Dear Marching Band Directors,

The Nebraska State Fair invites you and your band to perform at the 2018 Nebraska State Fair! If you are interested, please complete the included registration form and return it by **May 1, 2018**. We will assign groups their day of preference on a first-come, first-serve basis. You will receive an email confirmation with your performance day. **If you do not receive a confirmation email within two weeks, contact us to make sure we received your registration**. In early August, you will get an information packet including final instructions, performance areas and times. *Please be advised that if inclement weather occurs, the marching band performances will continue as scheduled. Perform at your own discretion, as we do not have inside performance locations for this program*.

The Nebraska State Fair provides a stipend to each group that participates in the Marching Band Exhibition. Stipends, based on mileage to Grand Island, are provided to help alleviate some travel expenses.

Each band has the choice between two different routes and performance stops, which are presented on the enclosed map. On the registration form, you will notice there are measurements next to each of the performance stops. Please make sure your band will fit within that allotted performance space. If your band does not fit within those space requirements, please skip that performance stop.

Route A- Starts at the Main Intersection, runs through the main throughway in front of the red barns, through the Market Place and returns back to the Heartland Event Center. (Distance is roughly 0.5 mile). This route includes 2 performance stops.

Route B- Starts at the Main Intersection, runs through the main throughway in front of the red barns, through the Market Place and to the East Entertainment Area. (Distance is roughly 0.7 mile). Route B includes 3 performance stops.

NEW to 2018!

- We are offering marching bands access to a dressing room, located in the Fonner Park Clubhouse, **on Wednesday, Aug. 29**. Unfortunately, we can't offer the space any other day as the space is used for other programs. *If you are not participating on this day, please plan accordingly.*
- We will no longer offer trams to pick up bands at the end of Route B. However, if a band is in need of one, they can wait at the end of the route for one of the regularly running trams. *Please note* that the trams may not have room for an entire band, as other fairgoers use the tram system. Bands may need to wait for multiple trams.
- The State Fair Celebration Parades now begin at 1:30 p.m. If bands wish to march twice, they can march in the parade as their second performance. Due to the new parade time, time slots from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. are not available to marching bands.

If you're interested in performing, please fill out the included registration form and send it to the address on the registration form. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Kayla Crowder at 308.385.3978, or kcrowder@statefair.org

We look forward to seeing you at the 2018 Nebraska State Fair!

2018 Nebraska State Fair Marching Band Exhibition
Friday, August 24 – Monday, September 3, 2018

Please return this form by May 1, 2018

School Information

Name of Band: _____ School Name: _____

Music Director/Leader: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Summer Contact Information -Packets will be sent in August and will require a signature. Unless noted otherwise below, packets will be sent to your school address. If you prefer for it to be mailed to a **different address**, please provide an address at which someone will be **available to sign for the package**. Select your preferred contact method by placing an X in the ☐ next to your mailing address or email.

☐ Summer Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

☐ Email: _____

Date & Time Preferences

Please mark an X by the dates you are available.

☐ Friday, Aug. 24	☐ Monday, Aug. 27	☐ Wednesday, Aug. 29	☐ Friday, Aug. 31
☐ Saturday, Aug. 25	☐ Tuesday, Aug. 28	☐ Thursday, Aug. 30	☐ Saturday, Sept. 1

1st preference _____ 2nd preference _____

If you selected **Wednesday, Aug. 29**, will your band need the dressing room? ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

Please mark an X by the times you are available.

☐ 10:00	☐ 10:45	☐ 11:30	☐ 12:15	☐ 2:00	☐ 2:45	☐ 3:30
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1st preference _____ 2nd preference _____

Are you interested in marching in the daily Celebration Parade at 1:30 p.m.? ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

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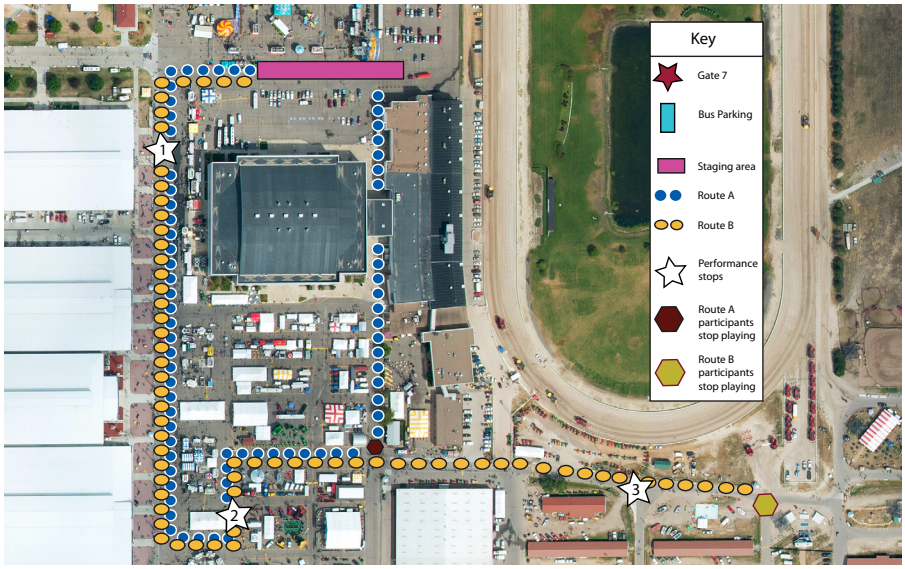

Preferred Marching Route- Please put an X in the box next to your preferred marching route and performance stops (reference enclosed map).

☐ **Route A** – (Distance is roughly 0.5 mile)

- ☐ Performance Stop 1 (45' x 60')
- ☐ Performance Stop 2 (30' x 60') *This performance stop will not be available 8/25
- ☐ No performance stops
- ☐ Both Stops

☐ **Route B** – (Distance is roughly 0.7 mile)

- ☐ Performance Stop 1 (45' x 60')
- ☐ Performance Stop 2 (30' x 60') *This performance stop will not be available 8/25
- ☐ Performance Stop 3 (45' x 75')
- ☐ No performance stops
- ☐ All stops

To help our staff better prepare in providing your admission wristbands and bus parking passes, please provide us with accurate attendance and vehicle numbers below. **Please notify us immediately if any information on this registration changes.**

Students attending:_____ Teachers/Assistants attending:_____

Buses:_____ Vehicles_____ Vans:_____

Estimated fair arrival time:_____ Estimated fair departure time:_____

We will make every effort to accommodate your date and time preferences. Because of the large number of groups who participate, each entry will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Thank you!

Please email, mail or fax completed form to:

Kayla Crowder, Events Assistant
Nebraska State Fair, P.O. Box 1387, Grand Island, NE 68802 or Fax (308) 384-1555
For more information call: (308) 385-3978 or email kcrowder@statefair.org