



The 50th Annual Columbus Marching Festival

Parade down 13th Street from 30th Avenue to 24th Avenue.
Field at Memorial Stadium at Pawnee Park

Admission

The parade downtown is completely free and open to the public. Admission to the Field Show is \$8.00 for Adults and \$5 for Students. Admission may be purchased on site at the ticket windows on the west side of the stadium. Children ages 4 and under will be admitted free of charge. *Please note that we cannot accept credit cards for admission to the field show. Credit cards are accepted when purchasing from the concession stand. There is no ATM on site.*

Concessions

Beautifully Baked Bakery will be set up in the square with several breakfast items for spectators during the parade along with the Kettlecorn Cowboy.

A full concession stand will be available at the stadium during the field show. If you would like to PRE order a lunch for your band members please complete [THIS](#) form.

Commemorative Items

There will be special 50th Annual CMF Popcorn Buckets as well as a limited number of CMF 50 T-shirts available for purchase at the field show.

Passes

All students participating in the field competition will be provided a wristband for entry to the stadium and 10 wristbands will be provided for any adults you wish to have admitted for free. Should you require more than 10 please ask.

Parade Information

Bus/Equipment Parking Information (Parade) *There is some problematic construction on the highway so please READ to ease the parking downtown.*

If entering from the south: Please have your buses turn right (east) on 8th Street and proceed to 23rd Avenue. Turn left (north) on 24th Avenue and proceed to 12th Street. The buses should then turn left (west) onto 12th where you will be directed to a parking spot.

If entering Columbus from the north: Please have your buses turn south on 23rd Avenue and then turn to the east on 15th street. Proceed down 15th street to 23rd avenue and then turn south onto 23rd. Then proceed to 12th street and turn back to the west where you will be directed to a parking spot.

If entering from the east: Please have your buses travel along 23rd Street to 14th Avenue (This is a stoplight by Vishay and BD). Turn to the south along 14th Avenue and proceed to 17th Street. Turn right (west) onto 17th Street to get to 23rd avenue. Then turn south (left) on 23rd avenue and then right on 12th street where you will be directed to a parking spot.

Parade Staging

Upon arrival in the parking areas bands may get into uniform and get all instruments out. There will be port-a-potties available at the parking area. Bands may warm up in place during the staging until the parade begins at 10:00a.m. Once the parade begins, all warmups should cease.

Parade Judging

Adjudicating the parade will be Mr. Kevin Koopmann, Dr. Wade Howles, and Mr. Doug Phillips. You will be judged in the areas of Music, Marching and General Effect. Following the parade you will be provided with the judges audio comments and a video of your band's performance.

Parade Concessions

Please let your families know that in addition to the regular farmers market that is in the square we will have two additional vendors. Beautifully Baked bakery will have several breakfast items ([click here](#) for more info), as well as the Kettlecorn Cowboy.

Parade Awards/Commentary

Awards for the parade will be presented at 2:40pm at the stadium during the first intermission of the field contest. Trophies will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class. Commentary from the judges will be shared via a Google drive folder following the contest. In the event of a tie the first tiebreaker is the music score, the second tiebreaker is the marching score.

Field Information

Bus/Equipment Parking Information (Field)

Bus parking will be in the lot adjacent to the baseball field to the east of the football stadium. There will be parents to help direct traffic upon your arrival to the area. Pit equipment vehicles will park in the Pawnee Plunge parking lot south of the baseball field. *Please advise anyone driving a personal vehicle that they must park on the West Side of the Stadium.*

Field Show & Warm-up Sequence

Bus Arrival

The parking lot attendants will guide you when you arrive. You will be assigned parking spaces. Please ask your students to wait at the bus until they can be marked for entry into the stadium.

Assembly Area

Your guide will meet you at the Assembly area at the designated time. This area is located to the West of the Stadium and South of the Tennis Courts. This is a No-Play Zone.

Warm-up Area

You will have a 30 minute warm-up block. There are no lines in this area. You will likely be sharing this space with the band before and after you.

Percussion lines wishing to warm-up early Should move well to the west of the stadium near the golf course. Please face away from the stadium while warming up.

