolina Class 5A State Championships, Irmo SC

With a smaller number of schools competing in the 5A class than 1A through 4A classes, the preliminaries for the State Championship (which is also our Upper state Championship) and the State Championship are both held on the same day.

At the awards ceremony for Prelims/Upper state, only the Upper state and Lower State Champions will be announced along with the top 8 bands (regardless of Upper state or Lower state standing) which will advance to finals. We have won the Upper state Championship two of the last three years so it is likely that we will make finals.

We will leave early Saturday morning and will return very late Saturday night. We will be performing at 12:45pm for the prelims. Preliminary awards ceremony will be held at 4:15pm.

If we make finals, the performance times will be selected and announced immediately after preliminary awards. There will be a supper break between preliminaries and finals. We will be providing a lunch meal on this trip; however your student needs to be prepared to pay for a meal at the competition site after preliminaries (\$10-\$15 total).

The same ticket (hand stamp) that gets you into preliminaries also is valid for finals. Tickets are all general admission so please plan to come early to get a good seat. Since we will be performing fairly early, we will try to get seats as close to the 50 yard line as possible and as high up in the stands as we feel capable of climbing.

The four highest scoring bands from preliminaries will draw for the last four spots in finals, and the next four highest scoring bands from preliminaries will draw for the first four spots in finals. While having one of those last four positions is very desirable, it is possible for a band that did not place in the four highest during preliminaries to place in the top four during finals (happened in 2007). In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by the highest "general effect" score.

bands from each of the four classes should they not already be among the bands selected.

If we make semi-finals we will perform again in the morning or afternoon on Saturday. The highest 22 scoring bands from prelims will participate in a random draw for the 22 performance slots in the middle of semi-finals (positions 5 through 26). The remaining eight semifinalists will participate in a random draw for performance spots 1-4 and 27-30. In the event that semifinals shall have more than 30 bands due to selection based on classes, the "extra" bands will draw for slots to be performed prior to the 30.

If we score in the top 12 bands in semifinals we will advance to Saturday evening's finals competition, afterwards there will be a full retreat awards ceremony.

You are highly encouraged to attend this competition as our band needs your audience support. You may purchase tickets for the prelims and finals separately or as a "combo" pass at a discounted rate. The booster club will be drawing for two tickets to the Grand Nationals at the October booster club meeting. The booster club will also be offering a limited number of tickets (we are waiting on BOA to make a determination of what tickets will be available) - you should be able to purchase these tickets at the October booster club meeting. Tickets will also be available on the days of the competition at the ticket booth:

BOA Grand Nationals Ticket Prices:

Fri: Prelims – \$20 (All Tickets are General Admission)

Saturday: Semi-Finals General Admission – \$35 or Semi-Finals

Reserved – \$50

Finals Super Ticket – \$65 or Finals Premium Tickets – \$51 or Finals Value Seating – \$35 or Finals Economy Seating – \$24 or Finals Deep Discount Seating – \$12

Since we will have no meal preparation facilities, your student will need to be prepared to pay for several meals. We are arranging for breakfast to be served to our students Friday, Saturday and possibly Sunday morning at no cost to the student. Your student should be prepared to pay for as many as 8 meals and many students may also

choose to purchase event shirts, snacks and souvenirs. Your student will likely spend a minimum of \$50 and possibly as much as \$100 on this trip.

We will be leaving early on the Thursday before our Friday performance. We are trying to secure a rehearsal location to stop and practice on the way near Cincinnati. We have rented an entire hotel (Microtel Inn) that is only a few miles from Lucas Oil Stadium where we will be performing in competition. The hotel will only be occupied by our band and be closed to the public for the duration of our stay in Indianapolis. We are hiring security guards for all three nights of our stay. Our young men will be occupying the third floor of the hotel and our young ladies the bottom two floors. Several of our parents have stayed at that Microtel Inn and found the hotel to be clean and fairly new.

While a few rooms will be available for approved chaperones on each floor, most of the parents who plan on attending will need to make other accommodations due to the fact that this hotel is only so large. For your convenience we have made arrangements with the Days Inn that is directly adjacent to the Microtel and shares the same parking lot. You do not have to be an approved chaperone to stay in the Days Inn. Of course you are welcome to stay anywhere you like, the last time we attended Nationals we had several parents to stay at the more upscale (and pricey) hotels surrounding Lucas Oil Stadium. We have reserved the Microtel for three nights, it may be possible that the band does not stay all three nights (depending on competition results), but we will be paying for all three nights regardless. If you choose to stay at the Days Inn you will have the choice of staying one, two, or three nights since you will be paying by the night.

There will have no seating available on the charter buses for parent-chaperones other than the band staff. There will be band staff on each of the buses to supervise the students. We explored the possibility of renting an additional charter bus but found that there was not enough interest in it to make it financially viable. We highly encourage supporters to attend this competition; the last time we went to Nationals we had around 80 supporters to attend. Many parents will be driving their own vehicles; if you do not feel comfortable with taking

your own vehicle then you may want to carpool with someone else. If you would like to get a group together and share the cost of a passenger van you are welcome to do that.

If you choose to stay at the students Microtel Inn (**remember you have to be a district approved chaperone AND MUST BE SLED CHECKED • \$25.00 FEE**) you will need to contact one of the booster club officers to let them know. Again, we only have a few rooms available in the Microtel so we need to know immediately. These rooms will assign on a “first to pay” basis and *you will be paying the booster club directly.*

Booster contact: Donna Donnelly (864) 431-5732

The cost for staying at the Microtel is:

Room with one bed: \$150 (total for the three night stay, inclusive of sales tax)

Room with two beds: \$180 (total for the three night stay, inclusive of sales tax)

The address for the Microtel is:

Microtel Inn & Suites Indianapolis/North/Near the Pyramids
9140 North Michigan Road
Indianapolis, IN 46268 US

If you choose to stay in the Days Inn you need to call directly to the Days Inn to reserve your room - making sure that you tell them that you are with the Boiling Springs Band group so you can receive the group rate which we have negotiated with them. The special negotiated group rate for staying at the adjacent Days Inn is one bed or two beds: \$46.74 per night plus 17% tax.

The address/phone for the Days Inn is:

Days Inn and Suites Indianapolis Northwest
3910 Payne Branch Road
Indianapolis, Indiana 46268
(317) 875-5656
Fax (317) 713-0362

2010 BOA Grand Nationals Tentative Schedule

Thursday November 11, 2010

8:00 AM	Arrival/Load Buses
11:45 AM	Lunch- Food Court
6 PM	Dinner- Food Court
	Rehearsal stop--TBA
8:00 PM	Arrive at Hotel

Friday November 12, 2010

6-8 AM	Wake up and Continental Breakfast at Hotel
8:30 AM	Call time on buses for Lucas Oil Stadium
9:30 AM	Arrive Lucas Oil Stadium
11:00 AM	Perform in Preliminary Competition
12:15 PM	Load Buses and depart for hotel change at hotel
1:30 PM	Lunch at local mall food court- free time at mall
4:00 PM	Load Buses and Return to Lucas Oil Stadium
	Watch Bands- eat dinner at stadium (bring \$)
8:30 PM	Awards
9:15 PM	Load Buses for Hotel
9:45 PM	Return time
11:00 PM	Lights out

Saturday November 13, 2010

TAB	Perform in Semi-Finals in morning or watch bands
	Lunch at Stadium (Need \$\$)
5:00 PM	Awards
5:30 PM	Load bus if we don't make finals.
TBA	Food court dinner TBA

Sunday November 14, 2010

TBA	Arrive at Boiling Springs TBA
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Please understand that there are over 200 students on the band trip and the staff is in charge of this group while on this trip. Please do not ask for students to leave with you and return later. Please do not drive between or get in the way of band buses on any band trips.

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