



Kennesaw Mountain Marching Invitational

On behalf of the Kennesaw Mountain Band Organization, it is our pleasure to invite your band to participate in the Kennesaw Mountain Marching Invitational. It is our desire to provide a sound music education experience for you and your students while at the same time, presenting an enjoyable event to all participants and spectators. Please read over the following information carefully. If you have any questions, please contact one of us at the following number or email address.

We hope that you will choose to be a part of the Kennesaw Mountain Marching Invitational Band and we wish your organization the best of luck for the upcoming marching band season.

Sincerely,

David McGrath
Director of Bands
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- Date:** **Saturday, October 1st, 2011**
- Deadline for Entry:** We would appreciate your entry as soon as possible.
Entry Deadline is September 16th
- Entry fee:** **\$75.00**
(A post performance critique will be offered for an additional fee of \$25.00)
- Deposit:** A \$500 performance bond is required of all participants per GMEA requirements. If submitted by check, the check will be returned to you on the day of the event at the registration table.
- Location:** Kennesaw Mountain High School
Mustang Stadium
1898 Kennesaw Due West Rd,
Kennesaw, Georgia 30152



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Entry Format

Comments Only

Bands entering this format will receive judges' commentary on tape as well as the sheets. In addition, they will receive a participation award.

Festival

Bands entering this format will receive judges' commentary on tape as well as the sheets. In addition, ratings for band, drum major, color guard and percussion will be announced in the awards ceremony. Bands in the festival category will not be eligible for overall placement or best in class awards, as this is based on a numerical ranking and rating system.

Contest

Bands entering this format will receive judges' commentary on tape as well as the sheets. In addition, they will qualify for class placement, most outstanding percussion, colorguard and drum major awards as well as overall placement awards.

Classifications

Classification for the Kennesaw Mountain Marching Invitational is based on the total number of **wind** players in the band. The GMEA recommendations for classification will be implemented as follows:

A	=	1 - 59
AA	=	60-100
AAA	=	101-140
AAAA	=	140+

Bands will be assigned performance times within their class based on postmark date. A band may move up to a higher class, but may not move down to a lower one.

Judging Panel

Judges will be selected based on his/her expertise in his/her field. Nationally recognized educators/adjudicators will be used in the selection process. It is our mission to provide positive feedback as well as suggestions for improvement in the areas of performance, design, and individual achievement.

Judging System

Bands will be evaluated on a caption evaluation system. The following captions will be utilized as well as the location of each judge.

Individual Music	(Field Judge)	Individual Visual	(Field Judge)
Ensemble Music	(Pressbox Judge)	Ensemble Visual	(Pressbox Judge)
General Effect Music	(Pressbox Judge)	General Effect Visual	(Pressbox Judge)
Drum Major Judge	(Pressbox Judge)	Percussion Judge	(Pressbox Judge)
Auxiliary Judge	(Pressbox Judge)		



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Rating System and Scoring Conversion

85-100	=	I	Superior
75-84.9	=	II	Excellent
55.0-69.9	=	III	Average
0.00-54.9	=	IV	Fair

Best in Class Awards

Trophies will be awarded for the best band in each class. This will be based on the total and average of all of the band and captions scores.

Percussion, Auxiliary and Drum Major Awards

Awards for outstanding percussion, auxiliary and drum major will be presented for each class of competition. Bands who enter for comments only or festival will not be eligible for these awards.

Fan Favorite Voting

Have you ever wanted to be the judge? As an added feature to this contest, spectators will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite band by class. A ballot will be available in the souvenir program, giving fans the opportunity to vote on their favorite band by classification. All bands entered in the contest format will be eligible for this award. The winner by classification will be presented an award at the awards ceremony.

Awards Ceremony

Following the performance of the final unit, each band must provide a student representative(s) to the front sideline for the awards presentation. Ratings and awards will be announced when all representatives are in place.

Tickets/Admission

Tickets for the competition are: \$7.00 for adults. Children 3 and under are free. Directors/Staff will receive passes and all band members will have their hands stamped. Chaperone passes will be provided at a ratio of 1 per every 10 band students.

Field Crew Passes

Each participating band will be given up to **25 field** passes. Only those individuals with Director/Staff or Field Crew credentials will be allowed on the field.



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Field Crew Assistance: Trailers and equipment haulers will be provided to move equipment from the warm up area to the performance area.

Band Entry Form

Name of Band: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Day and evening phone numbers: _____

Email Address: _____

Director(s): _____

Additional Staff Members: _____

Please circle how your band will enter Kennesaw Mountain Marching Invitational:

Comments only Festival Contest

Total number of wind players: _____ Total number in band: _____

Please indicate the class your band is entering: _____

A = 1 - 59
AA = 60-100
AAA = 101+

Will you be interested in participating in critique session at the end of the event for an additional fee of \$25.00? Yes No (circle one)

Band Bio:

Program: _____

Drum Major/Field Directors: _____

Post Performance Script: _____



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Please return this form along with your **\$75.00** entry fee to the address below. If you choose to have a critique, the total amount will be **\$100.00**.

**Kennesaw Mountain Marching Invitational
3600 Dallas Hwy.,
Suite 230, PMB 176
Marietta, Georgia 30064**

Make checks payable to KMBO. The \$500.00 performance bond deposit will be held until the day of the event and returned to you on the day of the event.

Entries should be postmarked no later that September 17, 2009.

Director(s) signature: _____ Date: _____

Principal signature: _____ Date: _____