

# News Release

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## **Nineteenth annual marching band competition comes to Everett**

An anticipated 2,500 high school students, family members and school support staff will be arriving in Everett on October 28 for the 19th Annual Puget Sound Festival of Bands marching competition. This event, hosted by the Cascade High School Band and Color Guard Boosters, features 29 marching bands from Idaho, Oregon and Washington, including bands from many local high schools.

The festival begins in the morning with opening ceremonies followed by all 29 schools performing in a preliminary competition. The competition allows each band to perform for 10 minutes. Twelve winners from each of the four classes (A, AA, AAA small, AAA large) go on to finals. First-, second- and third-place winners are determined by the judges, followed by the caption awards for best drums, brass, auxiliary, best marching, best visual effect and best drum major. In addition the sweepstakes award is given by the spectators. Each attendee can use a ballot in the program to vote for their favorite performance.

This is one of the few competition events where the competitors will sit in the stands and cheer-on other bands, says Mike Doubrava, event coordinator. Doubrava has volunteered for the Cascade High School Band and Color Guard Boosters for six years and will continue to volunteer at least two more years while his daughter finishes high school at Cascade. We try to find economical ways for bands to stay-over, Doubrava continues, describing how the schools that traveled more than five hours will sleep in gymnasiums throughout the district. The bands are really good about being good guests.

The preliminary competition begins at 8 a.m. on October 28, 2006 at the Everett Memorial Stadium in Everett, Washington. Finals begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are: adults \$10, children 5 and over, \$5 and senior/military discount price is \$7. Tickets allow audiences to go in and out during the entire day.