

To Whom It May Concern:

For the 10th year in a row members of the Hidden Valley High School Band have auditioned to participate in the Western International Band Clinic (WIBC). This conference will be held in Seattle, Washington on November 21-24, 2014.

WIBC is four-day honor band available to only the highest level of musicians across 14 states and Canada. During this event 650 high school band students will have the opportunity to work under 5 of the best conductors/teachers in the nation, work with a guest soloist, attend 2 concerts each night, and meet other band students who have the highest commitment to music. The benefits of this event do not end at the conclusion of WIBC. Experience, new skills, and passion for music spread across the rest of the Hidden Valley Band.

In preparation for the WIBC audition these students have put in countless hours of practicing and several hours of supervised recording each. This process alone has increased their skills as a musician and increased the skill of the HVHS band as a whole. Students who are selected to attend WIBC will remember this event far past high school and look back upon it as a point of pride in their high school career.

The tentative plans for this trip are as follows: Depart from HVHS early on the morning of Friday, November 21st. We will arrive late that evening at the Double Tree motel and check in. From this point the students will be under the supervision and guidance of WIBC until the conclusion of the event on Monday, November 24th. The final performances at WIBC end at 4:00 PM, after which we will depart for HVHS and arrive around midnight.

To participate in this event each student must pay \$339.00. This includes 3 nights lodging and participation fees (food is not included). Students will be paying for this trip themselves.

Below is the student schedule for the Western International Band Clinic.

If you having any question or concerns please email me at ben.lawson@threerivers.k12.or.us

What is the basic schedule for the activities at WIBC?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21:

4:00-10:00 p.m. Check-in for honor band students and directors
7:30 p.m. CONCERT: Hill Country M.S. Wind Ensemble (Texas)
9:00 p.m. CONCERT: North Dakota State Univ. Wind Symphony (North Dakota)
10:00 p.m. Honor band meeting, introduction of guest conductors

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22:

7:00 a.m. Check-in for honor band students not staying at hotel on Friday night.
8:00 a.m. Clinics start for band directors
8:00 a.m. Clinic for honor band students
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Rehearsals for honor band students
9:10 a.m. Clinic for band directors
11:30 a.m. Sightreading session for band directors
2:30 p.m. Clinic for band directors
7:30 p.m. CONCERT: Leander H.S. Wind Ensemble (Texas)
9:00 p.m. CONCERT: University of the Pacific Wind Ensemble (California)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23:

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Rehearsals for honor band students
9:00 a.m. Clinic for band directors
10:15 a.m. Sightreading session for band directors
12:00 noon Directors' Luncheon
2:00 p.m. Clinic for band directors
2:45 p.m. [College Night](#) - WIBC H.S. students talk with visiting colleges
3:00 pm. Clinic for band directors
7:30 p.m. CONCERT: WIBC U Intercollegiate Honor Band (w/Jim Walker & Marianne Gedigian)
9:00 p.m. CONCERT: United States Navy Band (Northwest)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24:

7:45 a.m. Warm-up time for honor band students
8:00 a.m. Clinic for band directors
9:00 a.m. Clinic for band directors
10:30 a.m. CONCERT: Phoenix-Sunbird Honor Band Concert
12:30 p.m. CONCERT: Firebird-Thunderbird Honor Band Concert
2:30 p.m. End of concerts/convention