



**83rd Mountain State Forest Festival
Grand Feature Parade
Saturday, October 5, 2019**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parade Registration 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Parade starts at 1:30 pm

Bands are not required to march in the parade to participate in the field show but we highly encourage you to participate in both events to be considered for the Grand Champion awards.

Cash Prizes for Parade:

Group 1	1st Place	\$200.00
	2nd Place	\$100.00
Group 2	1st Place	\$300.00
	2nd Place	\$200.00
Group 3	1st Place	\$400.00
	2nd Place	\$300.00
Group 4	1st Place	\$1000.00
	2nd Place	\$500.00

A Hospitality Room will be provided for all directors and assistant directors near the Orange Building. This is **NOT** open to the public, it is **only** for band directors, assistant directors, and our field show workers. Please make sure your bus drivers and chaperones are aware of this, concessions will be offered on both sides of the field.

GRAND FEATURE PARADE

1. To be officially entered all groups must have submitted an entry application, either the MSFF application or via TOB WINDI system – www.njatob.org
2. The Grand Feature Parade starts promptly at **1:30 pm**. You must be registered by **12:30 pm**. Registration will be in the "Orange Building" at Wimer Field (see map).
3. Bands will lineup on **Taylor Ave.** (see map) in parade order. All bands need to be in their staging area by 1:15pm.
Bands in: **Division I** - report to line-up area by 12:30 pm
Division II - report to line-up area by 12:45 pm
Division III - report to line-up area by 1:00 pm

Division IV - report to line-up area by 1:15 pm

4. Units not in place and ready when their division moves will be placed at the end of the parade. Judging cannot be guaranteed.
5. Bands competing in the field show will be strategically placed in the parade to allow for adequate time to prepare for the field competition.
6. Entry in a group category is considered a commitment. Changes are not possible after September 21. **There will be no changes in Group designation on the day of the parade and band competition.**
7. Junior High and Middle School groups are two separate groups and will be judged accordingly, size is not a factor in these groups.
8. Bands that must withdraw from participating after they have registered, must notify the Mountain State Forest Festival Office (304-636-1824) by September 21, 2019.
9. Parade winners will be announced at the completion of judging. Directors should report to the Orange Building immediately after the parade for the awards presentations. Parade results will also be announced at the beginning of the field show competition.
10. Score-sheets and recap sheets will be available to each band during the awards ceremony.
11. We will have designated parking spaces for each band around or near Wimer Field. There will be a special parking area for bands that are only participating in the parade. Please refer to the enclosed map. All equipment trucks and trailers will be parked inside the gated lot. **NO PERSONAL VEHICLES** are allowed in gated lot area. Portable restrooms will be available.

JUDGING INFORMATION

1. The National Judges Association, under the sanction of Tournament of Bands (TOB), will provide judging for both the parade and field competition. All TOB rules will be followed. See www.njatob.com for 2019 Rulebook.
2. All units are expected to play while passing the Judge's stand, radio stand, and television stand; these areas will be clearly marked. The judges stand is located on the corner of Davis Avenue and First Street (see map).
3. Up to five boosters or managers may march with the band and should be dressed appropriately.
4. Band boosters, marching or otherwise, should not communicate with the judges in any manner.
5. The number of playing members in the line of march is counted in the judging area.

PARADE RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Children under twelve (12) years of age will not be permitted to march.
2. All groups and organizations must be clearly identified. Name, locality, and state must be clearly stated on a banner or drumhead.
3. Spacing Guidelines:

- A distance of no greater than 50 feet must be maintained between each entry. Within an entry, the interval between units may be no more than ten (10) feet. Example: Color guard is to be no more than ten (10) feet in front of the drum major; the drum major is to be no more than ten (10) feet in front of the band.
 - No counter marching or any activities that will impede the forward progression of the parade are allowed. Failure to abide will result in disqualification from parade judging. This regulation is necessary due to the length of the parade.
 - Musical groups are alternated with non-musical groups to avoid sound interference.
4. Entrants should use a normal marching step to reach the start of the parade and the staging area. “Taps” is recommended while proceeding to this area, as drum cadences tend to add confusion.
 5. No members of any unit may march or walk back through the line of the parade.

