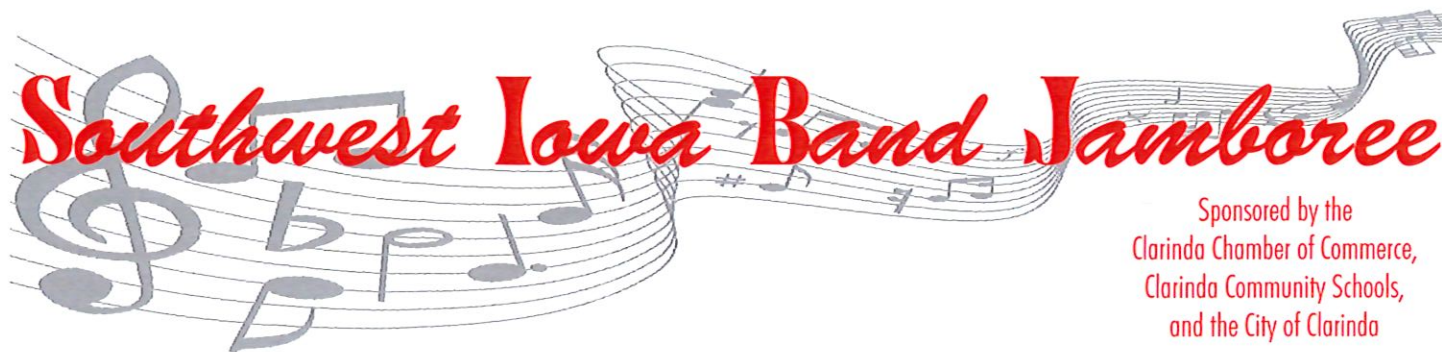




Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree

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

September 11, 2026

Dear Participating Band Directors:

Thank you for registering your band in the upcoming 71st Annual Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree scheduled for Saturday, October 3. This packet of information includes all the important details you will need regarding the day's activities and special requirements. It is your responsibility as a band director to be informed of these materials attached.

All competition schedule changes throughout the event will be made via the "Band App".

DIRECTORS' LUNCHEON: The directors' luncheon will be held in the Clarinda High School 7-8 Grade Commons from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Please check in with the luncheon coordinator upon arrival at the luncheon to have your name marked off the attendance list. Band directors will receive updates regarding any changes to the field competition schedule, final instructions, and other important announcements during the luncheon.

FINAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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| 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. | Bands arrive, parade formation.
All Middle School Bands by 8:00 a.m.
Class 1A Bands by 8:15 a.m.
Class 2A Bands by 8:30 a.m.
Class 3A Bands by 8:45 a.m.
Class 4A Bands 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 at the Clarinda High School
7-8 Grade Commons |
| 12:45 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. | Flag ceremony @ Clarinda High School Football Stadium |
| 12:50 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 |
| 6:00 p.m. | Awards for field competition |

AWARDS: The presentation of the parade awards will begin at 12:50 p.m. Please be on time, so that we can adhere to the schedule. Plaques will be awarded to the top bands in the parade competition 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th in each high school class; 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in each middle school class and 1st and 2nd place in each high school class awarded in field performance. An overall trophy sponsored by the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society of Clarinda will be given to the top band in the day's activities. In addition to the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society trophy, the overall band will receive the Richard "Dick" Mowery Memorial Traveling trophy.

CERTIFICATES: 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.

BAND STUDENTS' FOOD: Food will be available for purchase at the high school in the commons area for band students during the morning hours and is also open to the public. A concession stand will also be available during the field competition at the football stadium.

PARKING:

Buses arriving from the north, east, or south must take the Highway 2 bypass, bringing you to the west edge of town. Buses entering Clarinda from the west will stay on Highway 2 business route and turn right on Cardinal Drive.

