



Calgary Stampede

**Visiting Bands
Committee**

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This information has been put together by the Visiting Bands Committee, a group of volunteers of the Calgary Stampede. Throughout this document it will be referred to as the "VBC".

A. Organizers, Participation, Competitions

Organizing Committee:

Visiting Bands Committee of the Calgary Stampede (VBC)
Represented by Tim Neis and Michelle Fior

and

World Association of Marching Show Bands (WAMSB)
Represented by Robert Eklund

Participation:

The Calgary World Championships will be open to all Marching Show Bands regardless of category of band or music played.

All bands must apply for participation by December 31, 2011 for the World Championship to be held in Calgary from July 6, 2012 to July 10, 2012. Any applications received after December 31, 2011 will be considering pending space still available.

All bands will be charged a fee of \$10(CAD)/member/day to participate in the 4 days of the WAMSB Championship.

This fee includes:

- fee covered by VBC for 1 adult/chaperone/staff member for every 10 band members (all others are subject to the daily fee).
- fee covered by VBC for 1 band director.
- shuttle transportation to WAMSB events.
- Stampede Park admission on the Finals Competition Day.
- Stampede Breakfast Celebration prior to Opening Ceremonies
- field rehearsal space (two-three hour blocks*).
- 1 copy, per participating band, of DVD of Closing Ceremonies and Finals Competition.

*transportation not provided by VBC to rehearsal facilities.

Competitions:

The competitions to be held in Calgary 2012 will include:

Field Show Competition – participation is compulsory for all bands.

Parade Competition – participation is optional for bands.

B. Schedule of Events / Venues

Friday July 6, 2012 - Calgary Stampede Parade (Stampede Event)

- Participation in the Calgary Stampede Parade will be determined on a first come first serve basis. Applications received by VBC will be forwarded to the Calgary Stampede Parade Committee for final selection.

Saturday July 7, 2012 – Opening Ceremonies & Preliminaries Pt I

- Stampede Breakfast for all bands at McMahon Stadium as their shuttle arrives beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- All bands will be represented in the Opening Ceremonies held at McMahon Stadium at 11:00 a.m.
- First half of the bands will compete in the Preliminaries Competition beginning at 12:00 p.m.
- Bands not competing will have the option of performing at local venues, rehearsing at one of the booked fields and/or staying to watch other competing bands.

Sunday July 8, 2012 – Preliminaries Part II

- All remaining bands will compete in the Preliminaries Competition at McMahon Stadium beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- Bands not competing will have the option of performing at local venues and/or rehearsing at one of the booked fields.

Monday July 9, 2012 –

- Parade Competition to begin at McMahon Stadium at 10:00 a.m. for those bands who have opted to compete.
- Held in reserve for any bands that may have been unable to compete in Preliminaries due to inclement weather on the previous days.
- Remainder of day for bands to rehearse at one of the booked fields.
- Bands not competing will have the option of performing at local venues and/or rehearsing at one of the booked fields.

Tuesday July 10, 2012 – Finals Competition & Closing Ceremonies

- Showbands Live Invitational of bands performing in exhibition in the Scotiabank Saddledome. Selected bands that are not eligible for the Finals Competition will perform beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- Bands will be selected for the Showbands Live Invitational by the VBC.
- 12 bands to participate in the Finals Competition beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- Concluding Awards Ceremony for all competing bands following Finals Competition.

Venues:

McMahon Stadium (outdoors)

- Opening Ceremonies
- Preliminaries Part I & II
- Parade Competition

Scotia Bank Saddledome (indoors on Stampede Park)

- Invitational Showcase of Bands
- Finals Competition
- Closing Ceremonies
- Awards Ceremonies

Caravans

- Outdoor pancake breakfast at community malls throughout the City of Calgary.

DTA (Downtown Attractions)

- Outdoor Olympic Plaza in downtown Calgary.

Rehearsal Fields

- 3 outdoor athletic parks will be booked for 3 days to give bands an opportunity to rehearse. Every effort will be made to ensure these will be booked within walking distance of the band's accommodations due to bus availability.

C. Awards

Criteria for levels of awards (as outlined by WAMSB):

<u>Score</u>	<u>Medal</u>
90.00 or higher	Honours
85.00 – 89.99	Gold
80.00 – 84.99	Silver
75.00 – 79.99	Bronze

- Medals will be given to all bands receive a score of 75.00 or higher in Preliminaries based on the criteria above.
- Trophies and/or Championship Flags will be given out to the top 3 scoring bands.
- Trophies and/or Divisional Flags will be for the top 3 scoring bands in each division.
- A Junior Band Flag will be presented to the top scoring junior band in the competition.

