

South Effingham High School

BAND DEPARTMENT

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16th Annual Marching Mustang Invitational
Saturday, October 17, 2026
South Effingham High School, Guyton, Georgia
South Effingham Corral

Dear Director,

I hope this message finds you well! On behalf of the South Effingham High School Band Boosters, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your band family for choosing to participate in the 16th Annual Marching Mustang Invitational! Our band family wants to provide you with the best possible experience. We are excited to announce that we are hosting the MMI in our newly updated stadium, along with the turf field that was installed a few seasons ago. We will have a new home side that will be able to host over 4,000 visitors comfortably. We are excited that we will be able to provide your band family with an even better experience this year! We realize that there are many contests available, so we are honored that you will be at the Marching Mustang Invitational.

Enclosed, you will find information on the contest, the event schedule, a campus map, directions to our school, and other information about the MMI. We look forward to hosting each of you on Saturday, October 17, 2026. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,



Sean McBride
Director of Bands

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Judging format

Bands will be judged using a caption format for the competition. Adjudication will be in Music Performance (2 judges), Marching Performance, Overall Effect, Drum Major, Percussion, & Auxiliary.

Festival Awards

Festival awards will be presented immediately following the last band in the Festival round. Any Festival band may choose to perform for comments only. Trophies will be awarded to festival and competition bands for superior and excellent ratings. Percussion, Auxiliary, and Drum Majors receiving a superior rating will receive a trophy in both performance categories.

Ratings will be given as follows

- I- Superior-85-100
- II- Excellent- 70-84.9
- III- Good-55-69.9
- IV- Fair- 54.9 & below

Competition & Awards

Class awards will be presented to competition bands placing first and second in their class. Best in class awards are presented to the class winners for the percussion, auxiliary, and drum major captions. Additional class awards are given for High Music, High Visual, and High Overall Effect Scores. Overall placement awards are presented to the top 8 bands. Caption awards will be given for the highest score in each caption, regardless of classification (Music Performance, Visual Performance, Overall Effect, Percussion, Auxiliary, and Drum Major).

All bands are scheduled to perform in 20-minute intervals. A penalty of .1 will be issued for every 15 seconds past the scheduled performance time. Please, help us run the event on time.

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Adjudication Computation Format

<u>Area</u>	<u>Raw Score</u>	<u>Factored Score</u>
Music 1 (20%)	(100 Possible)	Raw X .20
		<i>Scores multiplied by the Factors listed</i>
Music 2 (20%)	(100 Possible)	Raw X .20
Marching (25%)	(100 Possible)	Raw X .25
Overall Effect* (25%)	(100 Possible)	Raw X .25
Percussion (5%)	(100 Possible)	Raw X .05
Auxiliary (5%)	(100 Possible)	Raw X .05

Total of 40% Overall

Overall Band Score is the Sum of Factored Scores (100 Possible)

*Note: Drum Majors will have a separate score sheet with a possible score of 100. Their score represents 5% of the Overall Effect Score.

Majorettes and feature twirlers are considered in the Auxiliary Score.

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Director Information

Enclosed in this packet is information covering activities, procedures, and services available to our guest bands attending this year's Marching Mustang Invitational. Maps of the campus and the stadium are enclosed.

It is the Band Director's responsibility to ensure that their band meets the scheduled times. All personnel and equipment must be clear of the field 20 minutes following the assigned performance time. The flow of the band, front ensemble, and any additional equipment/props is shown on the enclosed map.

Please check in at registration when you arrive (located in the South Effingham Middle School band room, see map). You will receive your Director's packet, a new "Spiel" sheet (if necessary), a Declaration form for missing students, and director credentials.

Arrival

Upon arrival at SEHS, you will enter the campus at the bus gate (see map) between SEHS and SEMS. Your buses and equipment trucks will be directed to their assigned parking areas. You will be assigned a parking area based on the number of buses and equipment trucks specified on your registration form. Only band buses and equipment trucks will be allowed into the bus entrance & parking area. Anyone helping with equipment but not pulling a trailer/hauling equipment is required to park in the general parking area (see map). There are **no exceptions**. We have limited space in the equipment area. Upon arrival, restrooms are available for your restroom needs in the stadium. Handicapped parking and parking for seniors who need assistance are available upon request (see below).

Our registration coordinator will introduce you to your student guide upon your arrival. Your students, chaperones, equipment personnel, and bus drivers will receive wristbands. The number of wristbands is based on the information you provide in your logistics form.

Guides

An SEHS Band Guide will be assigned to your band to accompany you throughout your performances and is available to answer any logistical questions. Your guide will know the assigned warm-up and gate times for your band. If any special situations occur during the day, your guide will contact the appropriate personnel for assistance.

Open Gate Security Checkpoint

Our county now requires all spectators and non-performing students to go through an Open Gate metal detector checkpoint. Before and following your performances, all students, chaperones, equipment personnel, and staff members will be asked to go through the checkpoint. We encourage groups to remain in the stadium once they have completed their performance. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

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Bus Parking Lot

You will be assigned a parking area for your buses and equipment vehicles. **Please place any trash you may have (in tied bags) at the front of your buses, and we will take it away.** Encourage your chaperones to monitor the area around your buses to keep our campus clean. Your help will allow us to make short work of the clean-up after the contest. If you need trash bags, please let your guide know, and they will bring bags to your buses.

Parent/ Fan Parking

General parking is free to all parents and fans. Parking for the handicapped and seniors who need assistance is just outside the stadium. Fans with special needs should request assistance from the gate attendant to be sent to handicapped parking (at the equipment path at the rear of the general parking, (see map).

