Monarch Marching Festival
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2026 Monarch Marching Festival
General Information

1. **RULES AND REGULATIONS**: All CBA rules will be in effect, and all Directors need to be aware of any changes to the format. Visit the Colorado Bandmasters marching page for more information at https://www.coloradomarching.org/. **Note**: Contest hosts will be notified by the CBA Executive Secretary verifying the participating director's membership prior to the qualifying event. All participating Band Directors must be members of CBA.

2. **TOTAL TIME LIMIT:** Each Band is allotted fifteen (15) minutes of time. This time includes your entry, on-field warm up (optional), show, and exit. Please refer to the CBA Sanctioned Contest Guidelines regarding minimum times, field times, etc.

3. **TRUCK & BUS PARKING**: All buses and trucks should enter campus via Centaur Village Drive, located on the east side of the campus (see attached map). Upon arrival, you will be greeted by our Parking Crew, followed by a Band Host who will provide your Welcome Packet. After dropping off band members, buses will exit the campus onto South Boulder Road and proceed to parking along Centaurus Village Drive, as directed by the parking attendants.

4. **SPECTATOR PARKING**: Please let your staff and band families know that parking on the Centaurus campus is limited to ADA parking only. All other spectators should plan to park in designated festival parking areas and allow enough time to walk to the stadium. Look for "Festival Parking" signs. Information regarding available parking lots is included in the attached materials and on our website.

5. **FIRST AID**: A First Aid tent will be located outside of the stadium, near the west gate where the bands enter the stadium from the warm-up areas.

6. **CONCESSIONS**: The concessions stand is located on the home side of the grandstand near the ticket station. Concessions will offer burgers, brats, hot dogs, cheese nachos, chips, our famous Fresh Squeezed Lemonade, as well as other drinks. Concessions will open at 1:30p.

7. **FEEDING YOUR BANDS**: The designated band meal area is located at the northernmost edge of the parking lot, where you will find space for food tents and grassy areas for your band to eat. The Parking Crew will assign your band a designated space.

8. **ADMISSIONS**: Admission to the festival is $18 for adults, $13 for students and seniors, and free for kids 5 and under. Payment methods accepted are cash or credit card. We encourage spectators to purchase tickets in advance through GoFan: https://gofan.co/event/6663435?schoolId=CO67973_1

9. **WRISTBANDS FOR STADIUM ENTRY**: Your Welcome Packet will include wristbands for band members (GOLD), Prop/Pit Crew (GREEN), and 5 complimentary admission wristbands to be used at the Director's discretion (ORANGE). In accordance with CBA policy, each band is given a maximum of 25 pit/prop wristbands. **Important:** Pit/prop wristbands provide access to the field **during your band's performance only**. Anyone with a pit/prop wristband who wishes to remain in the stadium after your band has finished performing must purchase a spectator ticket.

10. **FESTIVAL SEATING:** The north-side grandstands are reserved for spectators who have purchased admission tickets. These stands will be roped off during band performances and reopened for spectator traffic between performances. The south-side grandstands are reserved for band members who would like to watch other bands after their own performance.

11. **AWARDS**: Placement awards will be presented for the **top three bands in each class**. Participation trophies will be presented to each participating band that does not place in the top three. The awards ceremony is for Drum Majors only. Captains will not participate in the awards ceremony, per CBA regulations. Each participating band will receive a full recap for the festival in their packet. Recaps will be published on the CBA website.

12. **WEATHER IMPACTS:** If severe weather requires a delay or cancellation of the festival, participating schools will be notified as early as possible, using the contact information on your entry form.

13. **VIDEO RECORDING:** A professional video recording of each band's performance will be made from the press box. As part of your festival entry fee, each band will receive a google drive link containing its performance recording. The video will come to you via your email that you registered with. Please allow for up to 24 hours after show for the video to process as it will be high quality audio and video.

14. **WARM-UP AREAS**: Each band has been assigned a body warm-up, music warm-up and pit/battery warm-up station (see attached schedule/map). Open areas are available for Color Guard warm-ups. Each band will have a 30-minute warm-up for both body & music, and a 30-minute warm-up for pit/battery. **Please be aware that another band's warm-up begins immediately at your scheduled end time. It is important that you begin transitioning out of your warm-up area on time, so the next band can begin its warm-up as scheduled - ESPECIALLY PERCUSSION.**
Note: No warm-ups should take place in the residential areas directly west of the Centaurus campus. **NO GOCK BLOCK or DR. BEAT** may be used in the Body or Color Guard warm-up areas**. Hand clapping is the only permitted audible accompaniment** in these areas**. Your Battery Percussion may warm up with your Winds in the Music area, but you should face North for Zone A (towards South Boulder Road) & West for Zone B (away from the School & Stadium)**. It is the responsibility of the Director to share all warm-up information with their staff.

15. **REPORTING TIMES:** Your **reporting time is your responsibility**. Please review the festival schedule carefully and allow sufficient time for all transitions and travel between assigned areas. Please plan for 5 minutes to transition between your body warm-up and music warm-up areas, and 10 minutes to your report time. Pit/Battery should report 15 minutes prior to your scheduled performance time, to ensure they are not moving while the previous band is performing.

16. **RESTROOMS AND WATER FOR THE BAND**: Restrooms are available behind the grandstand, as well as in various portable restrooms locations near the buses and warm-up areas. There is no access to restrooms inside Centaurus High School. Water will be available for bands at each warm-up area.

17. **SECURITY AND LOST AND FOUND**: The Monarch High School Band Program, Monarch Band Boosters, and Boulder Valley School District are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please have someone remain with your buses at all times or ensure they are securely locked. Remind students not to leave valuables on the buses. Lost and found items that are turned in will be held at the Volunteer Table. Please remind your band members, staff, and band families to check the Volunteer Table, if they have lost an item.

18. **EMERGENCY INSTRUMENT REPAIR:** Rocky Mountain Music Repair will be present as a repair tent should you have any emergency concerns with your instruments. Their booth will be located near the band/prop entrance (labeled **RMM** on the map).

19. **MONARCH MARCHING FESTIVAL PATCHES:** A limited number of festival patches are available to purchase for $7.00 at the Ticket station and Concessions. If your band would like to order a quantity of patches after the show, please send an email to: festival@monarchbands.org. We will have a deadline to order after the festival, so that we can place one order for all interested bands.