

December 8, 2017

Congratulations! Based on your application and your director's recommendation, you have been selected as a participant in the Ninth Annual Auburn University Middle School Honor Band Festival. The Festival is sponsored by the Auburn University Bands and the Department of Music and will be held on the Auburn campus the weekend of February 1-3, 2018. The Festival will consist of three bands, one Symphonic and two Concert, which will be conducted by Michele Gaspardo (Director of Bands, Woodland Middle School), Josh Lynch (Director of Bands, Robert F. Bumpus Middle School), and Josh Wine (Director of Bands, Auburn Junior High School). We are very excited to announce that our guest conductor and clinician will be composer Matt Conaway.

In order for you to participate in the Festival, we must receive your festival fee of \$65.00 by Wednesday, December 13, 2017. If we have not received your payment by December 13th, we will assume that you do not wish to participate in the Festival and another student will be chosen as a replacement. Payment can either be mailed to the AU Band Office (132 Goodwin Music Building, Auburn, AL 36849) or paid online on our website (band.auburn.edu).

Release Form/Medical information: The Honor Band Release Form can be found online on our website under the Middle School Honor Band page (band.auburn.edu). **It is to be completed, signed by your parent or guardian, and mailed to the AU Band Office (132 Goodwin Music Building, Auburn, AL 36849) along with your final registration payment to the band office by Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Release forms can also be emailed to us at auhb@auburn.edu.** Parents will be informed of any emergency medical condition which occurs and will be responsible for all medical expenses incurred. Students with special medical needs or problems should provide the Auburn University Band staff with a detailed written account. Auburn University is not liable in the event of an accident or personal injury.

Check-in: Check-in will be held in Goodwin Music Building from 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2018. The Goodwin Music Building is located on Samford Avenue, across the street from Burton Hall (the University Housing Office) on the Auburn Campus.

Placement auditions: Auditions for placement and seating in the bands will begin at 3:00 p.m. A list of audition rooms and judges will be posted at the check-in site. You will be assigned an audition time when you check in. The chair placement auditions for wind instrumentalists will consist of the CONCERT C, F, Bb, Eb, and the one octave concert Bb chromatic scale; sight-reading will also be requested. Percussionists will need to demonstrate buzz rolls, flams, and paradiddles; on keyboard, they will be asked to play the F, Bb, and Eb one octave scales; sight-reading will also be requested.

Organizational Meeting/Host Concert: After the auditions, all participants will have dinner on their own and then attend an ***Organizational Meeting/Host Concert in the Auburn Performing Arts Center at Auburn Junior High School from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 1st***. Admission is free and open to the public. During the organizational meeting the Festival Staff will be introduced, audition results will be posted, and information concerning the schedule, activities, and procedures will be announced.

What to bring: All participants must provide their own instruments and accessories (mutes, reeds, oil, etc.). **Everyone must also bring a wire music stand** and pencils for rehearsals. Percussion instruments will be furnished, but percussionists should bring their own sticks and mallets. Clothing should include casual attire for rehearsals, appropriate gear for inclement weather, and your band uniform for the Festival Finale Concert on Saturday morning. Personal items of value should be labeled with your name, school, address and telephone number. Insurance and records of identification markings (make, model serial number) are a recommended precaution. Auburn University is not liable for loss, theft of, or damage to participants' personal belongings.

Money: Your \$65.00 fee covers participation in the Festival only. Also included in that fee is a commemorative Festival T-Shirt and Festival medal. You should bring sufficient money for your hotel room, meals, snacks, souvenirs, etc. CD and DVD orders will be taken during the Finale Concert. (No audio recording equipment will be allowed in the hall during the concert.)

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Rules and regulations: There will be absolutely no use of tobacco, alcohol, or controlled substances by students while attending the Auburn Honor Band Festival. Prompt attendance at ALL rehearsals and proper behavior will be expected of all participants. (Be sure to read the note at the bottom of this page concerning conflicts.) Rules and regulations pertaining to Auburn University and the Auburn Honor Band Festival will be explained to you at the Thursday evening organizational meeting. Parents of any student in violation of these policies will be notified, and the student may be expelled from the Festival without refund. In case of emergency, participants may be contacted by telephone through the Auburn University Band office at (334) 844-4166.

T-Shirts: All Festival T-Shirts will be delivered to you at check-in on Thursday, February 1, 2018. You will be required to wear them on Friday.

Festival Finale Concert: The Festival will conclude by featuring all three Honor Bands in a Finale Concert in the Auburn Performing Arts Center on the campus of Auburn Junior High School at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2018. Prior to the concert, each participant will receive an award medal. Families, friends, and directors of participating students are encouraged to attend this concert. Admission is free.

Reminder: *Be sure that you pay the remaining balance of \$65.00 by Wednesday, December 13, 2017.* If you are unable to attend the Festival, please notify us immediately so that we can offer the place reserved for you to someone else. (Registration fees cannot be refunded.)

We look forward to having you with us for the Ninth Annual Auburn University Middle School Honor Band Festival. We believe that it will be an enjoyable and rewarding weekend for everyone involved. If you have any questions, or if we can help you in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Dr. Rick Good
Auburn University
Director of Bands

VERY IMPORTANT: *To participate in the Auburn Honor Band Festival, you must attend **ALL** of the festival rehearsals, clinics, master classes and concerts. If you have any conflict which would necessitate missing any part of the Honor Band Festival, you **MAY NOT** participate in the Festival.*