PENALTIES

1. Violators of rules, guidelines and instructions are subject to loss of points or disqualification. This decision rests solely with the Head Judge and the Assistant Director in charge of bands.
2. Directors of disqualified groups will be notified following the parade and a letter of explanation will be sent to the appropriate school principal.
3. Disqualified groups will not receive judging points. These groups will receive judge’s comments and recap sheets will reflect the group’s disqualification.
4. Only **directors** of the disqualified groups may address questions regarding the disqualification to the following person in the order listed:

Jennifer Thompson Band Coordinator
Assistant Director: Jeff Skidmore
TOB Chapter 13 Coordinator Jeff Dent

PARADE AWARDS

High School Bands:

- Group 1 (0 to 30 musicians); 1st and 2nd place money and plaque for the Best Auxiliary
- Group 2 (31 to 50 musicians); 1st and 2nd place money and plaque for the Best Auxiliary
- Group 3 (51 to 75 musicians); 1st and 2nd place money and plaque for the Best Auxiliary
- Group 4 (76 or more musicians); 1st and 2nd place money and plaque for the Best Auxiliary

Middle / Junior High School Bands:

- 1st and 2nd place plaques and a plaque for the Best Auxiliary

Overall Parade Plaques

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques



**83rd Mountain State Forest Festival
Jack Basil Band Field Competition
Saturday, October 5, 2019**

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

1. The Band Field Competition is scheduled in a single performance format beginning at 5:00 pm; pre-show will begin at 4:45 pm.
2. The press box will be off limits to all persons; no special announcements other than purchased air grams will be made. Any deliberate infraction of this rule will result in band disqualification. Electricity is not available from the press box.
3. **Questions concerning rules, policies and/or procedures should be directed to the Band Coordinator Jennifer Thompson or Mountain State Forest Festival Assistant Director Jeff Skidmore.**
4. Adjudication -**Tournament of Bands (National Judges Association)**. All TOB rules will be followed. All decisions made by the judges are final. TOB Rulebook is available at www.njatob.org
5. There are four high school group sizes with 3 classes:
 - Group 1-Festival, A Class, Open Class – up to 30 musicians, 30 auxiliary
 - Group 2-Festival, A Class, Open Class - 31 to 50 musicians, 31-50 auxiliary
 - Group 3 Festival, A Class, Open Class - 51 to 75 musicians, 51-70 auxiliary
 - Group 4 Festival, A Class, Open Class - 76 or more musicians, 76 or more auxiliary
 - Middle/Junior High Class
6. Upon completion of registration at the Orange Building, five (5) complimentary admission tickets will be given out for chaperones and/or bus drivers.
7. Following the competition there will be a Drum Major retreat. We encourage you to send Drum Majors, Auxiliary Captains and Percussion Captains to represent your band. Please refrain from sending large groups of students as this can cause unnecessary congestion.

PERFORMANCE / REHEARSAL INFORMATION

1. Do not begin your performance until you have been introduced. Your band will move to its starting position as the preceding band leaves the field (performance area). As your band enters the performance area, the band will be announced.
2. Each band will have 15 minutes to enter from end zone, perform and exit the field in the end zone. Open class bands perform 7-10 minutes, A Class bands perform 6.5-10 minutes

Performance timing begins with the following:

“The judges are ready.”

“Performing their 2019 program _____ Tournament of Bands is proud to present _____ High School Band!”

3. There will be a warm-up area available near the competition.
4. Bands are required to provide their own “pit crew” and method of transportation of pit equipment as with other TOB competitions. If using your own transportation, see the enclosed map for the entrance. We always suggest a band representative be with your equipment, as the Mountain State Forest Festival will not be liable for lost, stolen or damaged equipment.
5. Utility vehicles such as equipment buses or trailers can park with your buses, but parent vehicles cannot be parked with your buses because we have limited space for this.

FIELD COMPETITION AWARDS

High School Bands

- Group 1 A (0 to 30 musicians); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, Best Auxiliary, and Best Percussion
- Group 1 Open (0 to 30 musicians); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, Best Auxiliary, and Best Percussion
- Group 2 A (31 to 50 musicians); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, Best Auxiliary, and Best Percussion
- Group 2 Open (31 to 50 musicians); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, Best Auxiliary, and Best Percussion
- Group 3 A (51 to 75 musicians); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, Best Auxiliary, and Best Percussion
- Group 3 Open (51 to 75 musicians); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, Best Auxiliary, and Best Percussion
- Group 4 A (76 or more musicians); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, Best Auxiliary, and Best Percussion
- Group 4 Open (76 or more musicians); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, Best Auxiliary, and Best Percussion
- Festival Bands will receive Bronze-Silver-Gold ratings

Middle School Bands

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques

Overall Field Competition Plaques

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques

Grand Champions

- The bands in both Open Class and A Class with the highest overall combined scores from the parade and field competition will be invited to serve as the Honor Bands for the following years Mountain State Forest Festival Parade.
- We will also announce the 1st Runner-up (parade and field combined) and 2nd Runner-up

**We hope you enjoy the 83rd
Mountain State Forest Festival!**