

Colorado West Marching Band



Invitational Booklet

**October 3, 2009
Grand Junction, Colorado**

**Sponsored by the
Mesa County Valley School District No. 51**

The Colorado West Marching Band Festival is scheduled for October 3, 2009 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 Marching Band Contest. Opportunities are available in several categories that allow activities throughout the day to achieve a festival atmosphere. Awards include outstanding drum major, drum line, and auxiliary line for large and small schools. A complimentary noon luncheon for directors, a public parade, and presentation of the sweepstakes award contribute to the excitement enjoyed at this festival.

Field show competition within the festival conforms to the C.B.A. Festival rules. Please give this event serious consideration when planning and scheduling marching band activities for the fall of 2009. For more information please contact Kathy Joseph, Music Department, 2660 Unaweep Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado 81503 or call (970) 254-6507 or email at kjoseph@mesa.k12.co.us.

Deadline for all entries is August 28, 2009

Entry fees of \$175.00 must accompany entry forms.
The entry fee for late entries is \$225.00

**Festival Date is:
Saturday
October 3, 2009**

***For this and other District #51 Music Events and information go to:
www.mesa.k12.co.us/2003/departments/music***

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Mesa County Valley School District No. 51
Music Education
(970) 254-6507

To: Colorado, New Mexico and Utah Junior High/Middle School and High School Band Directors

RE: Invitation to participate in the ***Colorado West Invitational Marching Band Festival***, Saturday, October 3, 2009- Grand Junction, Colorado

Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 has coordinated plans to host the 32nd Annual Colorado West Invitational Marching Band Festival. The format includes the following program opportunities for student participation:

1. Parade Performance (competitive and non-competitive entries)
2. Marching Band Field Show (competition by classes)
3. Sweepstakes Competition
4. Outstanding Field Conductor, Outstanding Drum Line and Outstanding Auxiliary Line
5. Closing Ceremonies at Lincoln Park/Stocker Stadium
 - ❖ Presentation of all Trophies 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 \$175.00 for high school bands, \$225.00 for late entries (a digital group picture is included in this price). \$75.00 for junior high/MS bands who participate in the parade only (a digital group picture is included in this price). \$100.00 for high school bands who participate in the parade only (a digital group picture is included in this price). 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.

Staying in Step,
Kathy

Kathy Joseph
Music Coordinator

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DIRECTORS—PLEASE NOTE!

It is the intent of this festival to allow all participants free admission to the events at Lincoln Park. All students and chaperones will get their hand stamped as they leave their respective buses when they arrive for the parade Saturday morning. 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. Local bands are asked to be at their R-5 staging area by 9:00am to have their hands stamped.

Following are some special features of the festival:

- All percussion line and auxiliary unit competition will be judged during the field show competition.
- Each band will receive one complimentary ticket to the festival for every 10 marching students, or portion thereof, to accommodate chaperones.
- Bands competing in the parade will be judged in three classifications, IA, II-III A, IV-VA. If there are four or more bands in each part of the double classification, those will be judged separately.
- A luncheon will be provided for directors and assistants. If you would like to be included in this luncheon, please be sure you indicate your intentions and the number attending on the official entry form.
- 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 anytime during the festival, including doing any videotaping from this location. **REMINDER: Directors should come to the Press Box following the presentation of the awards to pick up their results/adjudication forms.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- Parade and Field Show order will be determined by a random draw in each classification.
- R-5 High School will be open for restroom facility use. Please have a chaperone frequent the building to prevent any problems.
- The parade line up time is short. For this reason we are asking bands to be prompt and respect this time line.
- Inspection is before the parade.

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Approximate Schedule of Events

- 8:00 a.m.** Due to the noise ordinance and permit terms, there is to be absolutely NO instrument playing of any kind before 8:00 a.m. this includes any tuning or warm-up.
- 8:45 a.m.** Assemble for Parade- check updated schedule for the exact start time of parade
- 9:00 a.m.** Inspection begins
- 10:00 a.m.** Festival Parade
- Directors' and Judges' luncheon will be at Lincoln Park Pavilion, south of the swimming pool, immediately following the parade for those that signed up.
- 12:30 p.m.** Marching Band Field Shows- Lincoln Park/Stocker Stadium (competitive and non-competitive).

