

2021 Monarch Marching Band Festival

September 18, 2021
Centaurus High School
Lafayette, CO

August 27, 2021

Dear Marching Band Directors:

Thank you for joining us at the 5th Annual (should have been 6th!) Monarch Marching Festival.

Enclosed you will find your Performance Schedule for the Monarch Marching Festival on September 18, 2021. Your packet also includes a map with designated parking areas for trucks, buses, food, and warm-up areas, directions to the stadium, and information on loading and unloading procedures. You will receive your complimentary wristbands, a concessions menu, and a copy of the program in your registration packet when you check in.

Please note the following:

- Please read the General Information regarding the traffic flow near the school.
- Bands will have warm up space for body and music. Please refer to the maps and schedules to be aware of the locations and times of these warm up areas.
- Please let your staff and band families know that parking is limited to ONLY handicapped parking in the area of the stadium and they should plan on arriving with enough time before performances to walk from the parking available within ½ mile of the stadium at marked businesses and at Angevine Middle School or the Community Medical Center just .8 miles east of the stadium on South Boulder Road. (map enclosed).
- Centaurus High School does not allow food to be brought into the stadium from outside. Please make sure that your band families are aware of this rule.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the 5th annual Monarch Marching Festival. Please contact Chuck Stephen or Paul Weissmann at the contacts below if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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2021 Monarch High School Marching Band Festival General Information

1. All Boulder County Covid19 protocols will be in effect. As of August 27, 2021, masks are strongly encouraged even at outside venues and required for those not vaccinated.
2. RULES AND REGULATIONS...All CBA rules will be in effect and all directors need to be aware of any changes in the format. Visit the Colorado Bandmasters marching page for more information at www.cbamarching.com . PLEASE NOTE – Contest hosts will be notified by the CBA Executive Secretary verifying the participating director’s membership prior to the qualifying event. All participating band directors must be members of CBA.
3. TOTAL TIME LIMIT...Each band has been allotted fifteen (15) minutes of time. This time includes your entry, on-field warm up (optional), show, and exit. Please refer to the CBA rules regarding minimum times, field times, etc. CBA will not enforce the maximum performance time of 11 minutes but please remember that you have a maximum of 15 minutes total time on the field. See the Handbook for proper entrance and exit protocol.
4. BUSES and TRUCK PARKING... All Buses and trucks will enter the stadium through Centaur Village and Warrior Way on the East side of Centaurus’ campus. Buses will exit north onto South Boulder Road. Festival staff will direct your buses and trucks to the north end of the main parking lot. **DO NOT UNLOAD YOUR BUSES UNTIL A FESTIVAL REPRESENTATIVE HAS MET YOU AND GIVEN YOU YOUR DIRECTOR’S PACKET.** You will be provided a packet at check in, which will include a wristband for every student and separate wristbands for pit/prop pushers (these wrist bands only allow those volunteers to help with pit and props during your show, they will not be able to get in to watch the festival with these wrist bands. As per CBA policy, each band will be given a maximum of 30 pit/prop wristbands) additional maps for the warm up areas and flow charts. Only buses and trucks will be allowed in the parking designated for buses and trucks. If your trucks arrive before the buses, they must check in with a festival representative. Since construction at Centaurus has concluded, this year there is also space available for food.
5. SPECTATOR PARKING...Spectator parking in the Centaurus High School main parking lot will be limited to ONLY handicapped and senior parking. Please advise your staff and parents to arrive early to allow for time to park in the spectator parking lots located at local businesses within ½ mile of Centaurus High School and from Angevine Middle School or the Community Medical Center located .8 miles east of Centaurus.
6. BAND HOSTS...We will have a band host for each band and we will have numerous Monarch volunteers stationed around the campus to provide you with information about warm up areas and your scheduled times. Each director will be solely responsible to keep the contest on schedule by making their report times.
7. CONCESSIONS...Monarch Music Boosters will operate concession stands on the home side of the grand stand near the ticket booth. We will be serving burgers, dogs, brats and BBQ from the grill. Snacks and drinks will be available at both the concessions stand and at a snack cart, located adjacent to the west end of the bleachers.
8. FEEDING YOUR BANDS... We cannot guarantee a separate designated area which would allow you space to feed your bands and volunteers. Currently that space is occupied by a mobile Covid19 test site. Should that site be moved, we will make that available. We encourage you to utilize our concessions and apologize for any inconvenience.

