



Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival





Welcome!

We are very excited to have you join us for the Annual Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival! This is a bands only parade so there will be no floats or anyone handing out candy. The participating bands will be playing at three different locations throughout the parade route. The last play zone they will be getting judged!

Our first band will be stepping off at 11:00am, following the parade route down Lincoln Ave. past Trinity Lutheran Church and taking a left turn on to Main street.

The order of the bands are as follows:

CLASS A

- *Lake City Marching Tigers
- *Dover-Eyota HS Marching Band
- *St. Peter HS Marching Band
- *Richfield HS Marching Band
- *Two Rivers HS Marching Band

CLASS AA

- *Cotter HS Marching Band
- *Dassel-Cokato Marching Band
- *St.Michael-Albertville HS Marching Band

CLASS AAA

- *728 Cadets Marching Band
- *Champlin Park Marching Band
- *Waconia HS Marching Band

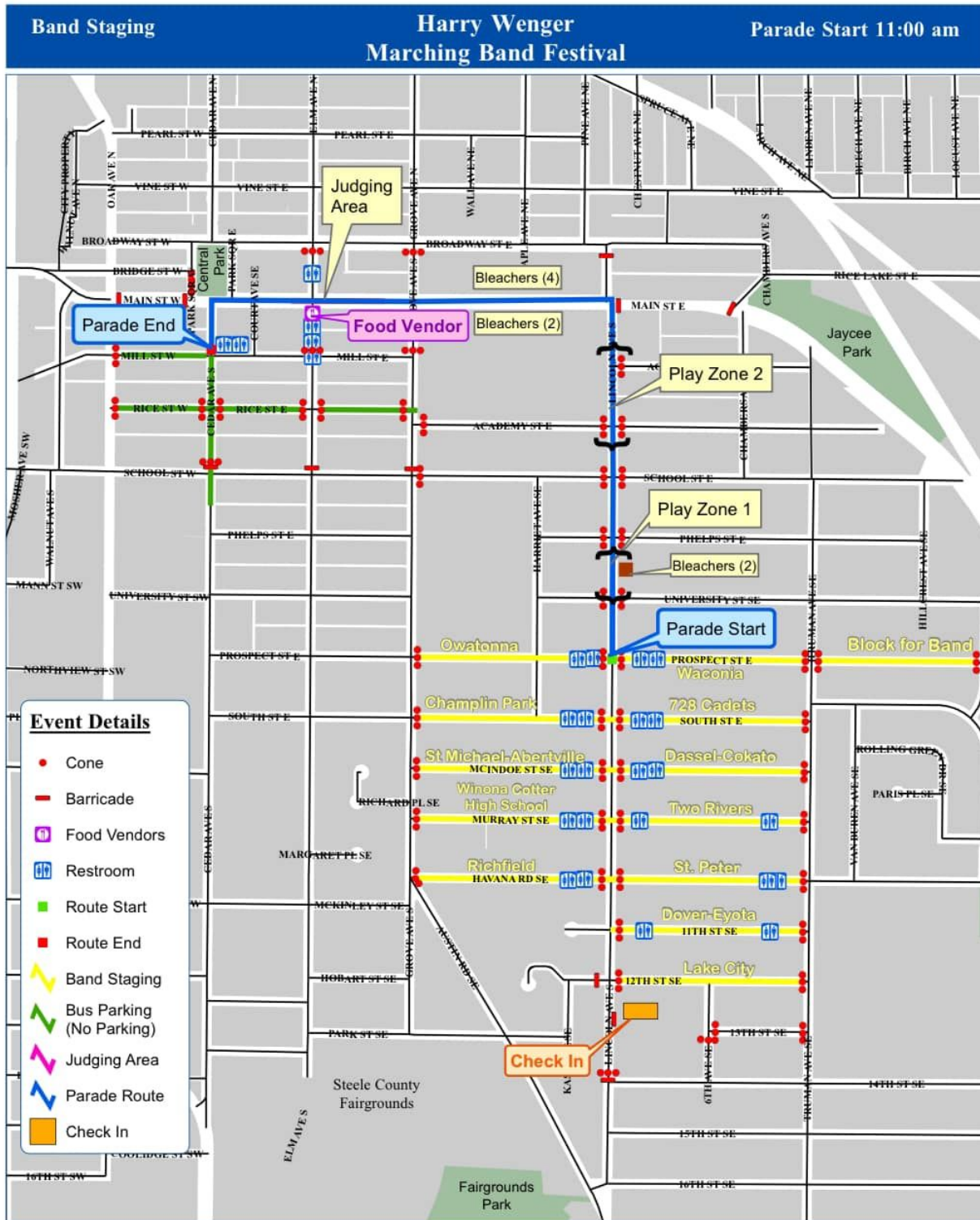
Exhibition

- *Owatonna HS Marching Band

The awards ceremony will follow the conclusion of the parade and will be held in Central Park.

We hope you enjoy your time at the Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival!

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Not only are our sponsors important, but we couldn't host our festival without our patrons! We are so thankful for all the donations. If you would like to be a patron in the future, please visit our website:

<http://www.owatonnabandfestival.com/sponsors.html>

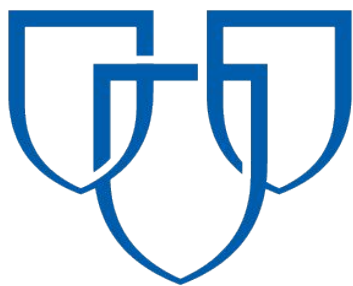
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Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival

Along with our patrons and sponsors we could not have a successful festival without all of our volunteers! If you see anyone wearing a blue volunteer shirt, we encourage you to say thank you! They do so much for our festival and we really appreciate them.

If you are wondering what volunteering looks like at a marching band festival, here are some things that our volunteers do.

- Band hosts (this one is important!)
- Work at our patron brunch
- Hand out lunches in Central Park to band students