Admission for events at Lincoln Park

**Adults \$7.00
Students/Senior Citizens \$5.00
Children 5 and under FREE**

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

DEFINITIONS AND CLARIFICATION OF ITEMS

I. Festival Parade Participation

- **Parade Request-** All units participating in the festival are requested to march in the morning parade. This parade will begin at 10:00 a.m.

- **Parade Forward Motion Rule-** All units throughout the parade must maintain a constant forward motion. *Units may not halt or delay their forward motion for the purpose of presenting a special dance or drill routine during the parade.*

- **Parade Spacing-** All units participating must maintain a distance of at least 200 yards behind the unit ahead of them. Please be courteous to the bands around you. We may add “non-musical” units to help aid in spacing.

- **Parade Competition-**
 - i. Each marching band may enter the parade as a competitive or non-competitive unit.
 - ii. Competitive high school marching bands will be judged in the same classification as the field show competition.
 - iii. Junior high/middle school bands entering the parade will participate as competitive or non-competitive units. Both will receive comment sheets from each judge.

- **Parade Awards-** One “Outstanding Marching Band” will be selected in each classification from among the bands competing in the parade. This selection will be determined by the band that receives the highest total points within their class of parade competition. The second place band in each classification will also receive an award if there are five or more bands in a classification.

- **Parade Judging-** A panel of at least four judges will select the winning bands in each classification. There will be two to three judges for marching and two to three judges for music.

II. 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 350
Class II	351 through 750
Class III	751 through 1100
Class IV	1101 through 1650
Class V	1651 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.

- **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.

- **Selection of Outstanding Bands**

- ❖ One “Outstanding Marching Band” will be selected in each classification from among the bands competing in the marching band field show events. This selection will be determined by the band that receives the highest total points within their class of field show competition. The second place band in each classification will also receive an award if there are five or more bands in a classification.

Auxiliary units and percussion lines will be judged 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.

III. Closing Ceremonies

All drum majors will report in uniform to the track immediately following the last band performance.

Introductions of performing bands will follow CBA guidelines.

IV. 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:

Wayne Manzanares(303) 660-1563(cell) or (303) 688-4402 (home)
Fax: (303) 660-1563

- **Judging Criteria (Judges please note)**

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.

- **Selection of Outstanding Field Conductor**

Up to three Outstanding Field Conductors will be selected from among the competing field conductors regardless of class. A place is arranged on the entry form to indicate the name of the drum major in charge of the band.

- **Band Inspection**

Inspection of participating bands is not required as a part of this festival but each band will have an opportunity for inspection just prior to the parade. Inspection points will not be a part of scoring in Field Show competition. Uniforms will be inspected only with regard to their cleanliness and the way in which they are being worn. Polished shoes, uniform position of the headgear, neatness, and cleanliness will all contribute to a positive inspection evaluation. The quality, age, or design of the band uniform will not be a factor in the inspection evaluation. Cleanliness of instrument, reeds, mouthpiece, etc. will be evaluated but not the basic quality of the manufactured instrument. Superior awards will be given an open classification. Inspection will be at your assigned staging location beginning at 9:00am.

- **Time and Penalty**

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

V. Percussion Lines and Auxiliary Units

One "Outstanding Percussion Line" and one "Outstanding Auxiliary Unit" from the small school I-III and large school IV-V class will be selected during the field show competition. All personnel carrying flags, rifles, pompons and batons, and all drill teams will be considered as all or part of an auxiliary unit. (Horn lines performing a small dance step without horns during the performance are not considered part of an auxiliary unit).

VI. Registration and Entry Fees

- Registration form: A registration form is on our website for your convenience. This information is due by **Friday, August 28, 2009** to:

Kathy Joseph
Music Coordinator
2660 UnawEEP Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81503
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Early receipt of your entries will be appreciated.

- Entry fees: An entry fee of \$175.00 will be charged for each high school band participating in the festival which will include a digital photo of your group (late entries will be charged a \$225.00 entry fee). An entry fee of \$75.00 will be charged for each junior high/MS and \$100.00 for each high school participating in the parade only which will also include a digital photo of your group. Funds realized from entry fees will be used to help pay expenses of the festival. **Entry fees must be paid by August 28, 2009.**

VIII. Conclusion

- It is intended that this festival will provide opportunities for marching band students to enjoy a full 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.



HOTELS AND MOTELS GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

See the Visitor and Convention Bureau website at www.visitgrandjunction.com visitors, lodging, band 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.