



Mountain State
**FOREST
FESTIVAL**

**85th Mountain State Forest Festival
Grand Feature Parade
Saturday, October 7, 2023**

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:

Green Class	1st Place	\$200.00
	2nd Place	\$100.00
Yellow Class	1st Place	\$300.00
	2nd Place	\$200.00
Red Class	1st Place	\$400.00
	2nd Place	\$300.00
Orange Class	1st Place	\$1000.00
	2nd Place	\$500.00

A Hospitality Room will be provided for all directors and assistant directors. 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

- To be officially entered all groups must have submitted an entry application to the MSFF by mail or thru the website at [Band Application | Elkins, WV | Mountain State Forest Festival](#)
- The Grand Feature Parade starts promptly at **1:30 pm**. You must be registered by **12:00 pm**. Registration will be in or near the "Orange Building" at Wimer Field.
- Bands will lineup on **Taylor Ave.** in parade order. All bands need to be in their staging area by 12:30PM.
Bands in: **Green Class** - report to line-up area by 12:30 pm
Yellow Class - report to line-up area by 12:30 pm
Red Class - report to line-up area by 12:30 pm
Orange Class - report to line-up area by 12:30 pm
- Units not in place and ready when their division moves will be placed at the end of the parade. Judging cannot be guaranteed.
- Bands competing in the field show will be strategically placed in the parade to allow for adequate time to prepare for the field competition.



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6. Entry in a class category is considered a commitment. Changes are not possible after October 2. **There will be no changes in Class 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 Karrah Washington at 304-704-6425
9. Parade winners will be announced at the beginning of the awards at the end of the field 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 for band drop off. Once you have completed the parade you will make your way back to the busses and continue on to Elkins High School. Portable restrooms will be available.

JUDGING INFORMATION

1. This year we have chosen our own panel of judges that consist of current and former directors from around the state for both the parade and field competition.
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 judge's stand is located on the corner of Davis Avenue and First Street.
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 all 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.



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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:

Band Coordinator: Jennifer Thompson

Assistant Director: Karrah Washington

PARADE AWARDS

Once the awards are over each director will need to pick up the judge’s sheets from the trailer. All of their comments will be emailed to you that same evening providing there are no problems with internet services.

High School Bands:

- Green Class (1 to 25 musicians); 1st and 2nd place money and plaque for the Best Auxiliary
- Yellow Class (26 to 50 musicians); 1st and 2nd place money and plaque for the Best Auxiliary
- Red Class (51 to 70 musicians); 1st and 2nd place money and plaque for the Best Auxiliary
- Orange Class (71 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

2023 Mountain State Forest Festival Jack Basil Band Field Competition Saturday, October 7, 2023

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

1. The Band Field Competition will be held at Elkins High School, 100 Kennedy Drive Elkins WV
2. The Band Field Competition is scheduled in a single performance format beginning at 5:00 pm; pre-show will begin at 4:45 pm.
3. The press box will be off limits to all persons; no special announcements. Any deliberate infraction of this rule will result in band disqualification. Electricity is not available from the press box.
4. **Questions concerning rules, policies and/or procedures should be directed to the Band Coordinator Jennifer Thompson or Mountain State Forest Festival Assistant Director Karrah Washington.**
5. There are four high school group sizes:
 - Green 1-25 Total Members
 - Yellow 26-50 Total members
 - Red 51-70 Total Members
 - Orange 71-100 Total Members
 - Middle/Junior High Class
6. Upon completion of registration at the, 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 and your field commander has saluted for the judging panel to know you are ready to begin your performance. 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 total to enter, perform and exit the field. The time will begin when you enter the gate for the field of competition.
3. There will be a warm-up area available near the competition.



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4. Bands are required to provide their own “pit crew” and method of transportation of pit equipment. If using your own transportation. 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.
6. Bands will have access to electricity on the field of competition.

FIELD COMPETITION AWARDS

High School Bands

- Green Class (1 to 25 total members); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, and Best Auxiliary
- Yellow Class (26 to 50 total members); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, and Best Auxiliary
- Red Class (51 to 70 total members); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, and Best Auxiliary
- Orange Class (71 or more total members); 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques, and Best Auxiliary

Middle School Bands

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques

Overall, Field Competition Plaques

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Plaques

Grand Champions

- The band 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 2023
Mountain State Forest Festival!**