

Dear Band Director:

The Orange City Tulip Festival wants to extend a warm invitation to you and your marching band to attend the 69th Annual Tulip Festival held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 14, 15, and 16, 2009. As in the past, there will be a parade in the afternoon and evening of each day. The afternoon parades start at 2:15 p.m. and the evening parades start at 6:30 p.m.

Once again there will be a street marching competition each afternoon of the festival. Thursday and Friday's parades will feature the high school open class competition. Saturday afternoon's parade will feature junior high/middle school bands in open class competition; however, all bands are welcome to march on Saturday.

The first place band of each day's competition will be asked to march as the feature band in the evening parade. Each band that participates in the festival will receive a \$100 stipend as a token of our appreciation for attending this year's festival.

This year we are again encouraging drumlines to perform in exhibition as a part of the awards ceremony after each afternoon parade. If your band's drumline is willing to perform a 10-12 minute routine while at the festival, please indicate so on the parade entry form.

We have enclosed with this letter a parade entry form. Please complete the entry form and return by April 10 to: Melinda Netten, 4289 Kingbird Avenue, Alton, IA 51003 or email the information to melnet@mail.com. You will receive confirmation, band placement information and parking instructions by email early May.

We look forward to seeing your band in this year's festival. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or special requests.

Sincerely,

Melinda Netten, Chairman
Band Committee

P.S. Please mark your 2010 school calendars for our 70th Tulip Festival to be held May 13, 14, & 15, 2010. If you wish to be removed from our mailing list, please let me know.

Tulip Festival Parade Marching Band Competition May 14, 15 & 16, 2008

HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Thursday – May 14	Friday – May 15
Afternoon Parade 2:15 p.m. _____	Afternoon Parade 2:15 p.m. _____
Evening Parade 6:30 p.m. _____	Evening Parade 6:30 p.m. _____
Both Parades _____	Both Parades _____
Drumline Exhibition _____	Drumline Exhibition _____
(During awards ceremony)	(During awards ceremony)

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

Saturday – May 16

Afternoon Parade 2:15 p.m. _____
Evening Parade 6:30 p.m. _____
Both Parades _____
Drumline Exhibition _____
(During awards ceremony)

Confirmation and details will be sent to all participating bands in early May.

ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAIL OR EMAIL BY APRIL 10 TO:

Tulip Festival Band Coordinator
Attn: Melinda Netten
4289 Kingbird Avenue
Alton, IA 51003

OR email to melnet@mail.com

Name of Unit: _____ Name of Director: _____
Name of School: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____ Number of Students: _____
Contact email address: _____

Please also list the key people and positions such as drum major, flag captain, etc...

Name: _____ Position: _____
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Name: _____ Position: _____

List of Songs to be performed: _____

Also, so we can announce your performance to your local community, please provide us with the following information:

Name of local newspaper _____

Email address for local newspaper _____

Newspaper phone number _____

Newspaper fax number _____

Please print a small paragraph so our parade announcers can properly introduce your band. Please include any awards, contests, number of times at the Tulip Festival, etc...