



THE NORMAL MARCHING BAND

Invitational

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 AT ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY TUCCI STADIUM

We are excited to host a great day of performances! Remember to be friendly, helpful, kind, and encouraging. We want to make a great impression so that bands and fans return in future years!

In addition to the NMB, seventeen other high school bands will perform today. It will take all hands on deck to make this event a success! We ask that at least one adult from each marching band family volunteer—sign up at normalmb.org. We also ask that all who are affiliated with the NMB park in the Carle BroMenn parking lot A, to the south of the Resale Boutique Thrift Shop. (Cars may not park at the IWU Shirk Center, Tucci Stadium, or BroMenn Hospital.)

Invite friends, family, neighbors, and teachers to come to our show! It is a great opportunity for them to see what we have been working on!

At competitions, it is customary for the host band to perform in “exhibition,” meaning that we will not be competing at this event. We will, however, be adjudicated and will receive feedback from the panel of outstanding adjudicators. This feedback will help us improve throughout the season.

NMB Students are assigned to shifts and responsibilities. Be sure you know when and where to report! Wear your black **Monsters of Our Own Creation** show shirt during your shift. Thank you for your efforts and for making this a great day! [TAP HERE FOR STUDENT JOB ASSIGNMENTS.](#)

We encourage you to support the NMB by grabbing lunch or dinner at the concession stand! 😊

NMB Schedule for the Day

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| before rehearsal | Eat a healthy breakfast and drink plenty of water on the day of the event. |
| 9:00 AM | Rehearsal begins in IWU Tucci Stadium. Let's take advantage of this time in the stadium and get ready to give a great performance tonight! |
| 12:00 PM | Rehearsal ends. After rehearsal, you may leave unless you are assigned to a student shift. TAP HERE FOR STUDENT JOB ASSIGNMENTS. You may also watch the performing bands from the curved portion of the bleachers in the front corner of Side I. We encourage you to be a supportive audience! |
| 2:00 to 4:30 PM | Do you know where/when to report for your shift? Remember to wear your show shirt! |
| ~6:45 PM | Color Guard rehearsal at Normal West. (Team lunch beforehand?) |
| 7:15 PM | Change into uniform, prepare for the show. The directors, staff, and parent volunteers will be running the Invitational, so the student leadership team will help make this happen! Be sure to manage hair responsibilities on your own as best you can, since hair help will be limited. |
| 7:40 PM | In uniform by the truck, ready for inspection and physical warm up. |
| 8:55 PM | Depart for Warm Up Areas. |
| 9:00 PM | Physical Warm Up in Area A from 7:45 to 8:15, Music Warm Up in Area A from 8:20 to 8:50 Guard Warm Up in Area A from 8:20 to 8:50, Front Ensemble in Area A from 8:20 to 8:45 |
| after performing | At the stadium gate, ready for the performance. |
| | NMB Performance at the Normal Marching Band Invitational! Go, Team, Go! |
| | Let's have a great performance for our “home crowd!” |
| | The NMB will move equipment to the end zone and watch the awards presentation. (Drum Majors present awards.) Remember to be supportive of all of the groups and their efforts! After awards, change out of uniform, pack equipment, and clean up the invitational. Note: Some NMB members have been assigned to tear down, and all are welcome to help! |

A Note from the NMB Directors

We are very proud of all of your work going into the Normal Marching Band Invitational! It will be great to host these other groups at our event, and we look forward to having the opportunity to see what everyone else has been working on! (We haven't gotten to see many other bands yet this year...) Remember to represent the NMB at your very best, both on and off the field. Some encouraging applause or a kind word can make the experience positive for the bands and fans that are *our guests* today. The NMB parents, staff, and directors are running the show and may not always be able to remind you of what's next – keep an eye on the plan and the clock! Make sure you *eat, hydrate, and rest*, so that you can make it through this long day. Lastly, encourage friends, neighbors, teachers, and family to come out and cheer us on—it always helps to have an audience that loves us! Have a great day, work hard, and perform well!

Schedule of Performances

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| 3:00 PM | Gates Open/Ticket Sales Begin | 6:30 PM | Class 2A: Olympia |
| 3:30 PM | National Anthem by IWU Choirs, PMA, SAI, Adjudicator Introductions | 6:45 PM | Class 3A: Williamsville |
| 3:45 PM | Exhibition: North Boone | 7:00 PM | Class 3A: Sandwich |
| 4:00 PM | Class 1A: St. Joseph-Ogden | 7:15 PM | Class 3A: Danville |
| 4:15 PM | Class 1A: Dwight Township | 7:30 PM | Class 3A: University HS |
| 4:30 PM | Class 1A: MacArthur | 7:45 PM | Break |
| 4:45 PM | Class 1A: Arcola | 8:00 PM | Class 4A: Dunlap |
| 5:00 PM | Dinner Break | 8:15 PM | Class 4A: Monticello |
| 5:45 PM | Class 2A: Sparta | 8:30 PM | Class 4A: Geneseo |
| 6:00 PM | Class 2A: El Paso-Gridley | 8:45 PM | Class 4A: Pontiac |
| 6:15 PM | Class 2A: Taylorville | 9:00 PM | Exhibition: The Normal Marching Band |
| | | 9:15 PM | Awards Presentation |

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