- Help with our banner carriers at the start and the end of the parade route

If you would like to volunteer for our 2025 festival, please go to our website: <http://www.owatonnabandfestival.com/>

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After Owatonna's Bio and Picture, there is a page with the Polling link. Please use it to help your favorite band of the day.

THE LINK WILL ONLY WORK ONCE!



Lake City

The Lake City Tiger Marching Band is an organization that is dedicated to teaching the marching arts and developing students' life-long skills. These include leadership skills, self-discipline, cooperation, enthusiasm, and esprit-de-core.

The Tiger Marching Band tradition continues into its 54th year of activity and excellence. This marching band is composed of students in grades 7-12 from Lincoln High School in Lake City, Minnesota.

The Lake City Tiger Marching Band has participated in many regional and National Festivals including: Walt Disney World's Magic Music Days; Universal Studios Stars Music Festival; Traverse City, Michigan National Cherry Festival; Cody, Wyoming Stampede; Cheyenne, Wyoming Frontier Days; and the Minnesota State Fair Celebration.

Recent Events & Awards for the Tiger Marching Band include;

- 2023 Milaca, Minnesota 1st Place Class A, Best Overall Percussion, Best Overall Color Guard
- 2022 Montevideo, Minnesota 1st Place Class A, Best Overall Winds, People's Choice Award
- 2022 Waconia, Minnesota 1st Place Class A, Best Winds, Best Color Guard
- 2019 Owatonna Wenger Marching Band Festival: 1st Place Class A, People Choice Award
- 2018 Cody Wyoming Stampede: Grand Champion Marching Band
- 2018 Milaca Gateway to the North Parade: 1st Place Class A
- 2017 Rochester, Minnesota: Grand Champion

The 2024 Tiger Band is led by;

- Director: Eric Stashek
- Assistant Director: Willy Leafblad
- Brass Instructor: Ari Carlson
- Percussion Instructor: Michaela Woods
- Drum Major: Lucy Weist, Sophia Huber





Dover Eyota

The Dover Eyota HS Marching Band proudly represents the communities of Dover, Eyota, Rochester and Viola, MN. Our band is excited to play music from Aladdin today! In two weeks we are headed to NYC and performing in the Union County PA 4th Festival in Lewisburg Pennsylvania. Enjoy the show!



