

Colorado West Marching Performance Booklet



**September 21, 2024 Grand
Junction, Colorado**

**Sponsored by the
Mesa County Valley School District**

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Mesa County Valley School District 51
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To: All Festival Participants:

School District 51 welcomes you to the 47th annual Colorado West Invitational Marching Band Festival. This booklet has all of the rules and regulations for this year's festival. Please make sure that you are familiar with the rules before the festival date.

1. CBA Sanctioned Marching Band Field Show- Prelims and Finals format
2. Prelim (competition by classes), Finals open class format
3. 15 band limits for Prelims
4. Each class winner plus the next highest scoring bands equaling a total of ten bands will qualify for Finals
5. Finals format will be open class with performances in reverse order of scoring from Prelims (regardless of class)
6. Drum Line and Color Guard judging critiques (comment only)
7. Quality audio and video recording for both performances
8. Closing ceremonies at Stocker Stadium. Presentation of all and awards

A basic schedule of festival events and information regarding each event is included within this booklet. An official registration form is on our website. Entry fees are \$400 for high school bands- \$450.00 for late entries. An SD card will be provided for your performance recording. All entry payments MUST be received with the entry form to be considered timely and to avoid late fees. Please phone the Music Education office if you have any questions concerning participation in this festival.

If you have not heard back from us a week after the entry deadline, please contact our office because we might not have received your entry!

We look forward to seeing all of you on September 21, 2024. Please call (970) 254-6507 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,
Kathy Joseph

Kathy Joseph
Music Coordinator

The Colorado West Marching Band Festival is scheduled for September 21, 2024 in Grand Junction, Colorado. This festival is designed for school bands located throughout Colorado, New Mexico and Eastern Utah. The festival is more than a single marching band contest with its new Prelims and Finals format, college marching band exhibition and presentation of awards.

Field show competition within the festival conforms to the CBA Festival rules which can be found on the Colorado Bandmaster Association website. Please give this event serious consideration when planning and scheduling marching band activities for the fall of 2024. For more information please contact Kathy Joseph, Music Department, 2660 Unaweep Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado 81503 or call (970) 254-6507 or email at Kathy.Joseph@d51schools.org.

Deadline for all entries is August 22, 2024

Entry fees of \$400.00 must accompany entry forms.

The entry fee for late entries is \$450.00

**** An additional \$50 fee will be assessed for all forms that are received after August 22, 2024. This would include: Copyright Form, Announcement Form. No entries accepted after August 31.**

**Festival Date is:
Saturday
September 21, 2024**

***For this and other District 51 Music Events and information go to:
<https://d51schools.ss13.sharpschool.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=81872&pageId=511755>***



DIRECTORS—PLEASE NOTE!

It is the intent of this festival to allow all participants free admission to the events at Stocker Stadium. All students and chaperones will get their hand stamped as they leave their respective buses when they arrive for the festival. Please have your students and chaperones remain on the bus until all hands have been stamped. Please ask your students to enter at the far left gate at the southeast entrance of the stadium when they arrive for the field show.

Following are some important facts about the festival:

- Prelim Field Show order will be determined by a random draw in each classification
- Finals Field Show order will be in reverse order of scoring from the Prelim scores
- All percussion line and auxiliary units will be critiqued during the field show competition. A judge's recording for each will be added to your Drop Box.
- Each band will receive one complimentary hand stamp to the festival for every 10 marching students, or portion thereof, to accommodate chaperones. All chaperones must have their hands stamped.
- The Press Box is for use of judges and authorized Marching Band Festival officials/workers only. Directors, parents and others are not allowed in the Press Box at any time during the festival, including doing any videotaping from this location.
- Due to the limited size of the handicap area, the elevator to the Press Box will be monitored. Only handicapped individuals and one companion per person will be allowed in the viewing area level 2.
- Current COVID restrictions may apply to performances and audience attendance

Colorado West Invitational Marching Band Festival Grand Junction, Colorado

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Tentative Schedule of Events Depending on the Number of Bands Entered

TBD-	Marching Band Field Shows- Lincoln Park/Stocker Stadium (competitive and non-competitive).
10:00am-2:45pm-	Prelims and lunch break
4:00-7:00pm	Finals and awards presentation
TBD-	Conclusion of the Field Show- Field Conductors should report to the southeast sideline. They will be called front and center to the 50-yard line for the presentation of awards.

