

## **A message from D2:**

The USSBA is planning on hosting a marching band show at Allegheny College in Meadville on Saturday, September 18, 2010 in the AM. They asked if I could send out information - they would like to see more bands participate. They thought that maybe school e-mails were blocking their e-mails. Here is the letter they sent to me:

I hope that you had a wonderful summer and are excited for the new school year. I know that this has always been my favorite time of year because it means that it is the start of the band season! I am not sure if you know much about the US Scholastic Band Association, but we would love to learn more about you and to be able to help you out and your band. Here at USSBA we are always looking to help reach out to bands and to help create a fun and educational experience for all. At USSBA we try to not just run shows in your area but also try to stay involved with you and your band community and are here if you need help with anything beyond the field and competition.

Western Pennsylvania is an area that we are trying to bring more USSBA events to. One event that we are trying to hold will actually be the USSBA Western Pennsylvania Regional on September 18th at Allegheny College. I know that there is a show that day for LMBA, but we will be holding our show earlier that day at 11:00 and would be more than happy to make the schedule fit your needs. This could be a great opportunity for your band to get a performance in before their LMBA show later that day and to get some input from our Judges. The field at Allegheny is a great performance area and this could be a really fun opportunity for you and your band.

Please feel free to contact me if you are interested or not. I hope to be able to meet with you and your band and to hear all about your upcoming season. Don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns and I will make sure I can do whatever I can to help you out. I am also going to try calling you over the next few days to hear more about your program. I look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you on September 18th.

Best Wishes,  
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If you are interested in attending this show (I realize it's short notice and I told him that in the future we should be notified in late May for best results), please feel free to contact me and I'll pass your information along to him, or e-mail him yourself.

Thanks!!!!!!

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