



HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY BAND

11345 Hardin Valley Road • Knoxville, TN 37932

Alex Rector – Director • 865-539-5467 • alex.rector@knoxschools.org

The Spirit of the Valley Invitational

Friends and colleagues,

It is my sincere pleasure to invite you and your band to **the 3rd annual Spirit of the Valley Invitational marching band contest on October 6th, 2018** on the campus of Hardin Valley Academy. We are working hard to provide a contest experience that will build your students' confidence as well as give you valuable feedback to take with you into the closing weeks of the marching season.

We have assembled a highly qualified and talented panel of adjudicators who will evaluate your ensemble using the Tennessee Bandmasters' Association score sheets. Ensembles will be evaluated in the areas of music performance, music ensemble, music effect, visual performance, visual ensemble, visual effect, percussion, color guard, and drum major. In addition to recorded feedback and scores, you and your staff will have the opportunity to attend critique with the adjudicators. This is a great chance to discuss potential methods of improving your program as you begin to make the final push of the marching band season.

In addition to an outstanding performance experience, we will offer all of the traditional amenities for directors and staff, including an excellent hospitality room and director area. Our concession stand will be fully stocked, including an option to pre-order meals for your students so that they can eat at your convenience without having to stand in long lines or be in a rush to get ready for performance time. For those of you who may not have been here before, Hardin Valley features a brand new artificial turf field surface, is a short drive from both interstates running through Knoxville, and is a convenient trip for most bands in the region.

I hope that you will consider joining us for this event. If there is anything I can do to make this opportunity easier or more beneficial for your program, please don't hesitate to let me know. In the meantime, I wish you all the best and hope to hear from you soon!

Alex Rector
Band Director

Chuck Brock
Assistant Band Director

Tim Hudnall
Judge Coordinator



HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY BAND

11345 Hardin Valley Road • Knoxville, TN 37932

Alex Rector – Director • 865-539-5467 • alex.rector@knoxschools.org

The Spirit of the Valley Invitational

Spirit of the Valley Invitational Contest Procedures October 6th, 2018

Adjudication

We will utilize a nine-judge panel comprised of talented individuals who are active judges in the southeast as well as nationally. We are committed to making the quality of our adjudicators one of the hallmarks of our event. Bands will be evaluated in the captions of music performance, music ensemble, music effect, visual performance, visual ensemble, visual effect, percussion, color guard, and drum major. The percussion, color guard, and drum major judges will score those sections within their caption, but these scores will not affect the overall band score or placement. Score sheets, criteria, and scoring information can be found on the Tennessee Bandmasters' Association website at: <http://www.tennesseebandmasters.org/marching-band/>.

2018 SOTVI Adjudicators:

Jeff Beckman

Jason Bentley

Blaine Bomar

Joe Christian

Don Deems

Teresa Elliott

Tim Hudnall

Matt Jordan

Ben Lee

Classification

Competitive classification will be determined by a band's total number of performers, including percussion, color guard, auxiliary, and drum majors. An ensemble may choose to perform in a higher class but not in a lower one.

1A: 1-35 performers

4A: 106-140 performers

2A: 36-70 performers

5A: 141-174 performers

3A: 71-105 performers

6A: 175+ performers



HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY BAND

11345 Hardin Valley Road • Knoxville, TN 37932

Alex Rector – Director • 865-539-5467 • alex.rector@knoxschools.org

The Spirit of the Valley Invitational

Contest Format

We plan to utilize a prelims/finals format this year to allow groups more performance opportunities and the opportunity to get more feedback from the adjudicators. Details regarding finals procedures will be determined once we have a better idea of how many bands will be attending. All class awards will be given at the conclusion of prelims, with finals consisting of an open competition between all finalists regardless of class. If desired, a band may elect to perform in prelims only, but this decision will need to be made prior to the day of the contest.

Awards

Grand Champion (1st), Reserve Grand Champion (2nd), Honorable Mention (3rd) (finals)
1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Bands in each class (prelims)

Caption Awards (percussion, color guard, drum major)

All bands will be acknowledged for their performance during the awards ceremony

Miscellaneous Information

- Bands may perform for comment only if they desire. Please make note of this on your registration form.
- Bands will be scheduled within their competitive class, with the earliest postmarked entries with accompanying fees receiving later performance times.
- Each band staff will be given an opportunity to attend a critique session with the adjudicators sometime after they perform. Attendance is encouraged, but certainly not required.
- Information concerning concessions, parking, hospitality, and other details will be communicated as soon as they are available and in enough time before the contest to provide appropriate planning time.
- The registration cost is \$75.00, made payable to the Hardin Valley Band.

Contact Information

Alex Rector
Band Director
865-438-4500
alex.rector@knoxschools.org

Tim Hudnall
Judge Coordinator
865-607-2943
pacmed633@aol.com



HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY BAND

11345 Hardin Valley Road • Knoxville, TN 37932

Alex Rector – Director • 865-539-5467 • alex.rector@knoxschools.org

The Spirit of the Valley Invitational

Spirit of the Valley Invitational Entry Form

Please return this form with your \$75.00 non-refundable entry fee to the address below by September 14th, 2018. Checks can be made payable to Hardin Valley Academy Band.

Contact Information:

School/Band Name: _____

Director Name(s): _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Director Email(s): _____

Band Booster Email (optional): _____

Ensemble Information:

Total Number of Performing Members: _____ Comment Only? Y or N

Desired Classification: 1A 2A 3A 4A 5A 6A

Do you plan to participate in finals if offered? YES NO

Band Director Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail To:

**Hardin Valley Academy
Attn: Alex Rector
11345 Hardin Valley Rd.
Knoxville, TN 37932**