



Colorado Bandmasters Association
2015 Summer Convention
Marching Band Sessions



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Session 1: Design For Success--the Total Band Program

Session 2: Rehearsal Techniques from Camp to Grand Nationals-Maximize Your Time & Energy

Andy Cook is in his twenty ninth year of teaching and twenty first as Associate Director of Bands at Carmel High School in Carmel Indiana. His duties include co-conducting the Marching Band, Wind Symphony II, III, and IV, Freshmen Concert Bands, Jazz Ensemble III, Color Guard, Basketball Pep Band. The Carmel Marching Greyhounds have been Bands of America Grand National Finalists since 1997 and Grand National Champions in 2005, 2012 as well as Indiana State Champions in 1990, 2001, 2002, and 2012. Carmel Wind Symphony I was named ISSMA State Champions in 2012 and performed in December 2005 at the Mid-West Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, IL. All six of the concert bands consistently receive division I ratings at ISSMA Concert Band Festival. In addition to teaching at Carmel High School, Andy taught eight years in Frederick County Maryland at Brunswick and Catoctin High Schools.

Andy has been an active music judge for Drum Corps International (DCI) where he has judged finals week eight times, Bands of America, and also a freelance adjudicator and clinician throughout the country. In addition he has been on the Bands of America Summer Symposium Staff from 2003 -2012.

Andy is a 1986 graduate of Ball State University, Muncie Indiana.

Chris Kreke is currently in his twentieth year as Associate Director of Bands at Carmel High School. He is co-conductor of the CHS Wind Symphony II, III, and Freshman Concert Bands and also conducts Jazz Ensemble II and athletic bands. Chris is the Head Director of the Carmel High School Marching Band. The Marching Greyhounds have been a Bands of America Grand National Championship Finalist since 1996, were Indiana State Champions in 1990, 2001, 2002, and 2012 and were named the BOA Grand National Champions in 2005 and 2012. The Marching Greyhounds have performed in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, the London New Years Day parade, the Fiesta Bowl, the Orange Bowl, and have completed performance tours of Hawaii, New York City, Amsterdam, Vienna, and Salzburg. They most recently performed in the Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2014.

Chris is also the drill designer/visual coordinator for several marching groups around the United States and is available as a drill designer, visual clinician, and music technology clinician. He has designed and coordinated for state champions in multiple states.

Chris received his Bachelor's degree in music education from Ball State University in 1995 and completed his Master's degree in music technology from Indiana University in 2000.

