

 <p><i>Red Deer Royals</i></p>	<p>RED DEER ROYALS BandNote From the Podium May 10, 2017</p> <p>• <i>Michael Mann, Director</i> <i>directorofbands@reddeerroyals.com</i> 403-346-3911</p>
<p><i>Thank you for all the hard work that has been done to prepare or 2017 field show.</i></p> <p><i>Our first performance of ELEMENTS will be on Sunday, May 14 in Calgary!</i></p>	

Marching Showband Classic 2017: (our field show invitational), Lindsay Thurber Sports Field, **Sunday, June 4**, 1:00 to 4:00 PM. This will be the hometown performance of “Elements”!!! **TICKETS \$10.00**

- 9:10 AM Royals meet in front of LTCHS for warm-up and run-through on the music.
 - Please wear your travel jackets when not in uniform throughout the day.
- 10:00 AM Rehearsal of field
- 11:45 AM Royals go for hot dog lunch (provided compliments of the RDCBS and local merchants).
- 12:30 PM Royals will change into Marching Uniforms/Show Costumes
- 1:00 PM Event Begins: The tentative order of performance is:
 - Stetsons, Grandin, Impact, Stampede, Outriders, Round-Up and Royals
- 2:45 PM Pass-In-Review – All bands will return to the field, played on by the **Red Deer Royals**.
 - Massed Band (O Canada) and presentations
- 3:00 PM Bands exit (playing on the way out)
- 3:15 PM End of Event (clean-up begins)
- 4:30 PM Dismissal

The Royals Annual General Meeting for the Red Deer Community Band Society will be **Wednesday, June 14** at St. Joseph High School (Home of the Red Deer Royals).

- 6:00 PM Tour Information and Scholarship Announcements
- 6:30 PM **Annual General Meeting. All parents are urged to attend this important meeting!** I’ll provide a recap of the year and a look ahead at our summer events. There will also be elections for a couple of Board positions for next year. If we could make this meeting mandatory for all parents, we would – but we can’t, so we’ll just say “Please be there!” Band members will go to rehearsal at 6:30.

The next monthly meeting of the year of the Board of the Red Deer Community Band Society will be Monday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. Red Deer Royals Fieldhouse. Everyone is welcome!!

Parent Chaperone Manual

Parents who will be chaperoning any of our upcoming performances should have a read through it. It’s available online in the Members’ Area under “Forms and Manuals”.

Scholarship time!!!

Each June the Red Deer Community Band Society and the Red Deer Royals Alumni awards up to \$2000 in scholarships to members of the Red Deer Royals. Scholarships can be used for summer music or leadership camps and for post-secondary music programs. To be eligible for a scholarship you must have been a member in good standing for three or more consecutive years. Scholarship recipients will be announced at our potluck dinner and Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 14. Think about whether this is something you’d like to apply for, and see me with any questions you may have!

Stampede Fees

The fee for Stampede this year is again \$250. This covers all meals, transportation and accommodations during our time at Stampede. Payments will be due by the AGM on June 14.

Insurance

Please be sure that your personal instrument and/or instrument provided by the Royals is added to your home insurance policy as a rider. A monetary value can be provided to you if requested.

Ford Test Drive

On May 27, we will be hosting a Ford Test Drive at our Fieldhouse. More information will follow shortly on this fundraiser.

Upcoming Performances – Updates

Please make sure you update your calendar at home. The main changes are:

June 2 (Friday) CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

- 4:00 PM Meet at Rec. Centre/Museum/Golden Circle Parking Lot. Warm-up and tune.
- 5:45 Performance at Recreation Centre Park (parade and show music with pit)
- 6:15 Dismissal

June 18 (Sunday) CELEBRATION OF SOUND (McMahon Stadium, Calgary)

Bring a bag lunch and a snack.

- 12:45 PM Arrive **RDR Fieldhouse**
- 1:00 Depart for Celebration of Sound at McMahon Stadium in Calgary.
- 4:00 Celebration of Sound begins. Our performance time is TBA. Spectator admission TBA.
- 6:00 approx Event ends. Pack up and depart for Red Deer
- 7:30 approx Arrive **RDR Fieldhouse**. Dismissal

June 24 (Saturday) BISHOP GRANDIN MARCHING GHOSTS INVITATIONAL (Airdire Genesis Centre)

Bring a bag lunch and a snack.

- 1:00 PM Marching Camp in Sundre after the parade at the school football field
- 3:00 Depart for Airdire Genesis Centre
- 4:00 Arrive Airdire Genesis Centre
- 6:00 Event begins. Our time is TBA, likely around 7:30 or 8:00.
- 8:00 Event ends
- 8:30 Depart Airdire Genesis Centre for Red Deer
- 10:00 Arrive **RDR Fieldhouse**. Dismissal

Volunteer Opportunities

Royals, we have a couple of great opportunities for you to make another contribution to your community over the next few months. I'll soon be looking for volunteers for the following events. Consider getting involved when I ask for volunteers!

