

## Tournament of Bands Western Evaluation and Contest

Sponsored by the Elkins High School "Fighting Tigers" Band

Dear Director,

The Elkins High School Band is once again sponsoring the TOB Western Evaluation and Contest for the 2008 marching season. This contest was first started in 2002 and is still the first contest in the Tournament of Bands marching circuit. This year's evaluation and contest will be **September 6, 2008** at Wimer Stadium in Elkins, WV.

The day is designed to help bands get a jump on the marching season. During the afternoon, bands will have the opportunity to perform (casual dress is usually the norm) for a small panel of judges. The judges make comment tapes only! Following your evaluation performance, the judging panel divides up your group by instrumentation and caption area for a short clinic session. These clinics are invaluable as it gives the directors and band students the opportunity to talk with judges in a friendly and open environment. It is during the clinic that students begin to see the judges as teachers, musicians and humans! This insight becomes invaluable during the marching season. All evaluation and clinic sessions are closed to the public!

Following the clinic, each band will have the opportunity to use one of 3 practice fields to work on things discussed during the clinic. The practice fields will be scheduled for each band based on evaluation and clinic times. Each band will also have the opportunity to eat at our concession stand. We ask that your students eat at least one meal at our stadium. Your group will also have some free time to relax and prepare for the contest.

In the early evening, the day turns to competition as we will have a normal contest with an audience, trophies and scoring. Following the competition, bands will depart for home more confident in the marching season and knowing that they have been one of the first bands to compete in the 2008 TOB outdoor season.

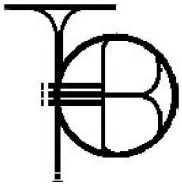
We hope that you will consider attending the TOB Western Evaluation and Contest at Wimer Stadium in Elkins, WV. This day is for you and your band. You have the flexibility to attend the evaluation and/or the contest. Many directors say that this contest is too early for their band, but remember that it is early for everyone and the clinic will help your group throughout the season. We welcome whatever serves the needs of your band. If you are interested, feel free to contact me via email [jeffcaplinger@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffcaplinger@yahoo.com) or at EHS (304) 636-9170. Applications are due by August 18 to ensure your band's place in this unique TOB experience!

Musically Yours,

**Jeff**

Jeff Caplinger  
Director of Bands  
Elkins High School

**September 6, 2008 – Wimer Stadium – Elkins, West Virginia**



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Name of Band: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Director Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Director Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Playing Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guard/Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Drum Majors: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select the area you would like to participate:  
(you may choose both)

- Evaluation and Clinic
- Evening Competition

Please select your playing group:

- Middle School
- Group I (0-35 playing)
- Group II (36-55 playing)
- Group III (56-80 playing)
- Group IV (81+ playing)

If you would like your band to perform, but not compete, please select from the following:

- High School Exhibition (number of playing members) \_\_\_\_\_
- Middle School Exhibition (number of playing members) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete the following information: (you may attach a separate info. sheet)*

Drum Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Guard/Auxiliary Captain(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Percussion Captain(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Show Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Musical Selections: \_\_\_\_\_

Recent Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

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