

53rd WARRENS CRANBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE - BAND AND DRILL TEAM ENTRY FORM

402 PINE STREET, PO BOX 146, WARRENS, WI 54666 - PHONE: 608-378-4200 - FAX: 608-378-4250

Warrens Cranberry Festival - September 25-27, 2026

Parade Date: **Sunday, September 27, 2026**

Start Time: **1:00 p.m., Arrival time 10:00 a.m.**

The Warrens Cranberry Festival Board & Parade Committee cordially invites you to participate in our 53rd Annual Warrens Cranberry Festival Parade.

The band judges are affiliated with WSMA and are experienced in marching band adjudication. We have taken advice from WSMA to develop criteria and score sheets that will give you a comprehensive view of your performance.

- High School Bands will be competing based upon **enrollment**, which will determine class division (MS, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A). You will be informed of your class and the bands you will be competing against in your final paperwork. This will ensure that each band is judged fairly and effectively.
- There is a separate category for middle school bands & drill teams.
- The three categories being critiqued are **(1) Music Execution & Interpretation, (2) Marching, (3) General Appearance & Audience Appeal.**
- Each judge will be responsible for judging only one of the three critiqued categories.
- **NO STOPPING IN FRONT OF THE JUDGE REVIEWING STAND- stopping means DISQUALIFICATION.** A dramatic pause is acceptable if part of the routine.
- **All parade entries are required to show proof of liability insurance.** A copy **MUST** be received by **August 24, 2026**, see entry form for more details.
- **All awards and judging sheets will be mailed out approximately 15 to 30 days after the Festival this year.**
- Due to some parking issues, we require that you **include the driver's cell phone number for your buses and accompanying equipment vehicle.**
- Due to congestion in the parking area, all support/additional vehicles per parade unit are limited. Each band may have Only 1 additional; and you **MUST** be pre-approved to park and/or be in our parade, please see entry form.
- Bands are asked to stop and perform at the Fire Station after the parade, which is the last building on the parade route. **A special award will be judged by the Town of Lincoln Fire Department.**
- **Bands should not walk the parade route after they have marched in the parade. Be respectful of other parade participants. If you do not follow this rule, it will change the results of your band's judged performance.**

The Warrens Cranberry Festival will pay a stipend to participating bands, checks will be mailed out 15-30 days after the Festival. We increased the stipend payments in 2022. Stipends will be based on the following criteria: distance traveled to Warrens from school (one Way), plus an additional amount per band student attending, see chart.

	Distance Traveled 1-way	Stipend Based on Miles (1 way)	Additional Amount Per Student Attending Parade
#1	5-25 miles	\$200.00	Middle School pay \$1.50/ High School pay \$2.50
#2	26-50 miles	\$250.00	Middle School pay \$1.50/ High School pay \$2.50
#3	51-75 miles	\$300.00	Middle School pay \$1.50/ High School pay \$2.50
#4	76-100 miles	\$350.00	Middle School pay \$1.50/ High School pay \$2.50

Please return registration form by August 24, 2026, to ensure your entry is accepted. Your line-up number and details will be sent about 15 days before the parade. If you have any questions, please contact the Warrens Cranberry Festival Office at 608-378-4200 or office@cranfest.com Contact Person in the office is **Debbie Popp**.

Any entries received after the deadline will need to be reviewed by our parade committee for approval.

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Please check (✓) your category: _____ High School _____ Middle School _____ Drill Team

SCHOOL NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____

BAND NICKNAME (TIGER, SPARTANS ETC.) _____

BAND MEMBERS _____ ** (Include color guard, banner walkers, pom-pom, etc., in the total for band members)

DISTANCE FROM SCHOOL TO WARRENS (ONE WAY) _____

PRINCIPAL'S VERIFICATION ON NUMBER OF BAND MEMBERS & APPROVAL _____

BAND DIRECTOR _____

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR _____

E-MAIL _____

BAND DIRECTOR CELL PHONE (**required**) _____

of Buses _____ # of Vans/Equipment Vehicles _____

*With the size of the parade, we have difficulties with parking so we need to know how many buses you will be bringing (and equipment vehicles.) Parking stickers will be sent with your final paperwork. *NOTE – Only 1 support/additional vehicle **MUST** have approval to park and/or drive in our parade. Please specify the number of support vehicles you are parking? (0 or 1) _____ Are any vehicles following behind the band in the parade? (yes/no) _____ Length of Vehicle _____*

(required) All parade entries **MUST** show **proof of insurance**. Please mail a copy with entry form. If it is not received by **August 24, 2026**, your unit will be **unable** to participate in the parade without permission from our parade committee. My copy of the liability insurance enclosed? **YES** _____ **NO** _____

DESCRIPTION OF BAND & SCHOOL FOR ANNOUNCER TO READ (required) _____

If you need more space, please attach another sheet of paper.