



DRUM CORPS INTERNATIONAL

BANDtastic Honor Band

FAQs



Parents

Q: Why can't I record my student's performance?

A: In order to protect the rights of original composers and copyright owners who license their music to our performing ensembles, Drum Corps International strictly prohibits the use of audio and video recording technology during all events.

Q: What do the students need to wear to participate in BANDtastic?

A: A BANDtastic event T-shirt will be given to participating students when they check in at the beginning of the event. Students should wear khaki pants or shorts and comfortable/supportive shoes.

Q: If I am not attending, how do I stay connected with my student?

A: Leading up to the event, you can stay connected with our staff, as well as check out the Facebook and Instagram pages to follow your student's experience.

Q: Why can't I stay with my student throughout the ENTIRE day?

A: BANDtastic! is devoted to developing young individuals through music and leadership activities. Critical to this development is the opportunity for them to learn in a peer group from qualified and experienced educators. They will be well supervised during the entire event. Due to the size of the program, we cannot accommodate parent and family spectators during rehearsals and activities. We are grateful for your patience and encourage you to enjoy your time in and around the event site.

Q: How do I know my child is safe, or that his/her needs are met?

A: DCI requires all adults who are involved in the event to pass a background check prior to working with the students. We use accredited band directors from local school districts as our instructional team. Registration forms include areas for parents to indicate special dietary or other needs for their students. Finally, you can always reach out to our team at DCI to discuss any other concerns!

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Q: What is the cost?

A: This year's **registration fee is \$99.00 per student**. This cost includes one (1) t-shirt, one (1) ticket to a special speaker and *DCI Innovations in Brass*, all instruction, performances, and a meal.

Q: How can my child participate?

A: Students must be nominated by their school band director (or music teacher) and then accepted into the band by the BANDtastic! staff selection. Nominations take place each spring. You can encourage your band director to nominate students if they are not currently doing so by contacting DCI.

Q: How can I attend to watch my child perform? Can I bring other family/friends?

A: Yes. We have a "Family & Friends" package available each year that provides access to events, sitting with the students, and the BANDtastic! Canton t-shirt (a \$20 value) to show your pride. Rehearsals and other activities are closed, due to security as well as giving your child the chance to work with others. The student and family/friends registration includes a \$47 ticket to *DCI Innovations in Brass* in the BANDtastic! block. This year the BANDtastic! Canton "Family & Friends" Package is **\$40 per person** (\$27 discount over general pricing).

Q: Where and when does BANDtastic! Canton take place?

A: BANDtastic! Canton Honor Band will perform as a part of the DCI Innovations in Brass at Tom Benson Stadium in Canton, OH, on August 5, 2024.



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Directors

- Q:** Will my students be marching?
- A:** BANDtastic is set up as a musical experience, with limited physical responsibilities (walking to and from performance locations).
- Q:** Will my students need to memorize their music?
- A:** No. There will be stands provided for the students to feel more confident and relaxed during their performance!
- Q:** How do I get selected to be a participating director?
- A:** Band directors are selected based on instrumentation needs for the ensemble.
- Q:** What are the roles and responsibilities of a participating director?
- A:** Participating directors will be responsible for checking students in and out at the beginning and end of the day, as well as teaching sectionals with their assigned sections.
- Q:** Can I get Professional Growth Points for being a participating director?
- A:** Absolutely! We will provide a letter stating how much we appreciate your contributions to our event.