Admission for event at Stocker Stadium

Adults \$15.00 Prelims or Finals

All Day Tickets \$25

Students/Senior Citizens 60 and over 10.00 Prelims or Finals

All Day Tickets \$18

Children 5 and under FREE

Tickets may be purchased at Stocker Stadium one hour before the first show

Group of 20 or more students- \$8.00/student

Contact the Music Education office for tickets and information at least one week prior to the festival

DEFINITIONS AND CLARIFICATION OF ITEMS

1. Bus Unloading and Parking

Field Show buses should unload students for the Field Show in the Stocker Stadium parking lot. You will need to enter the parking lot from the south off of Gunnison Avenue by the golf course. Bus, equipment trucks and trailers will be greeted upon entry and guided to their parking spot. Please tell your parents that they will NOT be allowed to park in the bus parking area.

2. Luncheon Location

There are several food shops near Lincoln Park where Directors and students may eat. There will be a designated area for those wishing to serve lunch at the park.

3. Field Competition

Please observe the designated warm-up area marked A or B. You should warm-up facing away from the stadium. A complete time schedule for entering the field and for performances is enclosed for all bands.

4. Parade in Review

Due to the time limit for the festival, a Parade in Review will not take place. Instead, we will have the Field Conductors line up in uniform, on the south east sideline of the football field, immediately following the final Field Show performance. They will be called "front and center" at which time they will proceed to the 50-yard line where the awards will be presented.

5. Tickets Available at Gate

Spectator tickets will be sold at the gate beginning at 9:00 a.m. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students and citizens 60 and over. **All day tickets which will include entry to both Prelims and Finals are \$25 for Adults and \$18 for students.** All band participants and chaperones- ONE CHAPERONE PER TEN STUDENTS will have their hands stamped as they leave their respective buses for the parade. This will allow free entrance to the field show.

6. First Aid

A first aid person will be available for those in need. Please contact any volunteer with a radio, (parking lot, ticket booth, elevator) if you need assistance or call 911 if you have a serious emergency.

7. Video Recording

A video tape of your field show performances will be provided for each band as a part of our entrance fee.

8. Field Passes

Per 2017 CBA policy, anyone entering the field with the band must have either a CBA Director/Staff pass or a performance-specific Field Pass wristband, this includes all pit and prop volunteers. Separate Field Pass wristbands will be used for prelims and finals performances. The CBA-prescribed number of wristbands (30) will be provided in the Director's Packet upon check-in. It is the Director's responsibility to get these wristbands to their volunteers prior to lining up at the field entrance. Additional Field Pass wristbands will NOT be provided. **These wristbands grant access to the field only for your band's performance, wristbands do not provide entrance into the stadium.**

I. **Marching Band Field Shows**

- **Classifications**

(Subject to change as CBA guidelines)

- ❖ Schools shall participate in field competition in classes according to the following enrollment schedule:

Class I	0 through 400
Class II	401 through 860
Class III	861 through 1200
Class IV	1201 through 1720
Class V	1721 and up

- **Judging/Ratings**

- ❖ A minimum panel of seven judges will be used to evaluate each field show band-four music judges and three visual judges
- ❖ Ratings awarded by the seven judges evaluating marching band field competition will be determined by the CBA point system.
- ❖ **Placement plaques will be awarded to all field show participants for Prelims and Finals with the exception of the top three Finals bands will receive a trophy instead.**

- **Non-competitive Events**

- ❖ High Schools, regardless of enrollment, may enter marching bands in this non-competitive event. Bands may enter this event in place of entering competitive field show events.