Officials will help park the buses. Schools planning to march in the parade only will be asked to park on Cardinal Drive heading south for easier departure. Auxiliary vehicles will be allowed to park by their buses. **Schools will be limited to only two support vehicles.** If your school brings additional support vehicles, they will be asked to park off the school site and return following the parade competition. We certainly appreciate the bus driver's courtesy and respect for our parking bus coordinator and volunteers.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & FIRST AID KIT AVAILABLE: The Clarinda Regional Health Center's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff will be available throughout the day's activities. A first aid kit is available just inside the Clarinda High School facility (east entrance doors) in the school office and at the front gate area during the afternoon field competition. Please inform your students of these locations.

IHSMA FESTIVALS – U.S. COPYRIGHT LAW COMPLIANT:

The Iowa High School Music Association expects that all performances at IHSMA-sanctioned events are U.S. Copyright Law compliant. We ask that you certify that your performance complies with U.S. Copyright Law. Please register at www.nfhs.org – you will find directions included in the packet.

PARADE INFORMATION: The parade will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. You must arrive at your designated arrival time and move immediately into parade formation. The parade begins at the intersection of 18th & Main Streets, then continues east on Main Street around the downtown square and west on Washington Street. Disbursement will be at the 18th and Washington Street intersection.

Band greeters will check in all band students on the buses upon arrival in Clarinda and hand stamp each student for free admission at the afternoon

performance. In addition, each participating school will be allowed three free admissions per bus (2 chaperones and 1 bus driver).

There will be judges at three different fixed locations along the parade route and a fourth technical judge moving along the parade route. These locations are marked on the enclosed map. Bands are to play music around the judged corner on the parade route. We will be having official spotters one-half block before the second and third judge's stands to control the spacing of bands. These official spotters will have the authority to slow down or stop your marching band without being penalized. Bands must always maintain a forward motion. 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 in the parade or failure to follow the parade marshal's directions. You will receive no marks from the technical judge unless you have been penalized.

Bands are not allowed to throw candy or any other keepsakes during the parade.

Directors having bands participating in the **parade only** may pick up their packets containing the ballots at the field competition immediately following the parade award presentations. The packets will be distributed at the event headquarters located on the north side of the concession stand.

JUDGE'S RECORDED COMMENTS: We are utilizing Dropbox in sending out electronically the judge's recorded comments and results from the day's competitions. You may access Dropbox by downloading it at www.dropbox.com free of charge. The Clarinda Chamber staff will update your email address via dropbox which you have recorded on the registration form.

After you've downloaded dropbox, you should have access to a folder with your school's name. The folder will contain the judge's comments and information after your band's performance on the day of the Jamboree. Please feel free to contact the Chamber office if you have any questions regarding this format.

FINAL SCORES: The final recap scoring results will be sent via Dropbox to all participating bands. Any scoring disputes regarding the Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree competition should be received by Tuesday, October 6.

FIELD COMPETITION: Field competition will begin at 1:30 p.m. Band students will already have received their hand stamps before the morning parade competition. Note: Spectators will be charged an admission fee of \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. School activity tickets will not be accepted. The Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree Committee has implemented a scheduled time for playing warm-up, marching warm-up, and performance time. A map is attached highlighting the designated warm-up areas. A Band Jamboree official will be assigned to your band at the appropriate warm-up and performance areas. Please proceed south down the hill to the football field stadium for your scheduled performance. A field competition list and warm-up schedule are attached.

Each band will be allowed a total of 15 minutes for field entrance, warm-up, performance and field exit. Time will begin when the clock is re-set to 15 minutes following the previous band's time slot. The judges will begin judging after the drum major's/majorette's salute and the announcer states, "Band, take the field." The first movement of the band or sound from the band after this command will begin the timing for the performance. Judging will cease with the salute of the drum major/majorette at the conclusion of the performance. The performance must last at least 5 minutes. A .5-point penalty will be deducted for each 15-second segment (or fraction thereof) of violation short of the 5 minutes. All personnel and all equipment must have passed the designated "clearance line" and cease all sound within the 15-minute time limit. The "clearance line" will be designated by the festival host. A .5-point penalty will be deducted for each 15-second segment (or fraction thereof) of violation of the exit rule.

The performance equipment gate is located directly south of the main bleachers at the Clarinda High School Football Stadium. No lawnmowers, gators, or trailers are allowed on the track. Schools are allowed to pull right up to the track and then wheel or roll equipment into position.

