



Dear Marching Band Directors,

The Nebraska State Fair invites you and your band to perform at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair! If you are interested, please complete the included registration form and return it by **July 1, 2023**. We will assign groups their day of preference on a first-come, first-serve basis. You will receive an email confirming your performance day. **If you do not receive a confirmation email within two weeks, contact us to make sure we received your registration.** In early August, you will get an information packet including final instructions, performance areas and times. *Please be advised that if inclement weather occurs, the marching band performances will continue as scheduled. Perform at your own discretion, as we do not have inside performance locations for this program. If there is lightning or severe weather, we invite you to take shelter in the Heartland Event Center or the Fonner Park Grandstand Concourse.*

The Nebraska State Fair provides a stipend to each group that participates in the Marching Band Exhibition. Stipends, based on mileage to Grand Island, are provided to help alleviate some travel expenses.

We will only be offering one marching band route. This route is approximately .5 of a mile long and features three optional performance stops. The map provided on the next page shows the general performance location areas. We will provide a more detailed map at a later date.

- The Nebraska State Fair's gates will open at **10:00 a.m.**
- The State Fair Celebration Parades begin at 6:00 p.m. on Weekdays and 2:00 p.m. on weekends. If your band will be at the Fair during those time frames and wishes to participate in the parade, please make a note on your application. We would be excited to welcome your participation in our Celebration Parade!
- Bands are welcome to march the parade route twice. Please make a note on the application, and we will be in touch to schedule.

Are you interested in marching in the Celebration Parade. \*6:00pm M-F 2:00pm on Sat.\* Please fill out the included registration form and send it to the address on the registration form. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Kayliana Cox at 308.385.3978, or [kcox@statefair.org](mailto:kcox@statefair.org)

**We look forward to seeing you at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair!**



2023 Nebraska State Fair Marching Band Exhibition  
Friday, August 25 – Monday, September 4, 2023

Please return this form by July 1, 2023

School Information

Name of Band: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Music Director/Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Summer Contact Information** -Packets will be sent in August. Unless noted otherwise below, packets will be sent to your school address. If you prefer for it to be mailed to a **different address**, please provide that address below. Select your preferred contact method by placing an X in the  next to your mailing address or email.

Summer Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Time Preferences

Please mark an X by the dates you are available.

- Friday, Aug. 25     Monday, Aug. 28     Wednesday, Aug. 30     Friday, Sept. 1
- Saturday, Aug. 26     Tuesday, Aug. 29     Thursday, Aug. 31

1st preference \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd preference \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark an X by the times you are available.

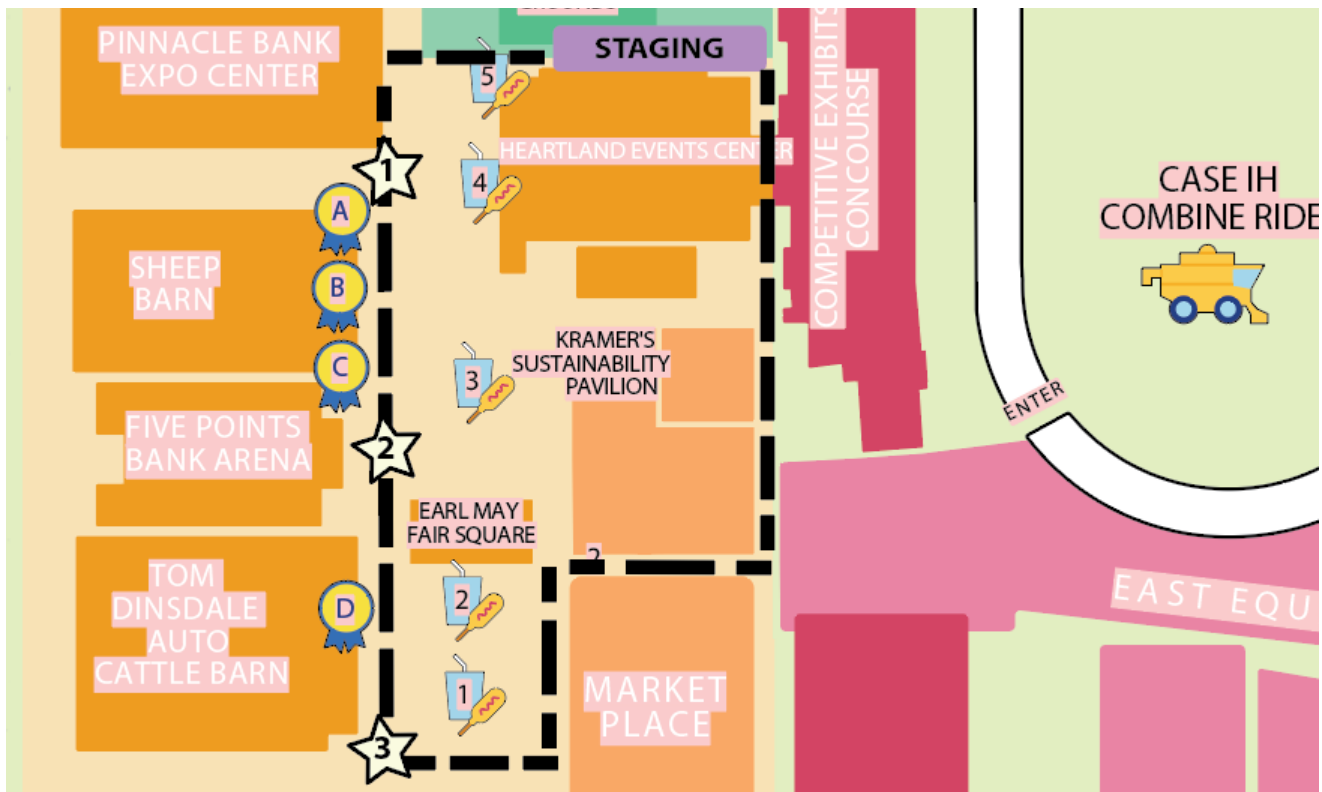
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Are you interested in marching in the daily Celebration Parade\* at 6:00 p.m. M-F 2:00 pm on Sat.?

- YES     NO

\*Please note the parade is separate from the marching band program.



**Preferred Marching Route-** Please put an X in the box next to your preferred performance stops (reference enclosed map).

**Marching Band Route** (Distance is roughly 0.5 mile)

- Performance Stop 1 (30' x 30')
- Performance Stop 2 (30' x 30')
- Performance Stop 3 (40' x 40')
- No performance stops
- All stops

To help our staff better prepare in providing your admission wristbands and bus parking passes, please provide us with accurate attendance and vehicle numbers below. **Please notify us immediately if any information on this registration changes.**

Students attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Teachers/Assistants attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Buses: \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ Vans: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated fair arrival time: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated fair departure time: \_\_\_\_\_

**We will make every effort to accommodate your date and time preferences. Because of the large number of groups who participate, each entry will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Thank you!**

**Please email, mail or fax completed form to:**

Kayliana Cox - Events Manager

Nebraska State Fair, P.O. Box 1387, Grand Island, NE 68802 or Fax (308) 384-1555

For more information call: (308) 385-3978 or email [kcox@statefair.org](mailto:kcox@statefair.org)