9. ADMISSIONS. The cost for the festival is \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students (6-18) and senior citizen's. Cash and credit cards will be the only methods of payment. Children under 6 will be admitted free and gates will open at noon. Participating band members will be admitted with handstamps provided upon your arrival. Per CBA, only band members and drivers will be given handstamps. Additionally, each director will receive one complimentary wristband (entry ticket) for every 15 band members. These wristbands will be in your Director's Packet the day of the festival and may be used at your discretion. ONLY PERSONS IN UNIFORM, WITH A HANDSTAMP, WEARING A WRISTBAND, OR CBA PASSES WILL BE ADMITTED INTO THE STANDS. WE WILL ALSO BE SELLING TICKETS IN ADVANCE AND THOSE TICKETS WILL BE TOUCHLESS (SHOWN ON YOUR PHONE). LOOK FOR INFORMATION SOON ON HOW TO PRE-PURCHASE TICKETS.

*Please know that all adults will be charged for admittance even if they are your booster president, principal, superintendent, etc. (unless you give them one of the complimentary wristbands). If your staff does not have an official CBA pass they will then need one of your allotted wristbands to enter the stands.

9. ADULT HELPERS ON THE FIELD...Equipment helpers (pit/prop parents) can enter through the band entrance gate with one of the pit/prop wristbands. As per CBA policy, each band will be given a maximum of 30 pit/prop wristbands (these wristbands will not get them in the stands to watch). Before and after your performance each adult/parent will need a ticket/wristband or CBA staff pass to enter the seating area. Please inform your adults/parents of your school about our admittance policies. Additionally, equipment helpers are not allowed into the stands during their band's performance. The gate personnel are instructed to not allow anyone into the stands unless they have a CBA staff/director pass.

10. SEATING...Seating will be crowded and space will be limited. The MAIN GRANDSTAND on the north side of the field will be reserved for the paying audience. Please advise all parents to respect each band's performance and only enter the Grandstand following a band's performance.

11. PA ANNOUNCEMENTS...Please email any changes to the Announcers Form and/or Exit Announcers Form by 9-14-21

12. 2021 AWARDS...There will be placement awards (1A-5A) for the top 3 bands in each class.

13. AWARDS CEREMONY... The ceremony will include a Drum Majors ONLY (no captains per CBA regulations) retreat. Awards will be done as quickly as possible. Every band will get full recaps for this show in their packet.

14. SNOW OR BAD WEATHER...If weather drives the cancellation of the event, schools will be notified in the order of furthest distances traveled and as early as possible. We will use the contact information on your entry form.

15. VIDEO RECORDING...A professional video recording of your performance will be made from the press box. All bands will receive an SD card of their performance as part of their entry fee. Bands will no longer receive a DVD of their performance.

16. WARM-UP AREAS...Each band has been assigned a body warm-up, music warm-up and pit/battery warm-up (see attached schedules). Also included are open areas for your guard to warm up (please ask your staff to share this space – see map). You have a 30 minute warm up

for both body and music and a 30 minute warm up for pit/battery, however please be advised that another band begins their warm up time at your end time so PLEASE begin your transition so the next band can begin their initial routine as you exit. Even though you have plenty of time to get to the gate you will still have to leave the warm up area immediately. IMPORTANT NOTE: No warm ups should take place in residential areas directly west of the Centaurus campus. **NO GOCK BLOCK OR DR. BEAT CAN BE USED IN THE BODY OR COLORGUARD WARM UP. ONLY HAND CLAPPING WILL BE ALLOWED.** It is the responsibility of the director to share all warm up information with their guard staff, percussion staff, visual staff, etc.

17. REPORTING TIMES...Your reporting time IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. There is a 5 minute transition time between body warm up and music warm up areas and a 5 minute travel time to your report time. Please note that the pit should report 15 minutes prior to their performance time to ensure that they are not moving while the previous band is performing.

18. RESTROOMS...There will be restrooms located behind the grandstand and various portable restrooms available near the buses and warm up areas. *THE RESTROOMS INSIDE CENTAURUS HIGH SCHOOL ARE OFF LIMITS.*

19. SECURITY...Keep track of all of your belongings. The Monarch High School Band Program, Monarch Music Boosters and Boulder Valley School District are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please have someone stay with the buses at all times and/or lock them up. Tell students not to leave valuables on the buses. They are better off leaving their valuable items at home for the day. Additionally, lock your equipment trucks.

20. INFORMATION...It is very important that you read and follow ALL CBA rules and regulations in the Marching Band Handbook found on the CBA website at www.cbamarching.com .

21. QUESTIONS...If you have any further questions please email Chuck Stephen at:

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