D. Provisions for bands

Volunteer Hosts:

- Each band will be assigned a representative from the VBC.
- This host will assist the band director in making arrangements for performances, sight-seeing and transportation in Calgary.

Transportation:

- We will assist in arranging for bus transportation to and from the airport on the day of their arrival and departure at the cost to the band. Bus & equipment truck costs are approximately \$ 170CAD/trip/bus (each bus seats up to 40-45 people) each way.
- Bands requiring equipment trucks will be responsible for the costs of the equipment truck (approximately \$360CAD/day or \$170CAD/truck/trip).

The following bus transportation items are at **no cost** to the bands:

- Transportation will be provided for those bands selected to perform in the Calgary Stampede Parade on July 6, 2012.
- Transportation will be provided to all Calgary Stampede related performances. (These are optional performances available to bands and will be filled on a first come first serve basis)
- A shuttle bus service will be provided to bands for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
- A shuttle bus service will be provided to bands for the Preliminary and Finals Competitions.

Equipment:

- Bands will be expected to take their equipment on the bus transportation provided.
- Trucks are available for bands to rent for the larger equipment if they require it (see above).

Accommodations*:

Variant 1: Free school accommodations will be provided to the first 1,200 band members accepted for the 2012 Championships. Accommodations are in classrooms of the schools (on the floor). Bands will have to provide their own mattresses and bedding for these accommodations.

Variant 2: Home stay through cultural or educational organizations within Calgary. This will be on a first come, first serve basis. The VBC will assist with facilitating this once a band's application has been received.

Variant 3: Hostel accommodations at a cost of \$45(CAD)/member/night, with a group membership.

Variant 4: Rental of a private facility for the duration of stay. VBC will assist with making contacts for the bands to set up contracts.

Variant 5: For an approximate fee of \$50(CAD)/member/night (while space permits) will be housed at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (S.A.I.T.) summer housing. This rate may change depending on the S.A.I.T. summer housing costs.

Contact:

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Variant 6: For an approximate fee of \$60(CAD)/member/night (while space permits) will be housed at Mount Royal University (M.R.U.) summer housing. This rate may change depending on M.R.U. summer housing costs.

Contact:

Nadine Conklin

Assignment Coordinator

Residence Services Mount Royal University

Student Affairs and Campus Life

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Variant 7: For an approximate fee of \$55(CAD)/member/night (while space permits) will be house at University of Calgary (U of C) summer housing. This rate may change depending on U of C summer housing costs

Contact:

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Variant 8: The VBC will assist all other bands with booking other accommodations at the cost of the band. Prices will vary.

*Please note that prices are based on 2011 prices and are subject to change. Bands should contact facilities to confirm 2012 rates.

Meals:

- Hosts will assist making arrangements for meals at a cost to the bands. Bands can budget approximately \$30(CAD)/member/day to cover meal costs.
- For those staying in the schools, meals will be supplied (at cost to the band) by caterers in the school. The caterers will contact the bands directly to establish meal requirements and costs. Bands staying in school accommodations who wish to eat at the school must purchase meals from the school caterer and may not provide their own food in the school.

Summary of Anticipated Costs (costs are estimates as of August 2011)

Item	Estimated Cost (CAD)*
WAMSB Participation Fee	\$10/band member/day for 4 days of WAMSB activities (includes Band Director & 1 chaperone for every 10 band members, all others pay fee)
Ground Transportation – airport transfer – each way (plus any other transportation arranged by the band for rehearsals & non-WAMSB or Stampede events)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 170/bus/trip (each way) (per 40-45 band members) • \$ 360/equipment truck/day or \$170/truck/trip • \$52/hour of the bus waits for the band on site
Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited (1,200 capacity) free accommodation provided on a first come- first served basis on the floor in school classrooms (bands must provide their own mattresses & bedding) • Various options available for billeting or paid accommodations
Meals	Plan for \$ 30/band member/day
Airfare	Bands cost

* Prices based on 2011 prices & are subject to change

E. Stampede Performance Opportunities

Stampede Events:

ON PARK: Stampede Park is the heart of the Calgary Stampede. Bands performing On Park performers will partake in short outdoor concert performances arranged for the enjoyment of the park visitors.

DTA: Downtown Attractions is an event hosted daily by the Calgary Stampede's Downtown Attractions Committee, and is held outdoors in front of City Hall in the Olympic Plaza.

CARAVAN BREAKFAST: Caravan events are held throughout Calgary by the Calgary Stampede's Caravan Committee. Caravans provide the public with mobile outdoor performance platforms that highlight a variety of performing ensembles, along with Calgary's famous pancake breakfasts.