On Deck Area

Your guide will lead you to the On Deck Area at the designated line. You should be in no more than a double file line to easily travel the paths to the south east corner of the field. (side #2 back hash entrance & side #2 front hash exit)

Timing

Each band will have 15 minutes to complete field entry, warm-up, performance and exit. Timing is kept for your information only as no penalties will be assessed at this contest. A starter will signal your group when to cross the entry line and the clock has started. Judging begins immediately following the introduction of the band and will cease at the conclusion of the band's performance. The timing for each band will conclude when all of the members, equipment and props have crossed the exit line. Judges are advised not to judge the band's exit.

Field of Performance

The surface is artificial turf. It has high school hash marks and standard soccer field markings on the surface. The Field of Performance, designated as the entry point to begin the 15-minute performance slot, shall be the goal line and the plane of the goal line extended to the stands. Band members and drum majors may perform outside the boundary line but may NOT enter the spectator seating for any reason. The pit percussion area can be any place within the competition area and will not contain any specific markings.

Video Recording of Bands

The video file of your bands performance will be shared via a google drive link. We will once again use the onsite HUDL camera to video your performance, however this we year we have worked out how to center on the middle of the field so this should be a better quality than last year. You are welcome to record your own bands performance if you prefer.

Introduction

The 15-minute timing begins when any portion of the band or their crew and members crosses the entry line. It is possible that the announcements from the previous band will be concluding while the next band is entering the field. The official introduction for the next band should be read by the announcer on a cue given by the field manager after a cue from the drum major or band director.

"Joining us from Band City, Nebraska please welcome the Hometown High School Band !"

(pause for audience response and wait for a cue from the field manager before proceeding)

"Their 2024 program is entitled___ and includes the following musical selections..." (announcer reads their selections)

If the drum majors are going to salute,

it should occur no later than when the announcer says: "The Columbus Marching Festival is proud to present in competition Drum Majors ____, ____ and the ___High School (nickname) Marching Band".

A drum major salute is not required to indicate the band is ready to start. Adjudication will begin immediately following the announcement listed above.

Field Exit

At the conclusion of the show the band proper should move towards the exit boundary line, which will be the north goal line and the plane of the goal line extended to the stands. All portions of the ensemble and their equipment must cross the line prior to the end of their 15-minute time slot. The pits and large props will exit towards the north. All playing sounds (including percussion) must stop once the Field of Performance is vacated and the goal line is crossed. Bands with large props need to remove them completely from the field and spectator's view before disassembling them to stay within their 15-minute time slot.

Concessions

Concessions will be made available for sale in the stadium. ([click here](#) for more information) Thank you for communicating this with your students and parents. Credit/Debit cards are accepted when purchasing concessions.

Field Adjudication

Adjudicating the field contest are:

- Music Effect - Terry Rush, Lincoln
- Visual Effect - Robert Conrad, Sioux Falls, SD
- Music Ensemble - Andrew Norris, Elkhorn,
- Music Individual - Joshua Harris, Elkhorn
- Visual Ensemble - Landon Barada, Bennington
- Visual Individual - Wade Howles, Lincoln
- Auxiliary - Andrea Kellett, Fremont
- Percussion - Ben Samson, Omaha

Drum-Off

New to the Columbus Marching Festival is our Drum-Off Exhibition where any interested drumlines will be invited to showcase their favorite cadence or two while we await final tabulation of the final ratings. This fun event is non-competitive but we will have some lovely parting gifts for those ensembles that choose to participate. Several of you indicated you "maybe" interested in participating, please just let us know if you want to participate.

Awards

Presentation of Parade Awards and for 1A and 2A field shows will be at the stadium at 2:40p.m. Uniformed Drum Majors/Guard Captains or student representatives should assemble in the North end of the track Prior to 2:35p.m. Any uniformed students will be allowed into the awards ceremony free of charge.

Presentation of Ratings for Class 3A, 4A, and 5A along with awards for Outstanding Percussion, Outstanding Color Guard, Outstanding Effect, Outstanding Visual, and Outstanding Music will be at the Stadium at

5:55p.m. Uniformed Drum Majors/Guard Captains or student representatives should assemble at the South end of the track during the drum-off..

Questions

If you have any questions please contact Jeff Peabody at peabodyj@discoverers.org (308)216-1490.

Competition Suite

We are using Competition Suite this year. You will be able to listen to your judges commentary as soon as we have them uploaded. Judges will have individual sheets to make additional comments if they wish. You will need to make an account for Competition Suite using the email address you submitted with your registration. Please let us know if you have any questions.