



**33rd Annual
Greater
Atlanta
Marching
Festival**

**October 23, 2010
Conyers, GA**

We look forward to your
band joining us as we
celebrate 33 years of
festival and excellence!

Rockdale County High School
Band Boosters
1174 Bulldog Circle
Conyers, GA 30012
Phone (770) 483-8754 ext 231



On October 23, 2010 the Rockdale County High School Band will host the 33rd Annual Greater Atlanta Marching Festival. This event is a festival and a contest.

Band Classifications: Bands will be entered into classes based on the number of **wind** players of each performing group. Bands may enter in a higher class, but not a lower class. Silver Division is Classes A and AA. Gold Division is Classes AAA, AAAA, and Open.

Class A – 1-40

Class AA – 41-59

Class AAA – 60-79

Class AAAA – 80-100

Open – 101 and up

Competition Ratings: Band ratings will follow GMEA recommended guidelines as follows:

Superior 85.0-100

Excellent 70.0-84.9

Good 55.0-69.9

Fair 0.0-54.9

Festival Trophies: Bands receiving a Superior or Excellent rating will receive a trophy. Drum Lines, Color Guard, Majorettes, Drill Teams, and Drum Majors earning a Superior rating will also receive a trophy. Bands earning all Superior ratings in band and sub-units will receive a sweepstakes plaque.

Contest Trophies: All bands receiving a Superior or Excellent rating will receive a trophy. Each sub-unit receiving a Superior will also receive a trophy. Additionally, the following trophies will be awarded:

* 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in Class for Bands and Drum Major, Color Guard, Drum Lines, Majorettes, and Drill Teams

* Grand Champion Trophy for Band, Color Guard, and Percussion in each division.

Entry Fee/ Deadline: A \$75.00 fee per band is required for one event or \$125.00 for both festival and contest. All bands must include, by separate check, a \$500.00 performance bond. Performance bond checks will be held and returned upon band participation. **Entry forms and payments must be postmarked by October 8, 2010.**

All bands are to register by mail - the order registrations are postmarked will determine the order of performance

1. Complete a Registration Form (including requisite signatures).
2. Submit two separate checks - one for the Registration fee and one for the performance bond.
3. Mail the Registration Form and payment (postmarked by October 8) to:

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Stadium description: Reid Memorial Stadium includes a six lane rubberized track. The first row of seats rests 8 feet above field level. The stadium runs 15 rows high with a 3 floor Press Box that sits 20 feet behind the last rows. There is an electrical outlet on the field for your use if necessary. Please note that our track has been newly refurbished, so track access is extremely limited.

Admissions: All directors and band staff are admitted free provided their names are included on the application form.

Chaperones are admitted at a ratio of 1 for every 10 band students. Bus drivers are admitted free. All other supporters must pay the admission of \$8.00. This policy adheres to the guidelines of GMEA and GHSA.

Judging: The contest will be adjudicated by a panel of six band judges (caption style) and one judge each for Color Guard, Percussion, Drum Major(s), and Drill Team/Majorettes. Please check our website (www.rockdaleband.com) for judging panel updates beginning in September.

For further information, please go to our website at www.rockdaleband.com or contact Scott Stanton, Director of Bands at 770-483-8754 ext. 231 or sstanton@rockdale.k12.ga.us

We look forward to the opportunity to host your band at the 33rd annual Greater Atlanta Marching Festival.