University of South Florida
Festival of Winds, Opus 32

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
There will be three ensembles. Each school responding by the postmarked deadline of September 22, 2006 is assured of at least TWO representatives. A brief audition will be held on Thursday to place students in the appropriate Festival ensemble.

Wind Ensemble: TBA

Symphony Band: Dr. Michael C. Robinson
Associate Director of Bands and Director of Athletic Bands, University
of South Florida

Concert Band: TBA

HOUSING
Musicians will be housed close to campus at a hotel with chaperones PROVIDED BY the University of South Florida School of Music. For a nominal fee, students will receive housing, local transportation, admittance to Festival concerts, a Festival of Winds T-shirt, and TWO meals that will be provided on Friday night and Sunday afternoon.

FEES
Students choosing four (4) per room $135.00
Students choosing two (2) per room $180.00
Commuters $115.00

WHAT YOU MUST DO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
1. Nominate up to ten of your most deserving musicians on the individual forms provided, or on our website http://festivalofwinds.arts.usf.edu. (Please feel free to make copies for up to ten recommendations.) MAKE SURE TO PLACE A RANKING NUMBER ON EACH SHEET so that we can prioritize your nominations. The forms are designed to enable you to quickly give as much insight as possible on each musician. Other students recommended by USF faculty will also be invited by the School of Music to participate.

2. IMPORTANT: Due to the immense popularity of the Festival, your nominations MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 22, 2006 to be considered for the Festival participation. We would be very grateful if you would take time immediately to return these forms to USF. The Festival staff WILL NOT accept late nominations and, unfortunately, no exceptions can be made.

3. Notification of acceptance will be mailed to the directors the first week in October. It is the directors’ obligation to notify students of their invitation to the Festival. Please encourage the students’ and parents’ prompt responses.

4. Please direct all questions to the Festival of Winds office at (813) 974-4326, FAX (813) 974-8721, or email festivalofwinds@arts.usf.edu. All messages will be answered as promptly as possible.