Saint Peter

The 2024 Saints Marching Band is excited to perform for you today! Led by drum majors, Eli Stoll and Malcolm McHugh the band is performing music from the Beatles, including Magical Mystery Tour and Lady Madonna. The Saints Marching Band regularly performs at around a dozen Minnesota parades and competitions each year. This past winter they traveled to Tampa, Florida to perform at the Reliaquest Bowl Game and the New Year's Eve parade. Staff includes Michel Haugh - Color Guard, John Mayer - Percussion, and Grace Tollefson -Auxiliary. The band is under the direction of Dave Haugh.



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Richfield

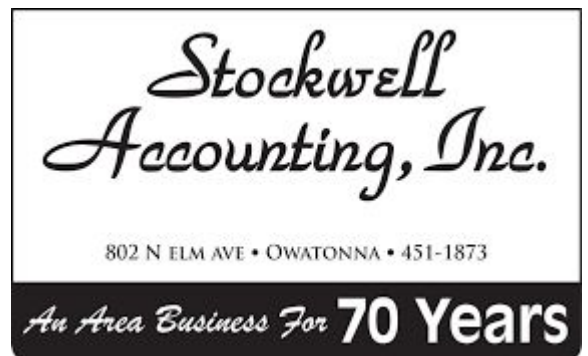
The 2024 Richfield High School Marching Spartans are pleased to present their competitive show titled “Liftoff!”. The show combines “Space Odyssey” by Richard Strauss with David Bowie’s “Space Oddity”. The 2024 Marching Spartans are led by Drum Major Gwen Royster and Assistant Drum Major Kyle Lucero Mendoza. This year’s group will appear in 12 parades, concerts and special appearances throughout Minnesota. Richfield High School is proud to offer a comprehensive band program including 2 Concert Bands, Percussion Studio, Jazz Band and Marching Band. The Marching Band is under the direction of Chad Armbruster and Mike Andrle. Staff includes Jeff Olson, Owen Tucker, Ryan Larson and Calvin Millet. The Richfield High School Marching Spartans would like to thank their volunteers,



Two Rivers

The Two Rivers Marching Band celebrates the summer Olympics by "Going For The Gold" with both new and classic pop tunes including; *The Olympic Fanfare* by John Williams, *All I Do Is Win* by Dj Khalid, and *We Are The Champions* by Queen. They are under the direction of Head Coach Erik Christianson, assistant coaches Steve Truran and Owen Tucker, head drumline coach Shawn Meghani, and color guard coach Katie Haflock. The drum majors are Caroline Brown, Dylan Donahue, and Moss Remick.





Winona Cotter

The Cotter Marching Band is a 70 member marching ensemble from Cotter High School in Winona MN. The band has a long standing tradition of competitive excellence in the MN marching circuit, and performs at over 6 competitions each summer. In their 2023 season, the band took home the class A champion flag at the Alexandria band festival before heading to Calgary Canada to represent MN in the 2023 Calgary Stampede. This year's show is titled "Dad Rock" and features the great hits from the 70's and 80's that our marcher's parents grew up listening to. Rock out with us, and see how many of these tunes you can name!!





Dassel Cokato

The Dassel-Cokato Marching Band is proud to present their production, "Cut the Cord". Throughout the show, you can expect to hear the works of Metallica, Charles Gounod, and Shinedown, as the DC marching band depicts a dark portrayal of marionette puppets. The DC marching band will be traveling to Deadwood, South Dakota, and the Black Hills over the 4th of July to visit and perform at historical settings in honor of Independence Day. Staff members of the DC marching band include hornline instructors, Allie Brostrom and Rylee Donald, drumline instructor, Gus Wiitala, color guard instructor, Hiedi Lietha, assistant director, Jenna Schunk, and head director, Anson Hanna. The DC Marching Band would like to give a special thanks to Carlos Mendiola, the parent volunteers, the DC School administrators & activities office, the DC music boosters, and the parade coordinators.



Saint Michael-Albertville

The STMA Marching Knights, along with a collaboration from Monticello High School students under the direction of Joshua VanVooren, Nick Flattum, Andy Abel, and Dani Soldow will be performing a fusion of classical and contemporary Jazz in a piece that was arranged by their very own STMA alumni, Owen Cary.

The STMA Marching Knights has represented the state of Minnesota in various 4th of July parades, including New York, Disney World and will do the same this summer at the Nation's oldest 4th of July parade in Philadelphia. Sit back (or dance), relax and enjoy A Knight of Jazz!



