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BANDTASTIC!
HONOR BAND

WHAT IS BANDTASTIC?

BANDtastic! is a program of Drum Corps International, engaging & motivating middle school students by celebrating their participation in the performing arts! Students will enjoy world-class instruction from nationally-recognized clinicians and will perform along with a DCI ensemble before an audience of thousands at a Drum Corps International Summer Tour event!

TOGETHER, LET'S CREATE A BANDTASTIC! EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR STUDENTS!

HOW CAN I GET MY STUDENTS INVOLVED?

1. Directors fill out interest form by February 8.

2. Beginning February 3, parents can request their child be nominated via online form received from the band director. Requests for nominations are due by March 1.

3. Once nominations are collected, DCI will send the requested student nominations to each director for approval as well as add information about students for appropriate instrument/level assignments. This will be the formal "nomination" and must be completed by March 21.

4. Lead directors will select the band and notify the students and directors by April 14, at which time formal registration, payment options, and information on how to download their music will be sent. Every school that nominates will have at least two students accepted.

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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT BANDTASTIC!

"I learned that stepping outside of my comfort zone while playing my instrument can create a lot of new ways to make friendships."

–BANDtastic! Student

"My child has really grown as a person thanks to band. He has become more responsible and more confident in himself. This program was an *AMAZING* experience for our family and especially our student."

–BANDtastic! Parent

"I loved the whole weekend! All of my students came back to school extremely excited about the experience as well. It's a very well organized and planned out event."

–Band Director

WHAT'S THE TIME COMMITMENT?

BANDtastic! is a one-day program that culminates in a performance as a part of the associated DCI Tour event. A typical event day will begin at 9 a.m. and concludes around 7 p.m. after the student performance. Each participant will receive a free ticket to the evening event, which will conclude around 11 p.m. Additional family ticket information will be sent out at registration.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registration for students includes a BANDtastic! T-Shirt, DCI "swag bag," at least one meal, and one (1) ticket to the associated DCI Tour event.

Payment Option	Deadline	Price
Early-Bird Registration	April 14-May 3	$89
Regular Registration	May 4-May 23	$99

Family & Friends Packages are also available & will include a supporter T-shirt & discounted ticket in the reserved BANDtastic! seating block for the event. More information will be available at registration.

NOTE TO TEACHERS: *Some of our schools/districts pay part or all of the tuition for their students. If your school will be paying for your students, call us prior to March 21 to accomodate.*

HOW TO GET INVOLVED AS A DIRECTOR

Experience the magic of the BANDtastic! program right alongside your students! Interested directors have the opportunity to serve as a sectional director and work with the band during rehearsals. All working directors will receive meals, a T-shirt, DCI swag bag and entry to the associated DCI Tour event at no charge. Volunteering is not a requirement in order to nominate students.

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GET YOUR SCHOOL INVOLVED TODAY!

- **Contact us:** BANDTASTIC@DCI.ORG
- **Learn more:** DCI.ORG/BANDTASTIC
- **Request for your school to be involved:** DCI.FAN/BT-ROCKFORD-25

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PARENTS

FREQUENTY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where and when does BANDtastic! Rockford take place?

BANDtastic! Rockford Honor Band will perform as a part of the Show of Shows DCI Tour event in Rockford, Illinois on July 3, 2025.

How can my child participate?

Students must be nominated by their school band director (or music teacher) and then accepted by the BANDtastic! staff selection. Nominations take place each spring. You can encourage your band director to nominate students if they are not currently doing so by contacting DCI.

What is the cost?

This year's registration fee is $99 per student. This cost includes one (1) T-shirt, one (1) DCI swag bag, one (1) ticket to the Show of Shows DCI Tour event, all instruction, performances and a meal.

What do the students need to wear to participate in BANDtastic?

A BANDtastic! event T-shirt will be given to participating students when they check in at the start of the event. Students should wear black pants or shorts and comfortable/supportive shoes.

If I am not attending, how do I stay connected with my student?

Leading up to the event, you can stay connected with our staff, as well as check out the Facebook and Instagram pages to follow your student's experience.

Why can't I stay with my student throughout the ENTIRE day?

BANDtastic! is devoted to developing young individuals through music and leadership activities. Critical to this development is the opportunity for them to learn in a peer group from qualified and experienced educators. They will be well supervised during the entire event. Due to the size of the program we cannot accommodate parent and family spectators during rehearsals and activities. We are grateful for your patience and encourage you to enjoy your time in and around the event site and the performance.

How do I know my child is safe, or that their needs are met?

DCI requires all adults who are involved in the event to pass a background check prior to working with the students. We use accredited band directors from local school districts as our instructional team. Registration forms include areas for parents to indicate special dietary or other needs for their students. Finally, you can always reach out to our team at DCI to discuss any other concerns.

How can I attend to watch my child perform? Can I bring other family/friends?

Yes. We have a "Family & Friends" package available each year that provides access to events, seating with the students, and a BANDtastic! Rockford T-shirt (a $20 value) to show your pride. Rehearsals and other activities are closed, due to security as well as giving your child the chance to work with others. Both student and family/friends registration include $30 tickets to the DCI Show of Shows in the BANDtastic! block. This year the BANDtastic! Rockford "Family & Friends" Package is $40 per person ($10 discount over general pricing).

Can I record my student's performance?

In order to protect the rights of original composers and copyright owners who license their music to our performing ensembles, Drum Corps International strictly prohibits the use of audio and video recording technology during all events.

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DIRECTORS

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Will my students be marching?
BANDtastic! is set up as a musical experience, with limited physical responsibilities (walking to and from performance locations). This is a standstill performance with limited physical responsibilities.

Will my students need to memorize their music?
No. Students will be able to use music stands for this event to feel more confident and relaxed during their performance!

How do I get selected to be a participating director?
Band directors are selected based on instrumentation needs for the ensemble. Contact DCI to sign up as a volunteer director.

What are the roles and responsibilities of a participating director?
Participating directors will be responsible for checking students in and out at the beginning and end of the day, as well as teaching sectionals with their assigned sections.

Can I get Professional Growth Points for being a participating director?
Absolutely! We will provide a letter stating how much we appreciate your contributions to our event.

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