



Allen County Agricultural Society

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To All Area Band Directors, Principals, and Superintendents:

The Allen County Fair Showcase of Bands will be held on opening night, **Friday, August 15th at 7:00PM** in the grandstand of the 158th Allen County Fair. We are pleased to invite your school to participate in this fine show.

Allen County bands are in the rotation of "Host Band" duties. The host band will perform first in the band show and will be responsible for the playing of the national anthem at the beginning of the show. The Host Band is also responsible for bringing the field markers for the band show that evening. If it works with the individual band's schedule, we would also like for the host band to perform at the ribbon cutting ceremony on opening day at 4:00 p.m. As well, the Host Band will be given the opportunity to march on the grounds after the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The tentative order for "Host Band" duties is shown below. However, should any of the bands choose not to participate, the remaining bands will all move up in the order.

'08 - Bluffton	'12 - LCC	'16 - Spencerville
'09 - Delphos Jefferson	'13 - Lima Senior	'17 - Allen East
'10 - Delphos St. John	'14 - Perry	'18 - Bath
'11 - Elida	'15 - Shawnee	

In addition to the Band Show, we are also scheduling bands to march on the grounds during the week. You can just fill out your request on the entry form. Your time slot from 2007 (located on the back of this page) will be held until Friday, June 27th.

Finally, we encourage all bands to participate in the **Allen County Fair Parade on Saturday, August 16th at 9:45 A.M. in downtown Lima.**

As in years past we will be paying the bands \$150 for each of their performances in the Band Show, Parade and for marching on the grounds. Additionally, Kewpee will award each band one dollar for each year the fair has been in existence (\$158 for 2008) for their participation in the Band Show. That means each band has the opportunity to receive \$608 for participating in the fair.

In an effort to make things as simple as possible, the entry form will allow you to register for all three events. To get a copy of the entry form, go to www.allencountyfair.org, on the left hand side under Fair Entry Information, click on Entry Forms and download your entry form and return it to the fair office by June 27th, 2008. Bands participating in the band show will receive a letter in August with all your information regarding the band show.

As always, our top priority is the support and recognition of our youth and with your participation and cooperation we will continue to achieve that goal. If you have any questions concerning this letter feel free to contact the office at (419)228-7141.

Sincerely,

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