

81st Mountain State Forest Festival Grand Feature Parade



GENERAL INFORMATION

Parade Time is 1:30pm and Registration will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 12:30 pm. Please plan accordingly.

A CHANGE TO THIS YEARS FESTIVAL

Bands are not required to march in the parade to participate in the field show but you are encouraged to please do so. As an added incentive we will be offering cash money to the top 2 bands in each group for the parade only.

Money will be paid as follows

Group 1	1st	\$200.00
	2nd	\$100.00
Group 2	1st	\$300.00
	2nd	\$200.00
Group 3	1st	\$400.00
	2nd	\$300.00
Group 4	1st	\$1000.00
	2nd	\$500.00

Bands competing in both parade and field will be eligible for Mountain State Forest Festival Grand Champion!

A Hospitality Room will be provided for all directors and assistant directors in the Orange building. This is only for band directors, assistant directors, and our field show workers. No one else may enter. Please inform your bus drivers and chaperones of this fact.

Concessions will be offered on both sides of the field.

GRAND FEATURE PARADE

1. To be officially entered all groups must have submitted an entry application. You may also register via TOB WINDI system – www.njatob.org
2. The Grand Feature Parade starts promptly at **1:30pm.** You must be registered by **12:30pm.** Registration will be in the "Orange Building" at Wimer Field (see map).

Bands in: **Division I -** report to line-up area by 12:30pm
Division II - report to line-up area by 12:45pm
Division III - report to line-up area by 1:00pm
Division IV - report to line-up area by 1:15pm

Bands will lineup on **Taylor Ave.** (see map) in parade order. Line up behind your band sign on Taylor Ave. All bands need to be in their staging area by **1:15pm.**

3. Bands competing in the field show will be placed in the parade to give adequate preparation time for the field competition.

4. Entry in a group category is considered a commitment. Changes are not possible after September 22. There will be no changes in Group designation on the day of the parade and band competition.
5. Junior High and Middle School groups are two separate groups and will be judged accordingly. Size is not a factor in these groups.
6. Units not in place and ready when their division moves will be placed at the end of the parade. Judging cannot be guaranteed.
7. **Bands who find that they cannot participate in the Festival must notify the Festival Office (304-636-1824) by September 22, 2017.**
8. Parade winners will be announced as soon as judging is completed and checked. The awards will be held in the “Orange” building (see map) and directors should report there immediately after the parade. Parade results will also be announced at the beginning of the band competition. Food will be provided at the parade awards ceremony for judges, directors, and field competition committee members only.
9. Score-sheets and recap sheets will be available to each band during the awards ceremony.
10. All buses will be parked in parking areas around or near Wimer Field. We will have designated parking spaces for each band. Please refer to your map that we included along with this handbook. Portable restrooms will be available in this area, as well as restrooms under the stands. All equipment trucks and trailers will be parked inside the gated lot. **NO PERSONAL VEHICLES.**
11. Once you are parked that morning there is no leaving until the show is over. For those only doing the parade you will be parked elsewhere.

JUDGING INFORMATION

1. The National Judges Association, under the sanction of Tournament of Bands (TOB), will provide judging for both the parade and field competition. All TOB rules will be followed. See www.njatob.com for 2017 Rulebook.
2. **All units are expected to play while passing the Judge’s stand, radio stand, and television stand, which will be clearly marked. The judges’ stand is located on the corner of Davis Avenue and First Street (see map).** All musical units are expected to play a reasonable number of times during the parade for the enjoyment of parade spectators.
3. Up to five boosters or managers may march with the band and should be dressed appropriately. The demeanor of these individuals is considered in awarding general effect points.
4. Band boosters, marching or otherwise, should not communicate with the judges in any manner.
5. The number of playing members in the line of march is counted in the judging area.

PARADE RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Children under twelve (12) years of age will not be permitted to march.
2. All groups and organizations must be clearly identified. Name, locality, and state must be clearly stated on a banner or drumhead.

3. Spacing:

- A distance of no greater than 50 feet must be maintained between each entry. Within an entry, the interval between units may be no more than ten (10) feet.
 - Example: Color guard is to be no more than ten (10) feet in front of the drum major; the drum major is to be no more than ten (10) feet in front of the band.
 - No counter marching or any activities that will impede the forward progression of the parade are allowed. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from parade judging. This regulation is necessary due to the length of the parade. Musical groups are alternated with non-musical groups to avoid sound interference.
4. Entrants should use a normal marching step to reach the start of the parade and the staging area. “Taps” is recommended while proceeding to this area, as drum cadences tend to add confusion.
5. No members of any unit may march or walk back through the line of the parade!

