



Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree

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Clarinda Chamber of Commerce,
Clarinda Community Schools,
and the City of Clarinda

August 7, 2017

Dear Area Band Directors:

We are pleased to announce that the 62nd Annual Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree will be held **Saturday, September 30** in Clarinda, Iowa. The Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree will include both parade and field competitions. We will have four classes for high school parade and field competition and three classes for the middle school parade competition.

A new option this year is an online registration process located on the Chamber website - www.clarinda.org under the "Band Jamboree" event tab. Please review the enclosed materials and submit the registration form no later than **Friday, September 8, 2017**.

The registration fee is \$100.00 per band for parade competition or \$175.00 per band for parade and field competition. All participating bands must be entered in the parade competition. Middle School bands will be judged on their parade competition only. Field competition will be judged using I.H.S.M.A. marching band contest ballots and guidelines.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Clarinda Chamber of Commerce office at (712)542-2166, e-mail: chamber@clarinda.org. We are looking forward to a spectacular event this year and feel confident that your band will have a very enjoyable day.

Sincerely,



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2017 SOUTHWEST IOWA BAND JAMBOREE AUGUST BAND DIRECTOR MAILING

DATE: Saturday, September 30, 2017

PLACE: Clarinda High School

ENTRY FEE: \$175 Parade and High School Field Competition
\$100 Parade Competition only

WEBSITE: Please refer to the Clarinda website for further information at
www.clarinda.org

TENTATIVE ARRIVAL SCHEDULE:

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Bands arrive, parade formation

All Middle School Bands by 8:00 a.m.
Class 1A by 8:15 a.m. **(Suggested times only)**
Class 2A by 8:30 a.m.
Class 3A by 8:45 a.m.
Class 4A by 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Parade Competition

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Break

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Directors' Luncheon @ Clarinda High School

12:45 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. Flag ceremony

12:50 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Iowa Western Community College Reiver Marching Band
Exhibition Show

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Awards for parade competition

1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Clarinda High School Exhibition Show

1:30 p.m. Field competition

Awards immediately following the last competing band

CLASSIFICATION:

Iowa Schools need to use their IHSMA classification as reported in the IHSMA Spring Bulletin. Missouri and Nebraska schools should use the following student enrollments from last year's 9-11 grades.

High School classes will be defined as students enrolled from last year's 9-11 enrollment:

- 1A 1-149 students
- 2A 150-274 students
- 3A 275-599 students
- 4A 600 or more students

Middle School bands will be divided into three classes based on number of wind and percussion participants in the band as follows:

- Class I – 1-39 students
- Class II – 40-59 students
- Class III – 60 and above students

REGISTRATION:

The registration deadline is Friday, September 8. Entry fees must be paid before bands will be allowed to perform. A copy of your school's requisition form may serve as documentation of participation until payment can be sent. Refunds of registration fees will not be made after the registration deadline. ***Absolutely no classification changes will be made after the registration deadline.*** A Band Jamboree banner, and recorded critiques of judges' comments during competition will be provided. Those participating in the field competition will receive a copy of their performance.

BUS PARKING:

All buses arriving must take the Highway 2 Bypass of U.S. 71, bringing you to the west edge of town. Turn right on Business 2 and proceed to the first intersection, then turn right on Cardinal Drive. **Please do not use Business 2 (East Washington) or Business 71 (16th Street), as they will be blocked off for the parade competition.** Officials will help park the buses. ***Schools will be limited to only two support vehicles this year.*** Support vehicles will be allowed to park by their buses. If your school brings additional support vehicles they will be asked to park off the school site and return following the parade competition. School bus parking is restricted to the Clarinda High School area only.

DIRECTORS' LUNCHEON:

The directors' luncheon will be held in the quad area of the high school from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. **All band directors' are encouraged to RSVP on the registration form. At this time announcements or changes in field competition will be given.**

CONCESSION STAND:

Food for band members, guests and parents will be available for purchase from the Clarinda High School Band Boosters in the High School commons-lobby area.

PARADE INFORMATION & RULES:

The parade will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. **Upon arrival at the Clarinda High School all band students will be marked with a hand stamp to allow them free admission to the afternoon field performance.** You must arrive at your designated arrival time and move immediately into parade formation. The parade will follow the same route as in previous years commencing at 18th & Main, proceeding east around the square and west on Washington. Disbursement will be at 19th & West Washington. **Final details, maps, and the parade order will be sent in our mailing September 18 or shortly thereafter.** You will be given a parade banner to keep immediately following the morning competition. There will be judges at three different locations along the parade route and a fourth technical judge moving along the parade route. We will be having official spotters ½ block before the third judge's stand to control the spacing of bands. These official spotters will have the authority to slow down or stop your marching band without being penalized.

****SPECIAL RULE NOTICE: No bands are allowed on the official practice field during the parade or field competition until your scheduled time. Those bands not adhering to this rule may be disqualified and/or subject to penalty.**

Bands must maintain a forward motion at all times. Bands that do not maintain a forward motion will be subject to penalty points. If the parade stops, due to circumstances beyond your control, your band will not be penalized for stopping. Bands must follow the directions of the parade marshals or be subject to penalty points and/or disqualification. The technical judge will deduct five points for each delay of parade or failure to follow parade marshals' directions.

TROPHIES:

Trophies will be awarded to the top bands in the parade competition 1, 2, 3 and 4 in each high school class, 1, 2 and 3 places in each middle school class and 1 and 2 places in each high school class awarded in field performance.

An overall trophy sponsored by the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society will be given to the top band in the day's activities. The overall band will also receive the Masonic traveling trophy.

CERTIFICATES:

This year "Honorable Mention" certificates will be presented to several bands in the larger classes for the parade competition only. Certificates will be awarded for outstanding field performances in the following categories: Horn Line, Drum Major, Drum Line, Soloist, and Color Guard.

PARADE COMPETITION AWARDS:

Directors and drum majors should report to the field by 12:30 p.m. for the presentation of the parade trophies.

FIELD COMPETITION:

Field competition will begin at 1:30 p.m. All band students will receive free admission to the afternoon performance. Spectators will be charged an admission fee of \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. School activity tickets will not be accepted. Each participating school will be allowed three free admissions per bus (2 chaperone passes + 1 bus driver).

The Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree reserves the right to limit the number of bands competing in the afternoon field performance. Late entries may be subject to this exclusion. All bands must perform in class.

Each band will receive specific times for playing warm-up, marching warm-up, staging time and performance time. A Band Jamboree official will be assigned to your band at the appropriate warm-up and performance areas. Your band is allowed 15 minutes from the time they enter the field until the last person steps off the performance field, with a minimum performance time of 7 minutes.

A practice field is available west of the high school. Because of the close proximity to the main field, please do not play instruments or drums during the marching warm up. Please instruct your drum major to have your band positioned to march at each of the scheduled times. A field competition list in the order you will perform and scheduled times will be sent in our final mailing.

Enter the performance field through the northwest corner next to the west bleachers. Position your band on the west side of the performance field as the preceding band is performing. Enter the field when your band is called on the P.A.

Please return the enclosed Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree announcement form with your registration form. The announcer will make this introduction unless you wish to do so yourself. Please note on the announcement form if you plan to have your own announcer.

Our field judges will be following Iowa High School Music Association rules, using the official ballots and scoring procedure. Please refer to the IHSMA web site for a copy of the rules: www.ihsma.org. These ballots are similar to those used in surrounding states and will allow competing bands a rating (based on Iowa's rating system). The scores will be used to determine trophy winners and a recap sheet will be given to participating bands following their performances.

Thank you for participating in the 62nd Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree-September 30 in Clarinda, Iowa.