



Barber Middle School Bands

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MidFest at The University of Georgia

The 25th Annual University of Georgia Middle School Band Festival

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to offer the opportunity for your student to participate in MidFest at UGA. MidFest is a middle school band festival held from Thursday December 10th to Saturday December 12th. Upon arrival, the students will audition for placement in one of eight equal performing groups or the Honor Band. Thursday evening, we will watch middle school performances by two middle school bands from around the state. Friday, students will rehearse with their ensemble and enjoy another concert Friday night featuring The UGA Wind Symphony. Saturday morning, students will prepare for the concert with their final rehearsal and perform their concert between 1:30 and 4:30 at the UGA Performing Arts Center.

This is a great opportunity for your student to perform with other outstanding young musicians from around the state, learn from top music educators from around the country, perform in the world renowned UGA Performing Arts center, listen to amazing concerts, and sight see the UGA campus in Athens Georgia.

If your student is interested in participating, please complete and turn in the form attached by Friday October 2nd. Students who turn their forms in early will have a greater chance of being accepted. We will submit all students' interest to UGA MidFest for acceptance. Acceptances will be published October 24th. There is no guarantee for acceptance into this band festival. No money will be due until UGA responds back to us, letting us know which students are accepted into the festival.

If your student is accepted, the cost of the trip is estimated to be about \$275. This includes the festival fee, hotel fee, and breakfast costs. Lunch and Dinner will be at the students' own expense.



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Permission Form

Student Name: _____

Instrument: _____

Grade Level: _____

My signature below indicates that I give my child, _____, permission to participate in the MidFest Honor Band, held in Athens, Ga on December 10th-12th, 2014. I understand that selection for the honor band is not a guarantee. If my child is selected, I agree to pay the cost of the trip. My signature further indicates that I agree to hold harmless Barber Middle School, Cobb County Schools and any agent thereof for acts or omissions regarding travel or lodging for the above-mentioned child. I also understand that this festival will take place both on the University of Georgia campus and in the city of Athens for two over night stays. My student will be under the care of directors Robert Grogan, Bradley Rikard, and chaperones designated by the Barber Middle School Band Program. My signature further indicates that I grant Robert Grogan permission to seek emergency medical assistance for my child should it become necessary.

Secondly, I grant permission for my student to be transported in a car driven by one of the designated parent chaperones. I understand that, at no point, will my child be transported by the Cobb County employees, Robert Grogan and Bradley Rikard, and thus Cobb County will not be held liable in the case of any automobile emergency.

Lastly, I understand that all Cobb County School policies are in effect and will be enforced while my student is attending this festival. This includes, but is in no way limited to dress code, weapons, and behavior.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Yes! I am interested in chaperoning and driving a carpool to Athens for the trip