PENALTIES

1. Violators of rules, guidelines and instructions are subject to loss of points or disqualification. This decision rests solely with the Head Judge and the Assistant Director in charge of bands.
2. Directors of disqualified groups will be notified following the parade and a letter of explanation will be sent to the appropriate school principal the following week.
3. Disqualified groups will not receive judging points. These groups will receive judge’s comments. Recap sheets will reflect the group’s disqualification.
4. Only **directors** of the disqualified groups may address questions regarding the disqualification to the following person in the order listed:

Jennifer Thompson Band Coordinator
Assistant Director: Jeff Skidmore
TOB Chapter 13 Coordinator Jeff Dent

PARADE AWARDS

High School Bands:

- Group 1 (0 to 30 musicians); 1st and 2nd place money and plaque for the Best Auxiliary
- Group 2 (31 to 50 musicians); 1st and 2nd place money and plaque for the Best Auxiliary
- Group 3 (51 to 75 musicians); 1st and 2nd place money and plaque for the Best Auxiliary
- Group 4 (76 or more musicians); 1st and 2nd place money and plaque for the Best Auxiliary

Middle / Junior High School Bands:

- 1st and 2nd place plaques and a plaque for the Best Auxiliary

Overall Parade Plaques

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques

81st Mountain State Forest Festival “Jack Basil” Band Field Competition



LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

1. The Band Competition is scheduled in a single performance format beginning at 5:00 PM.
2. If an invited college band provides an exhibition, the exhibition will start at 4:45 PM after the playing of the Star Spangled Banner.
3. The press box will be off limits to all persons; no special announcements other than purchased air grams will be made. Any deliberate infraction of this rule will mean band disqualification. Electricity is not available from the press box.
4. **Questions concerning rules, policies and/or procedures should be directed to the Band Coordinator Jennifer Thompson or Mountain State Forest Festival Assistant Director, Jeff Skidmore.**
5. Adjudication -**Tournament of Bands (National Judges Association)**. All TOB rules will be followed. All decisions made by the judges are final. TOB Rulebook is available at www.njatob.org
6. There are four high school group sizes with 3 classes:
 - Group 1-Festival, A Class, Open Class – up to 30 musicians, 30 auxiliary
 - Group 2-Festival, A Class, Open Class - 31 to 50 musicians, 31-50 auxiliary
 - Group 3 Festival, A Class, Open Class -51 to 75 musicians, 51-70 auxiliary
 - Group 4 Festival, A Class, Open Class -76 or more musicians, 76 or more auxiliary
 - Middle/Junior High Class
7. Complimentary tickets will be given out for chaperones and bus drivers when you register at the Orange building *with a maximum of 5 tickets hand/stamps, or tickets to redeem at the gate for hand stamps per bus.*
8. Following the competition there will be a Drum Major retreat. We suggest sending Drum Majors, Auxiliary Captains, and Percussion Captains to represent the band at the retreat. Please refrain from sending large groups of students as this causes confusion.
9. Plaques will be awarded.

PERFORMANCE / REHEARSAL INFORMATION

1. Do not begin your performance until you have been introduced. Your band will move to its starting position as the preceding band leaves the field (performance area). As your band enters the performance area, the band will be announced.
2. Your band will have 15 minutes to enter from end zone, perform and exit the field in the end zone. Open class bands perform 7:00-10:00 minutes, A Class bands 6:30-10:00 minutes

Performance timing begins with the following:

“The judges are ready.”

“Performing their 2017 program _____ Tournament of Bands is proud to present _____ High School Band!”

3. There will be a warm-up area available near the competition.
4. Bands will provide their own “pit crew” and method of transportation of pit equipment as with other TOB competitions. If using your own transportation, see the enclosed map for the entrance. We suggest a band representative be with your equipment at all times, as the Mountain State Forest Festival cannot be held liable for lost, stolen or damaged equipment.
5. Utility vehicles such as equipment buses or trailers can park with your buses, but parent vehicles may not be parked with your buses because we have limited space for this.

FIELD COMPETITION AWARDS

High School Bands

- Group 1 A (0 to 30 musicians); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, Best Auxiliary, and Best Percussion
- Group 1 Open (0 to 30 musicians); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, Best Auxiliary, and Best Percussion
- Group 2 A (31 to 50 musicians); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, Best Auxiliary, and Best Percussion
- Group 2 Open (31 to 50 musicians); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, Best Auxiliary, and Best Percussion
- Group 3 A (51 to 75 musicians); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, Best Auxiliary, and Best Percussion
- Group 3 Open (51 to 75 musicians); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, Best Auxiliary, and Best Percussion
- Group 4 A (76 or more musicians); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, Best Auxiliary, and Best Percussion
- Group 4 Open (76 or more musicians); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, Best Auxiliary, and Best Percussion
- Festival Bands will receive Bronze-Silver-Gold ratings

Middle School Bands

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques

Overall Field Competition Plaques

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques

Grand Champion

- The band with the highest overall combined score from the parade and field competition will be invited to serve as the Honor Band for next year’s Mountain State Forest Festival Parade.
- We will also announce the 1st Runner-up (parade and field combined) and a 2nd Runner-up

**We hope you enjoy the 81st
Mountain State Forest Festival!
“Fall Into Autumn Traditions”**