



2012 Palmetto Esprit de Corps Invitational Marching Band Competition



The Irmo High School Band Boosters are pleased to announce the **2012 Palmetto Esprit de Corps Invitational Band Competition**, to be held at W.C. Hawkins Stadium located on the campus of Irmo High School in Columbia, SC on Saturday, September 22, 2012.

ENTRY FEE & DEADLINE

Please complete the attached registration form and mail, along with the registration fee as soon as possible. Registration forms are available on the web at www.irmoband.org or from Roger Simpson, IHS Director of Bands at rsimpson@lexrich5.org. Performance times within each class will be set based on the order in which registration forms are received.

NEW SHOW FORMAT FOR 2012 – FESTIVAL / COMPETITION

Each band will have the opportunity to perform and be judged twice, once in the afternoon during the Festival for a rating only, and second during the evening Competition. The Festival will feature a judge's debrief with the entire band and staff immediately following each band's performance. Judges for the Festival will also be encouraged to comment outside their captions and give a wide range of feedback. The competition portion of the show will divide each band into four classes based on the number of wind players. Directors may opt to perform at the Festival, Competition or both.

BAND CLASSIFICATION

Class will be determined by the number of wind players in the band but the host reserves the right to modify these classifications if necessary for competitive balance. Classifications are as follows:

Silver Division:	Class A	less than 30
	Class AA	31 – 50
Gold Division:	Class AAA	51 – 74
	Class AAAA	75 and above

Directors may elect to register one class level higher than their class based on the above table. Bands may not register in a lower class than their original class.

SCBDA SCORING

The event will be scored using SCBDA Adjudication sheets and guidelines.

AWARDS & TROPHIES

First, Second and Third place trophies will be presented to the top three bands in each class. Additionally, trophies will be awarded for overall Best Percussion and Best Auxiliary in each class. For both the Silver and Gold Divisions, the top scoring band, regardless of class, will be presented the Grand Champion Trophy for their division.

BUS PARKING / WARM-UP & PERFORMANCE – CHANGE FOR 2012

Bus parking and band warm-ups will take place on the same side of St. Andrews Rd. as the school and stadium. **BANDS WILL NO LONGER CROSS THE ROAD TO GET TO AND FROM THE BUSES AND STADIUM.** Bus parking will take place in the student parking lot, and warm-up areas will be behind the school. Bands will be scheduled in 15-minute performance slots. Warm-up times and locations will be provided.

JUDGING

Judges are selected from among the finest music educators in the United States. Judges will evaluate each band's performance as to Music, Visual Execution, and Overall Effect. Additional judges will evaluate percussion and auxiliary teams. Once the judging panel has been finalized a complete list will be posted on the show website.

DVD VIDEO

We are planning to provide each band director with a DVD video of their performance(s).

MISCELLANEOUS

Directors of registered bands will receive a complete packet including performance times, regulations, and maps, as well as information about the campus and surrounding area. Passes for staff members and chaperones can be picked up at band check-in on the day of the contest. An assortment of booths providing fast foods, drinks, and souvenirs will be available throughout the day and evening. Additional information and an application form can be found at www.irmoband.org/palmetto.htm.

For more information, contact:

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**2012 Registration Form
Event Date: September 22, 2012
Registration Deadline: September 3, 2012**

Name of Band _____

Name of School _____

Registration for: Festival: _____ (\$35) Competition: _____ (\$65) Both: _____ (\$100)

Projected Classification* _____ Approximate Number of Wind Players _____

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Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Band Director _____

Office Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Band Director E-Mail Address _____

Primary Booster Contact _____ Phone (____) _____
(Or your alternate logistics coordinator)

Primary Booster Contact E-Mail Address _____
(We will e-mail a second copy of materials to this person)

Performance times within each class are determined in the order in which registration fees are received. Please list any special time requests below.

Special performance time request _____

Band Director's Signature _____ Date _____

Please send both this registration form and registration fee to:

Palmetto Esprit de Corps Invitational
c/o Irmo High School Band Boosters
P.O. Box 595
Irmo, SC 29063-0595

Have a question or want more information? Please contact us at:

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