



EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY PANTHER MARCHING BAND

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33rd ANNUAL PANTHER MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL

Dear Director,

Greetings from the Eastern Illinois University Bands! We are pleased to announce the **33rd Annual Panther Marching Band Festival** on the campus of Eastern Illinois University will be held Saturday, September 26, 2009. The PMB Festival will start in the late afternoon and end under the lights in O'Brien Stadium.

The Panther Marching Band Festival is a part of our overall educational mission here in the Eastern Illinois University Bands. As part of this mission, you will have your choice of participating in a two-division format: a festival division for bands who are seeking judges' comments only and a competition division determined by band size. In the competition division, there will be placement and caption awards for each class in the areas of music, visual, general effect, percussion, auxiliaries, and drum major(s). Festival Division participants will receive a participation award for their performance. All bands will receive excellent comments from our panel of clinicians and adjudicators consisting of BOA, DCI, WGI, and other outstanding music educators from respected organizations in the field.

We know the PMB Festival is your opportunity to experience field turf while gaining helpful comments and excellent educational strategies to improve your band early in the season. **Fill out a registration form today and send it, and your entry fee before August 1, 2009.** Be sure to check out the latest information about the Panther Marching Band Festival at www.eiu.edu/music under "Events & Festivals." We look forward to having you join us for this exciting and spectacular event of Illinois Marching Bands.

Sincerely,

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