Dear Band Director,

Plans are rapidly being finalized for the 56th Annual Augustana Band Festival. This letter includes very important information regarding the Festival. There is a large amount of information included in the following pages, but I ask that you READ EVERYTHING and share important items with your students.

Please note that Billing Information is enclosed with this letter. Registration fees for the Festival are due NOVEMBER 5th, 2013. Please make checks payable to Augustana College.

Anticipation for the Festival is mounting as the big weekend approaches, and I look forward to seeing you. Please extend my congratulations to all students selected for this year’s Festival Bands!

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:
- Billing Information
- Schedule of Events
- Music Guidelines and Information
- T-Shirt order form

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING PAGES CAREFULLY!**

**FESTIVAL BANDS**
Two festival bands of approximately 110 members each and an Honor Band of about 70 members have been formed from all nominations received. All Honor Band participants were selected by Dr. Paul R. Schilf, while the seating for the two festival bands was chosen randomly within the section and was done to the best of my ability with the information given on the nomination forms. The complete band lists can be accessed at [http://www.augie.edu/arts/camps-festivals-and-competitions/augustana-band-festival](http://www.augie.edu/arts/camps-festivals-and-competitions/augustana-band-festival)

**REHEARSALS**
Festival bands will rehearse with a featured conductor for approximately 10 hours: guest conductor Mr. Bob Carlson will conduct the Gold Band, guest conductor Mr. Bob Goheen will conduct the Blue Band, and Dr. Paul Schilf will conduct the Honor Band.
SCHEDULE
A tentative copy of the schedule is enclosed and a final copy will be included in your registration packet. **Please note that the final concert is at the Washington Pavilion and will begin promptly at 6:30 PM** in order to accommodate those who must travel long distances. Please review the schedule carefully as we have made a few changes this year, also review it with your students so that they know what will be expected of them.

FEES
**PLEASE SEND MONEY NOW!!!** All fees must be paid in full by **November 5, 2013**. The pre-payment of registration fees will allow the Festival to run more smoothly and act as a deterrent to last minute cancellations because there will be **NO REFUNDS**. A Billing Information sheet is included in the mailing. Please include this with your check made payable to Augustana College. The fees are as follows:

- $25.00 for each Festival Band student
- $15.00 for each Director

CANCELLATIONS
Please notify me immediately of students who must withdraw from the Band Festival. Please call Dani Pemberton at (605)415-2038 or send an email to augiebandfest@gmail.com with any cancellations. **NOTIFY ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** so that I may find a substitute.

REGISTRATION
All schools must register on Friday morning between 8:30 – 10:00 AM. In order to facilitate our registration process, **PLEASE PLAN TO REGISTER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE**. At registration, you will pay any extra fees, pick up information packets for you and your students, and turn in rehearsal copies of music.

GRAND FINALE CONCERT: Saturday, November 16, 2013
Please encourage family and friends to come and show their support for your high school musicians! The Augustana Band will also perform at the Grand Finale Concert. The performance will be at 6:30 PM. Tickets are $12.50 for adults and $8.50 for students (K-12) and senior citizens. Tickets for reserved seats are available by ordering online at www.tickets.com, in person at the Washington Pavilion Box Office, or by calling the Washington Pavilion at (605) 367-6000. Please encourage family members to buy advanced tickets so they are assured a seat. We will be receiving complimentary tickets for directors from the Pavilion and will include them in your registration packet upon arrival. If you have specific seating requests, please call the Washington Pavilion Box Office. Tickets will go on sale October 31, 2010.

DIRECTOR’S BREAKFAST AND ANNUAL MEETING
There will be a director’s breakfast on Saturday morning at 8:30 AM in the 3-in-1 room in the Augustana College Commons. The breakfast is free for directors and extra tickets may be purchased for $4.50 each. All directors are encouraged to attend. We will gladly answer questions and discuss next year’s festival.
**CHAPERONES**
We require all students to be accompanied by a director or an adult chaperone. If you will not be able to attend the Festival, please give us the name of the chaperone that will be accompanying your student(s).

**MUSIC**
The Festival music for each of your students will be sent to you via DropBox. In sorting music for around 300 students, errors will most likely occur. We will send photocopies, but the original parts will be used for the concert for copyright purposes. If the students marks the music during practicing, we ask that all marks be transferred in light pencil to the originals as all photocopies will be destroyed prior to the concert. Please ask your students to be extremely careful with the originals once the Festival has commenced. Because of the limited rehearsal time, please stress the importance of **learning the parts beforehand!** Do not forget to bring mutes if they are required in the parts. Please note that soloists will be determined by the director during the rehearsals and may be given to anyone on the part within the section.

**MUSIC STANDS**
**ALL STUDENTS MUST BRING THEIR OWN MUSIC STANDS. NONE WILL BE PROVIDED BY AUGUSTANA COLLEGE.** Folding stands are highly recommended since they take up the least amount of room on stage. All stands should be marked with your school name.

**PERCUSSION**
Percussionists will be assigned parts based on their nomination forms. The Gold and Honor Band percussionists will have a short assignment and equipment check from 10:00-10:20 Friday morning. All percussionists will have sectionals as listed on the schedule. Please refer to the Schedule of Events for details. **Have your percussionists bring their own snare drums, sticks, mallets, and stands.** The college will provide all other percussion equipment.

**MEALS**
Students and directors are on their own for meals. The dining facilities in the Augustana Commons will be open for your use on a cash basis. Meals other than the Directors’ Breakfast are not included in the registration fee.

**UNIFORM**
We suggest that members of the Festival Bands dress up as if you were performing at a concert at your school. A suggestion for men is a suit and tie while women should wear a dress, skirt, or a dressy shirt and dress slacks. Band uniforms are not required, but acceptable. Ladies should avoid wearing large prom style dresses as they take up too much space on stage.

**INSTRUMENT REPAIR**
K&M Music of Sioux Falls has offered to provide emergency instrument repair services for the Festival. Should one of your students need their assistance, please ask the Festival Chairs or Assistant Chair to direct you to them.
PARKING
Drivers are requested to follow all parking regulations in Sioux Falls and at Augustana College. The Augustana Commons circle drive may be used for loading and unloading only. Vehicles parked in clearly marked NO PARKING areas will be ticketed by Augustana Security.

FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS
T-Shirts will be available for those interested in ordering them. This year’s design accompanies a pre-order form that we will use in determining how many T-shirts to purchase. Please complete the pre-order form and return it with your billing forms as soon as possible.

RECORDING
Earsay Recording of Sioux Falls will be recording the Grand Finale Concert. CD order forms will be available at the concert.

QUESTIONS
Should you have any questions about the above information, please feel free to contact Festival Chair Dani Pemberton at (605)415-2038 or by email at augiebandfest@gmail.com.

**BILLING FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 5, 2013**