Auxiliary units and percussion lines will be critiqued by separate judges- but the auxiliary units will also be judged by the Marching and Maneuvering General Effect judge and the percussion line will be part of the music score as used by the CBA format.

Introductions of performing bands will follow CBA guidelines.

I. Festival Rules Governing Field Show Competition

Refer to your CBA handbook. If you need a current handbook go to the CBA website at: www.coloradobandmasters.org or if you have questions contact:

WL Whaley wlwpo@comcast.net 720-226-8082
Rick Shaw cbamarchingaffairs@gmail.com 720-315-5642

II. Judging Criteria

The Colorado West Invitational Marching Band Festival is designed to be a warm up for the CBA Regional so judging scores should reflect directly to CBA criteria and the early timing of this festival.

- **Time and Penalty**

Rules governing Field Show competition will be the same as the CBA Handbook.

III. Registration and Entry Fees

- Registration form: A registration form is on our website for your convenience. This information is due by August 24, 2023 to:

Kathy Joseph
Music Coordinator
2660 UnawEEP Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81503
Kathy.Joseph@d51schools.org

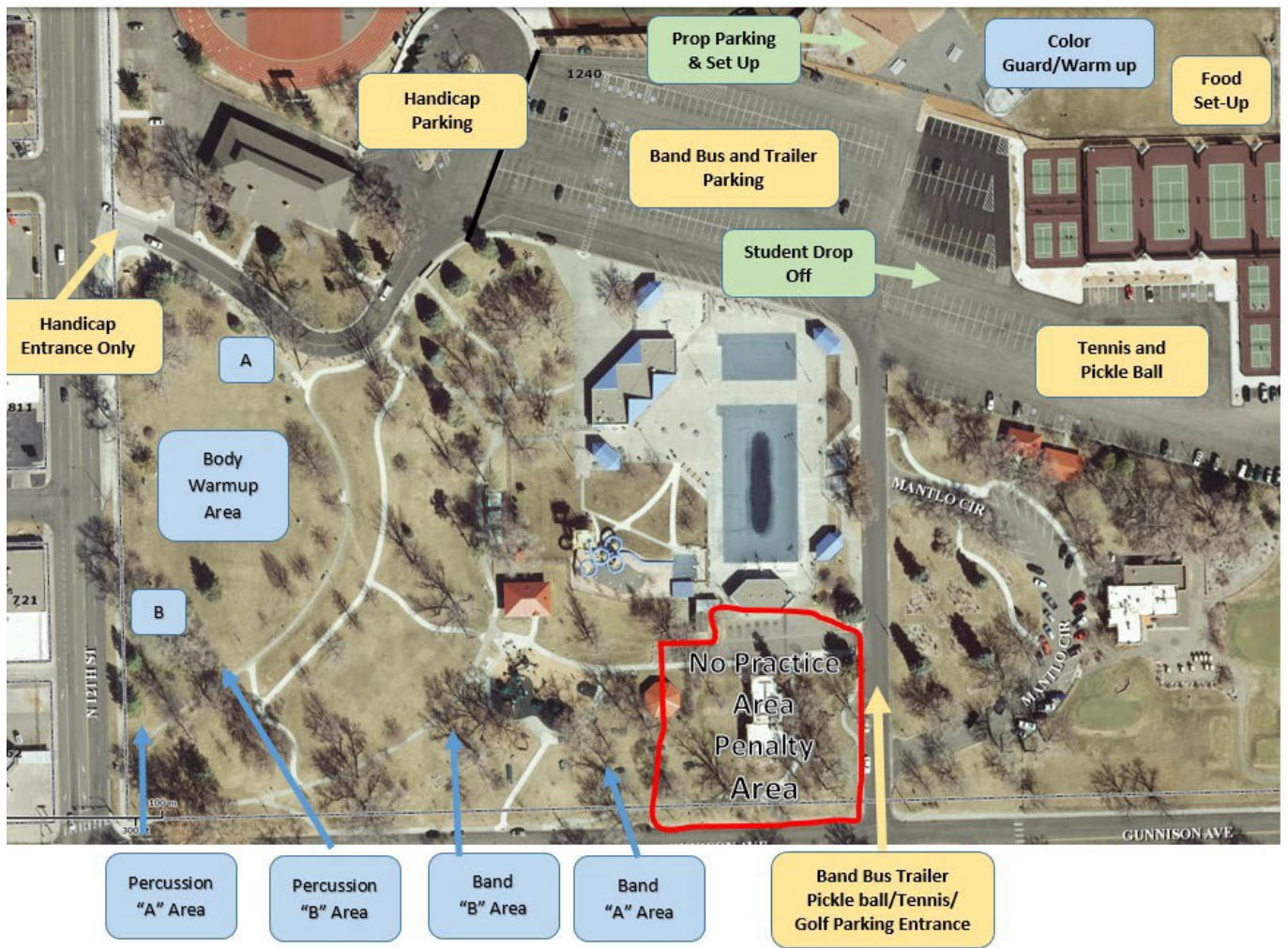
Early receipt of your entries will be appreciated.

