



Dear Director,

We would like to invite you to the 5<sup>th</sup> annual **2021 Sequatchie Valley Band Festival on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. To help with the heat, we have decided to move to the afternoon. The first performance will be at 4pm. Our festival is designed to attract the smaller bands in the Sequatchie Valley and surrounding areas. It is our goal for this to be a learning experience for your band in a more laid back atmosphere whether you are active in marching competitions or just want somewhere informal for your band to participate in a Saturday event. We have great facilities with a 5,000 capacity stadium, large warm-up/practice areas and separate bus and parent parking areas, and this year we get to march on our new **artificial turf field**. We have all the support vehicles and personnel you would expect at any marching competition along with numerous vendors and concessions. We will also be providing a director/bus driver courtesy room which is just a few feet from the field and will have a live video feed from the field. We also provide a drone video recording of your band along with the video from the press box.

We will be using festival scoring with four categories (band, percussion, drum major, auxiliary) and two rankings (I - Superior; II – Excellent) and a low-end cut-off numerically at 70. Therefore, an Excellent will be from 70 - 84 and a Superior will be from 85-100. The goal of all this is to give you and your students a constructive and enjoyable marching experience regardless size or experience level. Our judges for this year are:

**Band Music – George Hayden**

**Band Visual – Jamie Wilson**

**Percussion – Dr. Colin Hill**

**Drum Major – April Langford**

**Guard – Korey Wheatley**

We hope that you will join us on **September 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please use this link to our registration form: <https://goo.gl/forms/ymyvRGUheJczurR83>. Our registration **fee is \$75**. We will schedule performances based on registration submission date (earliest submission will have the latest performance time) unless otherwise indicated. Please feel free to forward this information and form to any other director you think may be interested in attending. We look forward to hosting you and your band.

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