Equipment- Front Ensemble, Props, and Trucks

Equipment trucks/trailers should follow your buses into the parking lot. These vehicles will be guided to their designated parking area, where they will be parked to allow for ease in equipment transport and exiting our campus after the contest. Anyone helping with equipment but not pulling a trailer/hauling equipment is required to park in the general parking area (see map).

Please let our equipment crew know if you have any props that require assistance. We will want to stage your props at the stadium as soon as possible. Your equipment crew is required to load and unload your equipment. We will provide student assistance to aid in the transport of the equipment to and from the field. Familiarize yourself with the path used for equipment to and from the stadium (see map).

Please keep all trash in bags and place the trash bags at the back of your equipment vehicles for pick up. If you need trash bags, please, let your band guide know and they will get bags to the equipment area.

Dressing Area

Dressing rooms will be scheduled and assigned for use 2 hours before your performance time. Thirty minutes is allotted for each band to dress. Each band has designated times and restrooms to use for dressing. Your students must clear the dressing rooms at the end of their assigned times. Your guide will lead you to the dressing areas. At least one of your chaperones or staff members must be in the dressing area with your band students at all times. No student will be permitted access to the dressing area without a chaperone or staff member. Consider sending your students in shifts to avoid overcrowding. Ensure your staff and guard members have a plan if they need additional time to prepare. There will be no access to the dressing facilities following your performance.

SEHS volunteers will inspect the restrooms after each band for forgotten items and messes. If your group leaves a mess, we will ask that your group clean it up. Please discuss this with your parents and students so the dressing areas will be clean throughout the day. We are fortunate to use our facility for the MMI, and we want to continue using it in the future. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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Warm-up Areas, Gate, & Performance Times

We will have two warm-up areas. One will be assigned to your band based on your scheduled warm-up and performance times. Your guides will show you to the appropriate area and lead your group from this area to the water station and then on to the gate for your performance. Please be considerate of others when sending your drum line off for separate warm-ups. Please warm up your winds and percussion facing away from the stadium to avoid disturbing performing bands.

All bands are scheduled to perform in 20-minute intervals. A penalty of .1 will be issued for every 15 seconds past the scheduled performance time. Please help us run the event on time.

Field Guidelines

Vehicles are not permitted on the track or playing field (inside the fence). All equipment will be carried/pushed in from the gate. Guards will be allowed to set their equipment before your performance, following the previous band's performance. Props will be allowed to enter the field as soon as possible following the previous ensemble's performance and field departure. Guards & props may not enter the field until the gate coordinator indicates that it is permitted.

Director, Staff, and Bus Driver Hospitality

Please feel free to visit our Director Hospitality room located in the SEMS band room near the bus parking. We will have complimentary snacks and beverages before the dinner break. There will be a full meal available during the dinner break. Dinner and hospitality will be available from 4:30-7:00 PM.

Bus drivers will be given a voucher for lunch and dinner at the concession stand. The driver's hospitality room is available for drivers in the SEHS Media Center.

Concessions

A full line of concessions will be available all day at the concession stand located on the "Mustang" end of the stadium. Our parents are doing everything to ensure that there will be plenty of food and drinks for the entire event. They are offering a very wide variety of items for you and your bands; your support is much appreciated. A Pre-Order Option is available for bands who wish to take advantage. You will have designated times to pick up your meals. Meals may be picked up behind the away side bleachers at your assigned time.

General Admission

General admission is \$10.00 at the main gate (see map). Children who are under the age of 5 are free. All guests will be asked to go through Open Gate security checkpoint.

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Seating of Bands

Bands will be seated on the home side in assigned areas. Band guides will take you to your seating area. Bands are welcome to watch performances before their warm-up times; please let your guides know if you choose to do this.

Instrument Emergencies

A Portman's Music Superstore representative will be on site for any last-minute minor repairs, etc. She will have reeds, sticks, drumheads, and other basic equipment needs.

First Aid Station

A basic first aid station will be available on the track near the Mustang Statue for minor situations. In case of emergencies, EMS will be contacted.

Student Whereabouts

Students are not to wander the school grounds outside the stadium. Directors, please ensure your students are either ALL in the stadium or ALL outside the stadium as a group. If a few individuals must go back to the bus parking area, a chaperone or director must accompany them. Remember, anyone who exits the stadium will be required to go through the security checkpoint at the main entrance to the stadium.

T-shirts

Souvenir MMI T-shirts will be available at the event for \$25.

Video and Photography

Video and still cameras will be allowed in the spectator area of the stands (there will be a reserved spot at the top of the bleachers for a videographer from your group). They should not block the view of any spectator. No video or still photography will be permitted at the field level or on the press box.

Please Enjoy Your Day at the Marching Mustang Invitational

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Directions to South Effingham High School

From South, Savannah

516/ HWY 21; Left onto HWY 30 second light past I-95 exit 109

SEHS is 8.5 miles on the left

From West, Statesboro

HWY 80 to HWY 17 (left)

2.5 miles to Jabez Jones Road (right)

1 mile to HWY 30 (right)

SEHS is .5 miles on the right

or

I-16 East to Bloomingdale Rd. (exit, turn left onto Hwy 80 into Effingham County

Veer Right onto HWY 17

2.5 miles to Jabez Jones Road (right)

1 mile to HWY 30 (right)

SEHS is .5 miles on the right

From South/West (Richmond Hill)

I-95 to Exit 109 (Port Wentworth)

Left onto HWY 21

Left onto HWY 30 (second light past I-95 exit 109)

SEHS is 8.5 miles on the left