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728 Cadets

The 728 Cadets is a non-profit organization that serves students from ISD 728 (Elk River, Rogers, and Zimmerman High Schools). The group was formed in 2008 and has participated in summer marching band festivals in each year of its existence. The 728 Cadets have won many "Grand Champion" awards over the years at festivals including Milaca, Alexandria, Waconia and Owatonna. This year, the group will travel to Traverse City, MI to participate in the Cherry Festival parades. The 728 Cadets are under the direction of Joe Jaeger, Shannon Curtis, and Natalie Sterner. Please enjoy their 2024 program entitled "The Finish Line!"

A stylized logo for the 728 Cadets. The number "728" is written in a large, elegant, white serif font. To its right, the word "Cadets" is written in a large, flowing, white cursive script font. The entire logo is set against a solid black rectangular background.

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Champlin Park

The Champlin Park Marching Rebels consists of 80 dedicated musicians who pride themselves in being highly active in the many summer and fall marching venues. Over the last 32 years the band has performed and competed across the country in parades as well as field competitions in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and California. In 2016, the Marching Rebels made an appearance at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis Tennessee, winning Grand Champion in both the Parade and Field Competitions and participated in the 2022 New Orleans Sugar Bowl parade and halftime performance.

Featuring Also Sprach Zarathustra by Strauss , Rocket Man by Elton John and Critical Mass by Todd Stalter; The Marching Rebels are proud to present their 2024 Summer program, "Declassified".

Staff:

Director: Steve Johnson

Music and Visual Staff: Davis Bitterman, Ethan Goulson, Grant Goulson & Nick Tentis

Percussion Staff: Tyler Hague, Ava Bergman, Joe Cady

Color Guard Staff: Addie Guenther & Emily Erickson

Musical Arrangements: Steve Johnson & Grant Goulson

Drill Design: Addie Guenther

The Marching Rebels are led by Drum Majors Mikey Beasley & Eleanor Martenson



Waconia

The Waconia High School Marching Band is a 140 member ensemble and is part of the comprehensive music education program at Waconia High School which includes 4 concert bands, 3 jazz bands, a musical pit, pep band, and numerous chamber music ensembles. The WMB has enjoyed competitive success throughout the years and is looking forward to competing once again this year! Their 2024 tour includes performances at Owatonna, Waconia, Milaca, Glencoe, Roseville, Alexandria, and a performance tour in Washington, D.C. Celebrating their 51st season, the WMB hopes the audience enjoys their 2024 production "Drop Dead Gorgeous."



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Owatonna High School Marching Band

The 100 member Owatonna High School Marching Band is a co-curricular offering in the summer, and is comprised of junior high and high school band members. The band's season is intense, lasting just over a few weeks in early summer. Typically over that time, they march in anywhere from 6-10 parades. The band has performed at Disneyland, the National Independence Day Parade, and 4th of July Celebrations in Bristol, Rhode Island, as well as Boston, Massachusetts. In the summer of 2017, the band toured Southern California, and marched in the televised "Long Beach 4th of July Parade" for over 2.5 million fans and TV viewers, as well as the 4th of July parade in Pacific Palisades, California. Their most recent invitation was to perform in 2022 for the 50th Anniversary of Walt Disney World, with a performance at Magic Kingdom in front of thousands of spectators. The Owatonna Marching Band has earned numerous championships in their respective class every summer as they compete in Minnesota. The band's commitment to musicianship and showmanship have made them a crowd favorite at parades all over the country!

2024 Show: Purple Mozart

Number of Members: 98

Staff

Director:	Peter Guenther
Assistant Director:	Holly Guenther
Colorguard Instructor:	Gary Swanson, Madelyn Guenther
Drum Line Instructor:	Lee Sackett
Brass Instructor:	Peter Guenther
Woodwind Instructor:	Holly Guenther
Visual Design:	Joel Matuzak
Colorguard Design:	Gary Swanson
Music Arrangement:	Joel Matuzak
Percussion Arrangement:	Joel Matuzak

Drum Majors: Nora Johnson, Lola Berg

Repertoire: 1999, Purple Rain, and Let's Go Crazy by Prince

The Marriage of Figaro, Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, Symphony #40, Ave Verum Corpus, and Dies Irae from Requiem by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



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See you next year!