- Rotary Club Black Tie event, TBA 4-6 Royals and 2 parents needed
- Woody's Marathon, Sun. May 21 20 Royals and 4 parents needed
- Alberta Sports Hall of Fame Induction, Fri. May 26 4 Royals members needed
- Love of Children Golf Classic, Sunday, June 11 12 Royals and 1 parent needed

Show Camp Dates

Our remaining camp dates (all Saturdays unless otherwise indicated) are:

- May 13 Snack: Clarinets RDR Fieldhouse 9:00 to 5:00
- June 3 Snack: Saxophones & Horns RDR Fieldhouse 9:00 to 5:00
- June 24 Snack: None RDR Fieldhouse 1:30 to 5:00
- July 2 (Sunday) Snack: Trumpets Legion Field (LTCHS) 9:00 to 5:00
- July 3 (Monday) Snack: Low Brass Legion Field (LTCHS) 9:00 to 5:00
- July 4 (Tuesday) Snack: Drumline & Front Ens. Legion Field (LTCHS) 9:00 to 5:00
- July 5 (Wednesday) Snack: Colourguard Legion Field (LTCHS) 9:00 to 5:00
- July 6 (Thursday) Snack: Flutes & DM Legion Field (LTCHS) 9:00 to 2:00

The following dates will be those traveling to Europe.

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| • July 15 (Saturday) | Snack: Clarinets | Legion Field (LTCHS) | 9:00 to 5:00 |
| • July 16 (Sunday) | Snack: Saxophones & Horns | Legion Field (LTCHS) | 9:00 to 5:00 |
| • July 17 (Monday) | Snack: Trumpets | Legion Field (LTCHS) | 9:00 to 2:00 |

If any of the above dates change, I'll let you know as soon as possible.

Please plan ahead and continue to do your best to make it to each camp. If you're on top of your personal schedule, most date conflicts can be worked out in advance!

Keep on Conditioning!!

Royals, your ability to make it through our upcoming parades, field show performances and full day rehearsals depends in large measure on your personal level of physical conditioning. Make sure you have some sort of a program or routine in place that will ensure you're in top shape!

If you feel unwell at a show camp or rehearsal...

Occasionally some members are well enough to be at camp or rehearsal but need to sit out for a while. If this is ever the case for you, here's the protocol we follow in Royals.

- Speak to a staff member – generally Jayson or Wade - and also let your Section Leader know what the issue is and why you need to sit out.
- If you feel nauseous or need something for a headache, also speak with a parent chaperone. They'll be able to help you out.
- Get a chair and music stand and sit along the front line of the field, usually somewhere between the 40's.
- Follow along with the drill, watch your charts, and play your music if you're able.
- Get back in the show as soon as you can.
- During the next break after you sit out, we require you to also sit out of the break – in order to aid in your continuing recovery!

This is rarely a problem because typically everyone wants to be a part of what's happening. We know you do your best, both collectively and individually.

Uniform Update (Review Uniform Policy)

Do they fit? Are they clean?

PARADE SEASON BEGINS!

These are a few things that you need to have organized the NIGHT BEFORE the parade. Pack them up and have them ready at the door so there is less chance that you will forget them

GENERAL

- Travel Jacket on your body. This is your ticket to get on the bus and have lunch
- Black socks (no logos) should come to mid calf, NO ANKLE SOCKS. It never hurts to have an extra pair in your garment bag.

BAND PARADE UNIFORMS

- Parade Uniform only in garment bag (leave concert uniform at home)
- Black round neck short sleeve T-shirt on your body
- Boxers or Spandex shorts on your body
- Super Drillmasters cleaned/polished
- Shako brim and Maple Leaf emblem polished/finger print free.
- Gloves to be kept in your shako as you will wear them on cold, wet days.

COLOUR GUARD PARADE UNIFORMS

- Tunic/Pants/Parade Jacket
- Kulerswift black parade shoes cleaned

PERSONAL GROOMING

- A container with elastics/bobby pins/hair nets, etc. Whatever you need to ensure your hair is performance ready.
- Remove any fingernail polish the night before
- Musicians and Colour Guard - No jewelry of any type will be worn. This includes such items as earrings and studs of any type or description, rings, necklaces, watches, pins, bracelets, and all other items deemed jewelry during inspection. If a piercing needs to be worn, it must be a clear or skin toned plug. In addition, tattoos not covered by the uniform must be covered with an acceptable opacity concealer for all performances. Unnatural hair coloring or style will be unacceptable where it is deemed to detract from the uniformity of the Band.
- Male members need to be clean-shaven
- Female Band members light make-up ONLY (foundation/mascara)

It is not the Red Deer Community Band Society's job to provide you with bandages, hairnets, elastics, bobby pins, and nail polish remover.

If it rains on parade day, and your uniform gets wet (including the shako), please take them out of the bags when you get home and allow them to air dry. If you have mud on your pants, then let them dry and brush them off or have them cleaned in time for the next performance.

HAVE A GREAT PARADE SEASON!!



