



The Northstar Bands

of Waukesha North High School

Waukesha North High School Band Parents

present

Northstar *Bandfest* Exhibition Show

Frequently Asked Questions

What is this event and why is it being held?

Waukesha North High School Northstar Band is sponsoring its third high school marching band exhibition show on Saturday, September 19, 2009. This 7 PM exhibition show, held in Waukesha North's stadium, embraces teamwork, dedication, sportsmanship, and fellowship of music. Events like this give marching bands an opportunity to give back to the community through music performance. In addition, this event is the primary fundraiser for Waukesha North's band program.

Who is participating in this event?

Several Southeastern Wisconsin area high school bands have been invited. In addition to Waukesha North, we have early commitments from Butler Middle School, Fort Atkinson, Muskego, Cudahy, and Whitnall High Schools. Each band that participates will come with a 10-minute performance prepared. The event will be staged with 10 minutes between bands so that students get the opportunity to hear and watch other bands perform. We are also in the process of securing the *United States Marine Corp Air Ground Combat Center Band from 2a Palms, CA also known as the "Ambassadors Own,"* a UW collegiate marching band, and other local high school bands.

What will happen if the weather prevents outdoor activities?

In the event of inclement weather, each band will do a "stand still" performance in the Waukesha North field house.

How will money be raised through this event and what will the money be used for?

Money will be raised through:

- The nominal stipend that each band pays to participate
The admission fee is - \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors and children 6 to 12 years old; children under 6 years old get in free (*Sorry, school district IDs and passes are not valid for this event*)
- Concessions – food and beverages will be available throughout the event
- Advertising in the event program – the program will include an outline of event activities; information about each band, its leadership and musical selections; advertisements sponsored by local businesses; and "happy ads" sponsored by band student parents
- Revenue from event program sales - \$1 each
Money remaining after event expenses have been paid will be applied to the Northstar Band Fund

How many people are expected to attend this event?

Our estimate is 3,000 people – 1,200 band students and staff, as well as 1,800 parents and friends in the audience.

Why should I support the Northstar Band?

The band is a non-profit organization and participation provides a positive activity for young people to engage in. Students pay fees to cover the cost of participation and special events. Fund-raising helps to offset the related fees.