

News release



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Saturday, Oct. 27 is 25th annual Puget Sound Festival of Bands

More than 5,000 people, including 30 of the best marching bands from the Pacific Northwest, expected to attend festival at Everett Memorial Stadium

Cascade High School Band and Color Guard Boosters Club is hosting the 25th annual Puget Sound Festival of Bands on Oct. 27, 2012, at Everett Memorial Stadium. "As a tribute to the efforts and high achievements of our local high school marching band students" Everett Mayor Ray Stephanson officially proclaimed Oct. 27 "Marching Band Day." The mayor invited the community to take advantage of this opportunity and "to listen to great music and watch entertaining performances."

The Puget Sound Festival of Bands is the Pacific Northwest's leading showcase for high school marching bands and helps build community awareness and support for the school music programs. Displaying their musical talents and highlighting high school music programs, students from 30 of the best marching bands in the Pacific Northwest will be performing and competing in four divisions. The day begins at 8 a.m. with preliminary competitions to last until 5 p.m. Final competition will begin at 6 p.m.

The competition is one of the largest single day events in Snohomish County, expecting to draw more than 5,000 attendees including patrons, high school students, support staff, friends and families. Beginning in 1988 as the Cascade Sound Marching Band Championships, the first competition took place at Snohomish High School's Veterans Memorial Stadium. Under the direction of Jim Johnson and sponsored by the Cascade High School Band Booster Club, 15 bands competed in the first Pacific Northwest marching band competition.

The following year the Snohomish High Band Booster Club co-sponsored the festival and the name was changed to Puget Sound Marching Band Championships. As a premier Northwest marching band competition, the festival continued to grow and was renamed the Puget Sound Festival of Bands in 1994 and moved to Mariner High School's Frank Goddard Stadium. The festival moved to its new home, the newly renovated Everett Memorial Stadium, in 1997. The largest competition took place in 2010 when 33 bands from Washington, Oregon, and Idaho entered the competition.

Besides Snohomish High School, the festival has been co-sponsored by Winter Guard International and the Northwest Marching Band Circuit. In recent years, the Festival has been independently organized by the Cascade High School Band and Color Guard Boosters. The Cascade High School Band and Color Guard Boosters would like to thank the Everett community for their continued support of the Puget Sound Festival of Bands.

For more information: <http://www.pugetsoundfestivalofbands.com>.

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