

# The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual "Links" Marching Band Contest & Festival

The Lincoln High School Band is proud to announce it's **Thirteenth** Annual Marching Band Contest and Festival, Saturday, October 9, 2010. This letter is your invitation and application form.

We want to encourage all sizes of schools and bands to attend. This is the perfect "first contest" for smaller and developing band programs. We will have different expectations for each class. Each classification of Marching Band has a different set of standards based on size, talent pool and staffing situations. The small school bands will **not** be treated as a prelude to the BIG SHOW. To have a band composed of 50 to 80 percent of the entire student body is in line with what true Music Education is all about. We are hiring judges that embody these standards. We know that you will be using this contest to prepare for others and will instruct our judges to comment accordingly.

Most importantly, we want you to know how hard we are working to maintain the integrity of the Links Marching Band Contest & Festival. Our goal is to provide the best experience possible for all the directors and student performers involved. We are working very close with Dan Ehly to make sure we hire the best judges and that we maintain the encompassing and flexible spirit of Links.

**Festival and/or Contest** – As indicated by our title, this will be a hybrid marching contest and festival. Everyone will be entered in the "Festival" portion of the event, which means you will be given a Division Rating (no number or ranking). The "Contest" portion of the event will be for NSBA rankings, i.e.: The announcer will say, "In Class B, in third place with a score of 71.5 is the XYZ Band from Lower Platte City." The only scores that will be announced are those from bands awarded a placing in either their class or the Grand Champion Awards.

#### **Awards:**

#### **Festival Division Ratings for every band and auxiliary (if applicable).**

Trophies for Division I and II & participation in Band. Auxiliary trophies for Division I only.

**(Contest) Class Grand Champion Trophies.** Top three places given to the highest scoring Marching Band in each class regardless of Division Ratings. (Score read)

**(Contest) Grand Champion Trophies.** Given to the five highest scoring Bands of the Day, regardless of class! (Score read)

**(Contest) Grand Champion Auxiliary.** Top three places given regardless of Class. (Score read)

**(Contest) Grand Champion Percussion.** Top three places given regardless of Class. (Score read)

**(Contest) Grand Champion Music.** Top three places given regardless of Class. Average of ensemble and individual music scores. (Score read)

**(Contest) Grand Champion Marching.** Top three places given regardless of Class. Average of ensemble and individual visual scores. (Score read)

**(Contest) Grand Champion Effect.** Top three places given regardless of Class. Average of gen effect music and gen effect visual. (Score read)

**(Festival & Contest) Best Drum Major**

**Lincoln High will not be eligible for any of the above except for the Festival Division Rating.**

The contest will be held at Beechner Field on the Lincoln High Campus, in the shadow of the State Capital. Our "Field Turfed" field and stands are big enough to accommodate a good size crowd. They are solid concrete, allowing smaller bands to sound better. There are bleachers on the east side for student seating. This will allow your families and friends to have more seating areas in the main grandstand.

Our Band Parents are just itching to light up their grills and show you how well they can cook at their concession stand. In addition, Jolesch Photo and Mid-America Video will be there for pictures and DVD's of the event!

We will begin around 1:00 p.m. and will work around your conflicts for All State Auditions, Volleyball tournaments, etc., just note them on your application.

You will be given a free overhead DVD of your performance. Execution judges will judge via wireless mics connected to a birds eye video view of the field. You'll know who or what the judge is talking about.

The entry fee will be \$165.00. Our entry deadline is September 17th! Please fill out the information below and send it to us, with payment to:

#### **The Links Marching Band Contest**

**Lincoln High School Band**

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Director(s) \_\_\_\_\_

School Name and Class \_\_\_\_\_

Number and grades of Marchers \_\_\_\_\_

Festival Only (Division Rating Only) \_\_\_\_\_

Contest and Festival (See other column) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor's Cell \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Possible Conflicts \_\_\_\_\_