



Dear Marching Band Directors,

The Nebraska State Fair invites you and your band to perform at the 2026 Nebraska State Fair. If you are interested, please complete the included registration form and return it by **July 25th, 2026**. We will assign groups their date and time on a first-come, first-served basis. You will receive an email confirming your performance. **If you do not receive a confirmation email within two weeks of submitting your registration, please contact us to ensure that we received it.** We will send out information packets in July. This packet will include final instructions, wristbands for entry, a map of the route and bus area, and your scheduled performance time. Please be advised that if inclement weather occurs, marching band performances will continue as scheduled. Perform at your own discretion, as we do not provide indoor performance locations for the marching band program.

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 continue to utilize the marching band route from the 2025 fair. This route is approximately 0.5 miles long and features three optional performance stops. These stops are noted on the map provided on the registration form. A more detailed map will be included in your information packet.

- The Nebraska State Fair's gates will open at **9 am** each day. Marching Band performance days and times are noted on the registration form. Performances will start each day at 9:30 am (excluding Opening Day).
- **The Nebraska State Fair Celebration Parades will take place at 2 pm on weekends, 6 pm on Opening Friday, and 1 pm on Labor Day.** If your band would like to walk in the parade on your attendance day, please make a note of it on your registration. *Please note that parades will not take place on weekdays other than those noted above.
- Bands are welcome to march the parade route on another date, as well. Please make a note of this on your registration, and we will be in touch to schedule.

If you have questions or require further information, please contact our events manager at 308.382.1685, or lfoushee@statefair.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2026 Nebraska State Fair!



MARCHING BANDS

AUGUST 28- SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

Registration Form

Please fill out and return this form by **JULY 25TH, 2026**

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name: _____ Name of Band: _____

Music Director/Leader: _____

School Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SUMMER CONTACT

Packets will be sent out in July. Please fill out the below section if you would like yours sent to a different address than listed above.

Summer Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

DATE & TIME PREFERENCE

Dates/times are first come, first served. Please mark an 'X' by the dates and times you are available.

Friday, Aug. 28 (12 pm - 2 pm) Monday, Aug. 31 (9:30 am - 1 pm) Wednesday, Sept. 2 (9:30 am - 3 pm) Friday, Sept. 4 (9:30 am - 2 pm)

Saturday, Aug. 29 (9:30 am - 2 pm) Tuesday, Sept. 1 (9:30 am - 3 pm) Thursday, Sept. 3 (9:30 am - 2 pm)

1st Preference: _____ 2nd Preference: _____

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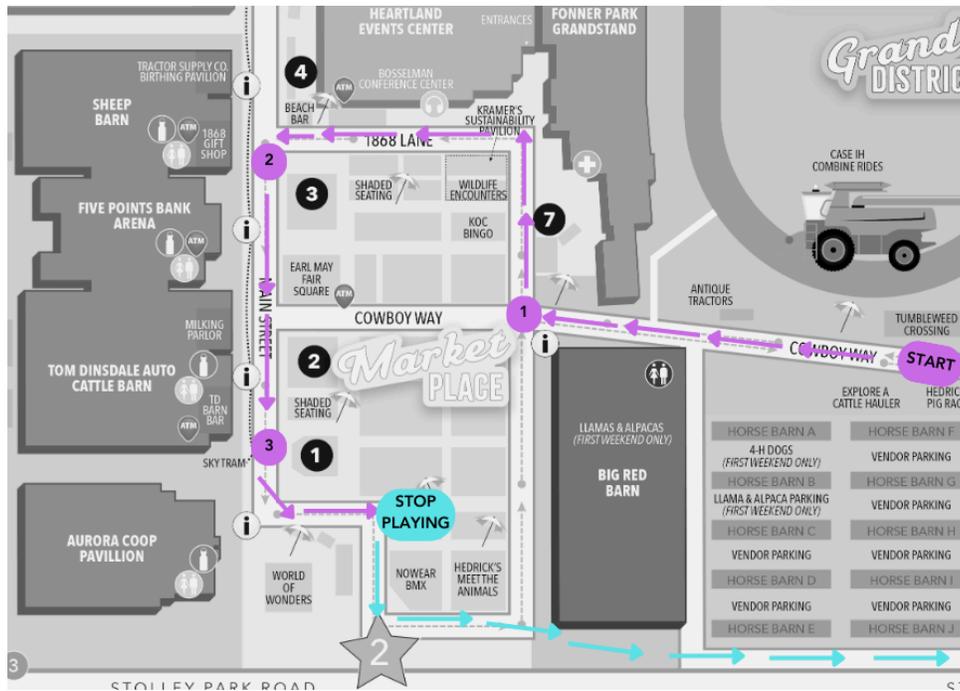
Are you interested in marching in the daily Celebration Parade* (2 pm on weekends, 6 pm on Opening Friday, 1 pm on Labor Day)?

*Please note that the Celebration Parade is not part of the Marching Band program, but free admission is provided for up to 20 participants.

YES NO

PREFERRED MARCHING ROUTE

Please mark an 'X' in the box next to your preferred performance stops (reference map below).



Marching Band Route (distance is roughly 0.5 mile):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Stop 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> No performance stops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Stop 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> All stops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Stop 3 | |

Please provide accurate attendance and vehicle numbers below. Only buses and school vans will be permitted to park in the designated bus zone. All personal vehicles must utilize general admission parking. **Please notify us immediately if any information on this registration changes.**

Students attending: _____ Teachers/assistants attending: _____

Buses: _____ Vans: _____ Vehicles: _____

Est. arrival time: _____ Est. departure time: _____

For more information, please contact:
 Email: lfoushee@statefair.org
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