

BEACH WITHIN REACH BAND FESTIVAL

MAY 3 – 5, 2012

HALTOM HIGH SCHOOL – RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Colleagues,

The Richland and Haltom High School Bands, in conjunction with Six Flags Hurricane Harbor are pleased to announce the 15th annual ***Beach Within Reach Band Festival***. The festival will be held at both Richland and Haltom High Schools from **Thursday through Saturday, May 3-5**. Hurricane Harbor will be open on Saturday, May 5th, from 10:30-6:00pm, with the Band awards ceremony set for 5:45 pm in the park.

Our festival provides a high quality performance and recreational experience for all bands. Each middle school and junior high classification is represented, with the 1st bands able to choose between two separate divisions, *Open* and *Invitational*. In the “Invitational” division, bands perform UIL-type programs, and are adjudicated at a UIL standard. The “Open” division can include any type of music, including UIL music, and is judged slightly below a UIL standard. All beginner and non-varsity bands are considered “Open”. The schedule will run at 30-minute intervals which include a five (5) minute setup and 25 minutes to perform. Bands may play 2 or 3 pieces and may be in formal or informal uniform.

Our festival has included many young bands, as well as TMEA Honor Bands. Our adjudication panel is made up of highly experienced professionals who are very current to the levels of both small and large school bands. Our 2012 adjudicators include Richard Crain, Randy Vaughn, Ken Valliant, Tom Shine, Lynne Jackson and Fred Allen. CDs will be provided by David Burks Audio.

Hurricane Harbor will be open only to band and choir festival participants Saturday, May 5th. Hurricane Harbor will honor all festival tickets until the middle of June. *No food or drink will be allowed to be brought into the park. In addition to regular park vending, Hurricane Harbor will offer a pre-ordered \$6.00 hot dog meal (chips and drink). They will also provide 6 - 7 additional food and drink vendors just for our event. There are no box lunches this year.*

The entry fee is \$300.00 per band. For most bands, this comes to \$5.00 - \$6.00 per student...even less than that for large beginner bands. Hurricane Harbor tickets cost extra (\$24.00 per person), therefore bands are not required to attend the park. Each band will receive a complimentary ticket for the Band Director, even if the students are not going to Hurricane Harbor. Hurricane Harbor will honor 2012 season passes.

Bands will be scheduled by postmark date. The earliest postmark will be Friday, February 3, 2012. All entries and deposits received before that time will be considered received on February 3rd.

Awards include division ratings of I-IV. Bands receiving a Division I will receive a trophy and be eligible for “*Best in Class*” Awards. Division II and III ratings will receive plaques. “*Best in Class*” trophies will be awarded in each division with more than one band. Runner-up trophies will be awarded beginning with four classifications having four bands enrolled, and additional Runner-up awards will be awarded for every three (4,7,10,13,etc.).

Jolesch Photography will provide pictures immediately following each group’s performance. Each Director will receive a complimentary photo of their group.

We hope to see you at *Beach Within Reach Band Festival* this year!!

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