The Official Drycleaner of the Red Deer Royals

Parade Kit \$0.00
Concert Jacket/Pants \$0.00
(Extra: Shirt \$5.25/Tie \$1.00)

June is Royals Recruitment Month! Please do your part to help ensure that we get a good-sized group of first years for next year! In the next week or two I'll have a handout with the details on auditions, and prospective members can get lots more info at www.reddeerroyals.com and click on "Join Us". If you have friends, siblings or classmates who are interested in joining The Royals Experience, information night and auditions will be held on Monday June 19 and Tuesday June 20, both nights at 7:00 PM in the Fieldhouse.

Bring a friend to Royals Night: On Wednesday June 7th, we will be having a "Bring A Friend Night". This is an opportunity for you to share with your friends what you do at Royals. They can see what it is all about first hand. This is an opportunity to ask questions, try marching, and see/hold/try some of the marching band specific equipment.

Music Memorization Schedule

From this term: Earth should now be completely memorized.
Wind should now be completely memorized.
Water should now be completely memorized.
Fire should now be completely memorized.
Can't Stop the Feeling should be memorized by May 20
15 Hymn Tunes (4 tunes) should be memorized by June 21

From last fall: I Want You Back, Bang Bang, Hey Baby, Royals Fanfare, O Canada, Warmup/Tuneup Chorale

Scales: Concert Bb, Eb, F, Ab, C, and Bb chromatic, at least 2 octaves - more if possible!

Award Plaques are now due. Please return them to Mr. Mann as soon as possible.

Rehearsal locations & logistics:

Wed May 17	Fieldhouse	Flutes do stands
Wed May 24	Fieldhouse	Clarinets
Wed May 31	Fieldhouse	Saxophones do stands
Wed June 7	Fieldhouse Bring a Friend to Royals Night!	Trumpets do stands
Wed June 14	Fieldhouse Royals go to rehearsal at 6:30. Parents stay for the Band Society's AGM.	Low Brass and Horns do stands
Wed June 21	Fieldhouse	Flutes do stands
Wed June 28	Fieldhouse This is our last Wednesday evening rehearsal of the year!	Clarinets do stands

Most rehearsals from now on will be a combination of show and parade. On some Wednesdays when the weather is nice, we'll often go outside to do parade from 6:30 until 7:30 or so, and then show for the remainder of the evening.

From the Red Deer Royals Members' Manual

BAND PERFORMANCES & SPECIAL REHEARSALS

The Red Deer Royals Concert & Marching Show Band will endeavor to meet as many requests for performances as is deemed appropriate within the band's mandate and with consideration for individual member welfare. All performances, shows, and engagements are determined by the Director of Bands and will be under the direction of the Director of Bands or his appointed representative. Only staff members in uniform may accompany the Band on parade. Other band supporters must not walk with the Band unless at the request of the Director.

As a matter of policy, the Red Deer Royals Concert & Marching Show Band performs in all possible weather conditions, limited only by the effect of the weather on instruments and the Band's ability to play. The band will endeavor to perform in those weather conditions that permit a reasonable quality of performance. However, certain conditions are not appropriate to permit this. Weather conditions in each instance must be evaluated by the Director of Bands or his representative present for the performance.

In the course of the year, the Band will hold a series of weekend Show Camps (day and overnight camps) as a reinforcement of weekly rehearsal activities. Members will be expected to make a concerted effort to accommodate these events as scheduled.

DISCIPLINE AND DEPORTMENT

Behavior at all rehearsals, engagements, and trips must enhance the efficient performance of the Band and contribute to its good public image. This includes sectional rehearsals and group Royals activities.

1. Smoking by band members is not allowed during rehearsals, at public performances, on tour, at workshops or sectionals, band activities, or whenever in uniform or identifiable as a group.
2. Band members must not eat or drink while in uniform unless deemed appropriate by the Director or Uniform Coordinator.
3. The non-medical use of drugs and use of alcohol by band members during rehearsals, performances, sectionals, or on Band trips will not be tolerated and will cause immediate suspension from the Band.
4. Any member behaving in a manner incongruous to the goals or values of the Band may be placed on probation. The specifics of the probationary period would be detailed to the band member once the decision to place the member on probation has been reached by the Director of Bands.
5. A band member may not participate in any official activities of the Band while suspended, subject to the specific restrictions outlined to the member when suspended.
6. Any member behaving in a manner incongruous to the goals or values of the Band may be dismissed from the band. The specifics of the dismissal will be detailed to the band member once a decision to dismiss the band member has been reached by the Director of Bands.
7. A member who commits an infraction of any law while representing the Red Deer Royals, in or out of uniform, will be automatically dismissed from the Royals Band.
8. In certain circumstances, the Director of Bands may convene a Special Members Disciplinary Committee to oversee the review of a particular problem or incident where an appeal has been made by the member(s) affected.
9. Parents and staff who are identifiable as a part of the Royals group by the virtue of wearing a Royals travel jacket should refrain from smoking while wearing their travel jacket. Parents are asked not to smoke when in the area of the band.