

Dear Colleagues:

We are most pleased to announce the Eleventh Annual Virginia Tech Honor Band. The event will be held on the Virginia Tech Campus January 18, 19 and 20, 2008, and is open to middle and high school students. Students selected for Honor Band will be placed by audition in one of five bands from middle school through advanced high school and will have the opportunity to rehearse, perform and hear great music during the weekend

Please go to our website (www.music.vt.edu/honorband/) to nominate students from your school who would be interested in participating in this event. We request that you rank numerically the students you nominate to help us in the selection process. We will do our best to accommodate your wishes but will make the necessary choices to balance instrumentation. (Please see the enclosed nomination guidelines) Each year we select 500 students from the more than 1700 nominations, representing more than 150 schools in five states. If allowed, please list home address for each student, as personal invitations are sent to each selected nominee. **If you have not received your mailing with instructions please call Shelby Cole (540-231-5685) or email (smcole@vt.edu) for information. Deadline for Nominations is November 1. The website will be shut down at 12:59 pm November 1, 2007.**

After receiving your list of nominees, we'll send you a list of students selected from your school and a formal invitation will be sent to each selected student in early December. At that time, a complete schedule of activities will be sent to participating schools. A \$30.00 registration fee for each student will be charged and students will be responsible for their own meals/lodging. This fee covers the operational and facilities cost. Registration fee is payable in advance, by a single check from the school or boosters organization. A tax identification number is also required for each school. In the event we cancel due to weather conditions, half the fee will be refunded and the identification number is needed for a refund.

A list of hotels in the area is enclosed for your consideration. You may want to contact some of them now and reserve a block of rooms in anticipation of the number of students who may attend.

We ask that you or a designated band parent accompany the students during their entire weekend and that you make arrangements for their meals/lodging.

If you have any questions about Honor Band, please call me (david.widder@vt.edu), Dave McKee (david.mckee@vt.edu) or Shelby Cole (smcole@vt.edu) at the above number.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,



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