Our field judges will be using the IHSMA official ballots and scoring procedures. Please refer to the Iowa High School Music Association website for a copy of the rules and ballots: 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 award winners. The color guard and general effects judges will be located in the press box. The percussion and execution judges will be on the field. There will be a technical judge during the field competition. Please contact us if there are any questions concerning the time limits or line violations. All field marching plaques and overall trophies will be awarded after the last band performs.

Directors may pick up their packets containing all of the event ballots immediately following the field award presentations. The packets will be distributed at the event headquarters located on the north side of the concession stand.

FIELD VIDEOGRAPHER: We are pleased to announce the afternoon field competition is being filmed by Max Stout Studios again this year. Since 1996, Max Stout has recorded schools, universities, district concerts, and contests throughout the four-state region. Mark Reinig, Max Stout Studios owner, will be providing a file link via OpenText Hightail for bands participating in the field competition. The video field performance links are for educational purposes only and will be sent before Monday, October 5 to the email address listed on the registration form. Please contact Mark Reinig directly at 816-244-0331 or markcreinig@gmail.com following the competition should you have any concerns.

WEATHER POLICY: Registration fees are non-refundable due to inclement weather circumstances.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER: In case of emergency, please contact the Clarinda 24-Hour Dispatch Center – (712) 542-1419 (non-emergency) phone number.

EVENT JUDGES: The parade judges for this year are: Lead Adjudicator Wayne Lu, Director of Bands of Carroll High School from Carroll, Iowa; Dr. Onsby Rose, Director of Bands at Dordt University from Sioux Center, Iowa and Chris Ewan, Retired Band Director of Ames High School from Ames, Iowa.

The field competition judges are Wayne Lu – Music Execution; Dr. Onsby Rose – Music General Effect; Chris Ewan – Percussion; Pam DeBoer, Retired Band Director, Ottumwa Community Schools from Ottumwa, Iowa – Color Guard; Dusty Johnson, Band Director of Tipton Middle School, from Tipton, Iowa – Marching & Maneuvering Execution; Dr. Lance Nielsen, Retired Band Director from Lincoln, Nebraska – Marching & Maneuvering General Effect; and Zach Evans, Clarinda Community School District Director of Choral Activities from Clarinda, Iowa – Technical Judge.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (712) 542-2166. We look forward to your attendance on Saturday, October 3.

Sincerely,



Elaine Farwell, Executive Director
Clarinda Chamber of Commerce

IHSMA Festivals – U.S. Copyright Law Compliant:

1. Go to nfhs.org
2. Select “Register” (or login if you are already in their system)
3. Once you are set up as a user, select the “Resources” dropdown and select “Copyright Compliance”.
4. Select “My Schools”
5. Select the “Manage Schools” button and then select “Create School” if your school’s name is not present.
6. Once your school has been created, select “Manage Ensembles” and then select “Add Ensemble”.
7. Once your ensemble is created, select “Manage Selections.”
8. Select “Add Selection”, input the needed data and upload all verifications that are needed. Verifications should be in .pdf format and should be organized before beginning this process. Repeat this step until all selections being performed have been input. We require the following verifications:
 1. Stock Arrangement (provide scan of first page of music that includes the copyright)
 2. Original Composition (provide letter from composer granting you permission to duplicate and perform their work)
 3. Public Domain (provide scan of referring webpage showing work in the public domain).
 4. Custom Arrangement (provide .pdf of custom arrangement license or permission that has been secured from the rights holder).
9. Select “Back to Main Page” and then select “Search Events.”
10. Select "Iowa" from the State dropdown and select 2026 depending upon the calendar year your event falls in.
11. Select View/Attend for the Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree.
12. **If your Marching Band will be attending other festivals or competitions, you can select view/attend for each event you wish to attend that is using the National Copyright Compliance Database.**

Please don't hesitate to contact Kyle Grossnickle if you have any questions about this process or the NFHS Copyright Compliance Database. His cell number is (515) 290-6811 or by contacting the Clarinda High School at (712) 542-5167.

Each band MUST have their information submitted through this database prior to being allowed to perform at the Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree.