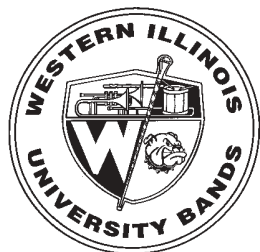




We like to keep in touch with high school band directors and keep them informed of events at **Western Illinois University** for their educational benefit as well as their students. Please assist us in maintaining an up-to-date and accurate mailing list. Even though you may not be able to participate in our upcoming *Marching Band Classic*, *Showcase of Bands*, and *Jazz Festival*, we will appreciate your advising if you are the returning band director at the school to which this has been mailed, if you were just recently employed at this school and/or where you may have taught just preceding current employment, and if known, the name of the individual who may have replaced you at your former school. Also, indicate if you may also be the orchestra director or choral director and, if not, the names of those individuals who may be orchestra and choral directors. *THANK YOU!*





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March 16, 2009

Dear Director:

We are pleased to announce that the **28th ANNUAL MARCHING BAND CLASSIC** at Western Illinois University will be held on **Saturday, October 10, 2009.**

As in the past, it will be a two-division championship format. There will be a grand champion award in the small school division (Classes A and AA) and a grand champion award in the large school division (Classes AAA and AAAA). The top three bands in each class will also be awarded trophies. In each division, trophies will be presented to the best drum major(s), percussion, winds, and auxiliaries.

In addition, we will have an open class where bands can perform for judges' comments only. These bands will receive a participation trophy and helpful comments from outstanding adjudicators.

The enclosed information should answer most of your questions. However, if you have further inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the telephone number or e-mail address given below.

A schedule of our band events (on-campus concerts, marching band performances, and special events) for Fall 2009 through Spring 2010 is enclosed. For further information, please call or check our web site (www.wiu.edu/bands). We urge you to give your students an opportunity to participate in some very enriching musical experiences at Western Illinois University.

We look forward to having your fine band with us for the 28th Annual WIU Marching Band Classic!

Sincerely,

Douglas L. Phillips, Associate Director of Bands
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28th Annual Marching Band Classic Western Illinois University October 10, 2009

ENTRY: For competitive bands, there will be TWO DIVISIONS and FOUR CLASSIFICATIONS. Classifications are based on school enrollment at the 9-12 level as of October 10, 2009. The classifications are as follows:

Division I	Class A	Up to 300 students
	Class AA	301 to 600 students
Division II	Class AAA	601 to 1000 students
	Class AAAA	1001 students and up

A band may enter a higher class than their enrollment dictates. However, this is strictly optional. Please be sure to indicate this on your entry form.

For non-competitive bands, we will have ONE OPEN CLASS for judges' comments only. The order of performance will be based on band size.

ENTRY FEE: The entry fee for our contest is \$180.00. This fee will be used to provide trophies and awards, as well as assist in the payment of adjudicators. This fee **must accompany** your application. We will have a cap of 20 bands this year. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

ADJUDICATORS: As always, we make an effort to hire the most qualified individuals available. Our judging panel is a veritable "who's who" of our activity. If you wish to make inquiry, a list of judges will be available upon request by the end of June, 2009.

AWARDS: Awards will be given as follows:

Division I	Class A	1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place
	Class AA	1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place
Division II	Class AAA	1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place
	Class AAAA	1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place

There will also be a GRAND CHAMPION in each division based on the highest score of the day. ALL bands not receiving a placement trophy (including Open Class) will receive a participation award, and the judges will select the best percussion section, drum major, color guard, and winds in each competitive division.

SCHEDULE: The final performance schedule is dependent upon the number of entries. Presently, we plan to begin the competition at either 2:00 or 3:00 p.m., depending upon the number of entries, and will end at approximately 8-9:00 p.m. with a performance by the WIU Marching Leathernecks and the awards presentation. When the deadline for entries is past, we will send the final mailing with the practice field assignments, flow chart, competition schedule, and other particulars regarding the event.

WARM-UP: The University is capable of supplying warm-up facilities on a limited basis. We anticipate the availability of two warm-up fields. Each band will have the opportunity to warm-up prior to their performance. We do ask, though, that you limit your warm-up time to one-half hour. This is to enable all of the groups an equal opportunity to utilize this option.

IN CASE OF RAIN: Our alternate competition site will be Western Hall, the University's field house. If the contest must be held inside, only the music captions will be judged. Decision to hold the contest indoors will be made by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the contest.

TICKETS: The tickets for this event will not be sold in advance. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Admission prices will be \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students, and all children under five will be admitted free. Tickets are good for the entire contest regardless of division. ALL seating is general admission. All units will receive one chaperone pass for every ten members of the band. *Please do not abuse this privilege.*

PARKING: Bus and auto parking is located just north of the stadium, which is designated as "Q-Lot." There is plenty of space available, so encourage your band patrons and community to attend. We will have a separate parking lot for trucks hauling pit equipment.

MEALS: There are a large number of fast food establishments in the city of Macomb. In addition, our University Student Union is equipped to handle large groups, and the concession stand at Hanson Field will open. All of these will be notified that we are hosting this festival and will be ready to serve the needs of you and your group.

HOUSING: The University is equipped to handle some housing requests. Inquiries should be directed to: University Bands, Western Illinois University, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455
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E-Mail: DL-Phillips2@wiu.edu

2009-10 Band Events at Western Illinois University

Please mark these dates on your calendar!

28th ANNUAL WIU MARCHING BAND CLASSIC

Saturday, October 10, 2009, Hanson Field

37th ANNUAL WIU JAZZ FESTIVAL

Thursday-Saturday, February 18-20, 2010

Jam Session on Thurs., February 18th • Arranged clinics and WIU Jazz Studio Orchestra concert featuring a top-notch guest artist (TBA) on Friday, February 19th •

High School & Junior High School Bands competition on Saturday, February 20th

Watch for our future announcements of this event.

HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASE OF BANDS

Friday-Saturday, February 26-27, 2010

Featured will be three Showcase Bands (by invitation) and an Honor Band (students nominated by their directors).

Guest conductors for the Showcase Bands and the Honor Band TBA.

Nominate your band students to participate in a musical experience that will be musically enriching and a benefit to your program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us:

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E-Mail: MJ-Fansler@wiu.edu (Showcase of Bands/Honor Band), DL-Phillips2@wiu.edu (Marching Band Classic), or JB-Cooper@wiu.edu (Jazz Festival)