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2013 Eagle Invitational Marching Festival

Fellow Director:

We'd like to invite you and your band to attend the inaugural edition of the ***Eagle Invitational Marching Festival*** hosted by the Sequoyah High School Band in Claremore, Oklahoma on **September 28, 2013**. Our contest is like no other, and we hope that you come and join us in friendly competition!

- Our contest is **only** for bands with a maximum of 40 winds
- Class contest only – no prelim/final format
- Our contest is going to operate with OSSAA-style judging standards – no captions
- Admission to our event is very reasonable - will be \$3 per person or \$10 per family

The ***Eagle Invitational*** is trying to fill a niche in the contest field. More and more, contests are geared towards bigger bands, and as a director at a small 4A school, I know how hard it is to compete against schools with much bigger numbers. We're trying to even the playing field and provide a positive experience for all participants by inviting only schools from any class who have a wind block of 40 or less. Our judging standards will prepare groups more for OSSAA District Festival standards than caption events, but it will be helpful for groups preparing for OBA or other bigger contests as well. Last year we had 12 schools from all over Oklahoma come and compete with us!

Students will get a chance to express their love of band by purchasing customized shirts, shorts, wristbands, and many more items from ***Pepwear*** (<http://www.pepwear.com/>). We will have full concessions going throughout the day for you so you don't have to worry about bringing food.

Please postmark the enclosed entry form by **September 13, 2013** by mail, fax, or e-mail. **Our entry fee is \$150** payable by check or PO. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the information below.

We know that you have choices in what competitive events you bring your group to, and we hope you consider our festival. We think that our contest has enough special incentives to be great for any band, and we hope you agree.

See you in September, and good luck with your season!

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