COMMUNITY EVENTS: From time to time we are approached by organizations in the community that are eager to have bands perform at their Stampede events. These performances are perfect for small to medium size bands, and provide excellent exposure to Calgary's Stampede culture.

Rewards Program: Bands will be eligible for our existing Band Rewards Program, if they are participate in Stampede Events from July 6-15, 2012.
Participation in all WAMSB events counts as one Stampede event only.
Please also note: rewards are awarded for band members ONLY.

Category	Requirements	Rewards
City Slicker	Parade or 2 Stampede Events	Assigned Host Lanyard Transportation to Stampede Event.
Cowpoke	Parade or 3 Stampede Events	Above plus: One event that includes a meal or Stampede Park access (& transportation).
Rancher	Parade plus 2 Stampede Events or 4 Stampede Events	Above plus: One of each event that includes a meal and Stampede Park access (& transportation).
Deputy	Parade plus 3 Stampede Events or 5 Stampede Events	Above plus: Stampede Park access (& transportation) on a free day.
Sheriff	Parade plus 4 Stampede Events or 6 Stampede Events	Above plus: Rodeo or Grandstand access (& transportation) on a free day.

F. Tour/Performance Opportunities

All of the venues/locations below are available for tours and/or performances at a cost to the band.

Heritage Park Historical Village – Located within the Calgary city limits this park is year-round exhibit of western history. It features a village that has been recreated to appear as though it may have in the late 19th century. The park includes a working steam locomotive that circles the entire park. Only bands around 40 members are able to perform and must have Alberta Heritage Music to perform. Contact: Jo Morris 403.268.8564 (jmorris@heritagepark.ca)

Calgary Zoo – The Calgary Zoo is the 2nd largest zoo in Canada and is located 5 minutes outside of the city centre. The zoo has over 1000 animals and includes the following exhibits: Destination Africa, Canadian Wilds, Australia, Botanical Gardens, Arctic Shores, Eurasia, Prehistoric Park and South America. No performance opportunities due to the disruption to animals. Groups must be booked 3 days in advance. Youth (8-12) \$9.00CAD and Adults \$16.00CAD. Contact: 403.232.9300 #2 (guestrelations@calgaryzoo.ab.ca)

C.O.P. (Canada Olympic Park) - This athletic facility was home to many events during the Calgary Winter Olympics in 1988. The park is also home to the Olympic Hall of Fame and Museum. During the summer the park has mountain biking, beach volleyball and mini golf available. Contact: 403.247.5452 (info@winsportcanada.ca)

Drumheller Royal Tyrrell Museum – The Tyrrell Museum is located 90 minutes outside of Calgary and is exclusively dedicated to the science of paleontology. It has the world's largest displays of dinosaurs. No opportunities to perform. Groups must be booked 3 days in advance. Youth (7-14) \$5.00CAD and Adults \$8.00CAD. Contact: Wendy at 403.820.6226 (tyrrell.info@gov.ab.ca)

Spruce Meadows - This is an international equestrian facility in south Calgary. The North American Tournament is usually held within the first few weeks of July every year. There maybe performance opportunities for bands during this tournament Contact: 403.974.4200 (information@sprucemeadows.com)

Calgary Tower - The Calgary Tower is 191 meters in height and has a revolving restaurant and an observation deck. The observation deck features a 360° view of Calgary with a glass floor. Contact: tourgroups@calgarytower.com

Glenbow Museum – The museum is one of western Canada's largest museums with more than 20 galleries. The museum is located in the center of downtown. The exhibits include: Western Cultural History, Ethnology, Military History, Mineralogy and Asian Collection. No performance opportunities. Groups must

book a few days in advance. Youth (7-17) \$8.50CAD and Adults \$13.00CAD.
Contact: 403.267.4110 (bookings@glenbow.org)

Military Museums – The Military Museums is dedicated to representing Canada's navy, army, and air force divisions. The museum offers various tours to groups of 10 people or more. Tours must be booked in advance Youth (7-17) \$3.00CAD and Adults \$6.00CAD. Contact: 403.974.2869 (bookings@themilitarymuseums.ca) Two for one coupon available at <http://themilitarymuseums.ca/>

Cross Iron Mall – An enclosed shopping centre a few minutes north of Calgary. The doors of the mall opened in the spring of 2009 and features over 200 stores and services. Entry 2 (Ranch Entrance) of the mall is dedicated to large bus pick up and drop off. Contact: Erin Darroch 403.984.6803 (edarroch@ivanhoecambridge.com)

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