- Entry fees: An entry fee of \$400.00 will be charged for each high school band participating in the festival (late entries will be charged a \$450.00 entry fee). Funds realized from entry fees will be used to help pay expenses of the festival. **Entry fees must be paid by August 22, 2024. Entries will NOT be considered complete until all forms and fees have been received by the music office.**

VI. Conclusion

- It is intended that this festival will provide opportunities for marching band students to enjoy a day of competition while receiving constructive criticism designed to improve excellence in all areas of marching band performance. Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 invites you to become a part of this annual Colorado West Invitational Marching Band Festival.

Map of Lincoln Park- No Parking Zone



For Your Information

The following information is a reproduction of the Etiquette Guidelines listed by Colorado Bandmasters Association (C.B.A.). It has definite merit. Please go over these with your students, chaperones, and spectators.

Guidelines for Marching Festival Etiquette:

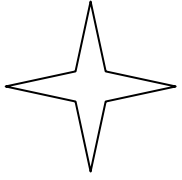
1. Directors, parents, and students are to show the utmost respect and consideration for all bands at marching festivals.
2. While viewing other groups from the stands, there should be minimal/no talking during another band's performance. Air horns are strictly prohibited in the stadium.
3. Bands should stay together as much as possible while sitting in stands.
4. The audience should not be going up and down the aisle during a band performance.
5. Bands are to show utmost respect in the staging, warm-up, and loading areas.
6. Bands are strongly encouraged to support each other, not treat each other as adversaries. Every band and every student in these bands has put in countless hours preparing for this festival. Everyone on the festival field deserves to have a receptive audience and is deserving of the highest degree of respect.
7. Band directors are to discuss this proper behavior and festival etiquette with their band before attending any festival. Any serious violation of respect for another band or band's performance is inappropriate and undermines what C.B.A. is trying to accomplish in teaching students about individual and group excellence. There may be penalties assessed by the Festival Director at his/her discretion, if persistent and serious problems arise with a band or any one of its members or representatives, including parent chaperones.
8. No air horns will be allowed in the stadium stands.



HOTELS AND MOTELS GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

See the Visitor and Convention Bureau website at www.visitgrandjunction.com visitors, lodging, and hotels for a list of hotels in Grand Junction. Or you can contact them at 970.244.1480, 740 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506.

Complimentary rooms for directors whose groups are reserving rooms may be available at some motels. Please check with the individual motel to see if this is an option.



Coming Event

**100th Annual Colorado West Music Invitational
TBD**

Mark your Calendars NOW!!!