

# BLUECOATS

## The Bluecoats Make A Splash In First Three Contests Of National Tour

*THE CORPS DEPARTED ITS STARK COUNTY SPRING TRAINING HOME ON JULY 1ST AND HAS WON EACH OF ITS FIRST THREE CONTESTS ON AN 8,000 MILE NATIONAL TOUR.*

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09 July 2024 – MINNEAPOLIS, MN – The Bluecoats Drum & Bugle Corps completed the first week of its 8,000 mile national tour on Monday with a free day at the Mall of America. The corps, made up of mostly college-aged performers, completed its Stark County based Spring Training on June 30th when it celebrated the [grand opening of the Bluecoats and EN-RICH-MENT organization's brand new Arts Education Center](#) in Downtown Canton.

Then, as it does each summer, the corps put on its "Canton Ambassador" hat and embarked on a national tour, representing Canton and its home state of Ohio twenty-two [contests](#) and public performances across the United States.

As of July 7th, the corps has completed six of those public performances, three of which were contests on the [Drum Corps International Summer Tour](#). The corps placed first in each of those early-season contests. Here were the results:

- July 2nd – The Summer Music Games in Cincinnati – First Place, 78.750
- July 6th – The Whitewater Classic, Whitewater, WI – First Place, 81.90
- July 7th – River City Rhapsody – La Crosse, WI – First Place 83.40

(View all 2024 Bluecoats scores [here](#).)

But the corps isn't only rehearsing and competing. On July 5th the corps hosted [The Blue Way Marching Band Clinic at the University of Cincinnati](#). Dozens of mostly high school students joined the corps for a learning and experience clinic where kids get to "be a Bluecoat" for a day. The Blue Way Marching Band Clinics are an abbreviated version of [The Blue Way Summer Arts Camp](#), a hugely popular two-day camp the Bluecoats organization hosts each year at its Spring Training home, the University of Mount Union.

Yesterday the corps began four days of rehearsal at the University of Minneapolis before embarking on another weekend of midwestern contests. Find a list of all contests at events at [bluecoats.com/events](#).

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**About Bluecoats** – Founded in 1972, Bluecoats is a 501(c)3 non-profit performing arts education organization known around the world for the *Bluecoats Drum & Bugle Corps*, *The Blue Way Summer Arts Camp*, Rhythm IN BLUE, and its affiliate EN-RICH-MENT.. Bluecoats brings performing arts education to thousands of aspiring young musicians in Stark County and around the globe. For more information, visit [bluecoats.com/about](http://bluecoats.com/about).

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