

 <p><i>Red Deer Royals</i></p>	<h1>RED DEER ROYALS</h1> <h2>From the Podium</h2> <p>• <i>Michael Mann, Director</i></p> <p>BandNote May 16, 2018</p> <p><i>directorofbands@reddeerroyals.com</i> <i>403-391-0514 (c) 403-346-3911(h)</i></p>
<p><i>Thank you for all the hard work that has been done to prepare or 2018 field show.</i></p> <p><i>Our first performance of HUMAN NATURE on Sunday, May 13 in Calgary was GREAT way to start the season!</i></p>	

Mayor's Recognition Award: The Red Deer Royals from the 2016-2017 season have been selected to receive the Mayor's Special Award this year on June 7. All members from last year should be receiving an official invite in the mail shortly. If you are able to attend, please dress appropriately for the event, Royals travel jackets/uniforms are not required. If you have a school function (Concert) the same evening, you are expected to be at the school event. The future of the Royals depends on the support of the band directors in our community. Be sure to RSVP by May 18.

Marching Showband Classic 2018: (our field show invitational), Lindsay Thurber Sports Field, **Sunday, June 3**, 1:00 to 4:00 PM. This will be the hometown performance of "Human Nature"!!! **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:
 - Roundup, Stetsons, Sabers, Stampede, Outriders, Grandin 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 13** at St. Joseph High School (Home of the Red Deer Royals).

- 6:00 PM Tour Update 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 11 at 7:00 p.m. Cam Clark Ford community boardroom. 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".

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 13.

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 13. Think about whether this is something you'd like to apply for and see me with any questions you may have!

Upcoming Performances – Updates

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

June 1 (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 9 (Saturday)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE PARADE

CANCELLED! – Replaced with a Marching Camp (9:00 to 1:30).

June 10 (Sunday)

CELEBRATION OF SOUND (McMahon Stadium, Calgary)

Bring a bag lunch and a snack.

- 11:45 PM Arrive **Kinsmen Fieldhouse**
- 12:00 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
- 8:00 approx Arrive **Kinsmen Fieldhouse**. Dismissal

Show Camp Dates

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

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| • May 26 | Snack: Saxophones | Kinsmen Fieldhouse | 9:00 to 5:00 |
| • June 2 | Snack: Trumpets | Kinsmen Fieldhouse | 9:00 to 5:00 |
| • June 23 | Snack: NONE | Kinsmen Fieldhouse | 2:00 to 5:00 |
| • July 2 (Monday) | Snack: Low Brass | St. Joseph Sport Field | 9:00 to 5:00 |
| • July 3 (Tuesday) | Snack: Drumline & Front Ens | St. Joseph Sport Field | 9:00 to 5:00 |
| • July 4 (Wednesday) | Snack: Colourguard | St. Joseph Sport Field | 9:00 to 5:00 |
| • July 5 (Thursday) | Snack: Flutes & Horns | St. Joseph Sport Field | 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.

Music Memorization Schedule

From this term: Opener should now be completely memorized.
Mvt. 2 should now be completely memorized.
Mvt. 3 should now be completely memorized.
Closer should now be completely memorized.
Shut Up and Dance should now be completely memorized.
Superstition should now be completely memorized.

From last fall: I Want You Back, Everytime We Touch, 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.

Stampede Update! To avoid a late arrival on Wednesday resulting from an evening on Stampede Park, we have decided to return on Thursday. We are anticipating an arrival of 12:00 PM back at the Kinsmen Fieldhouse. **New dates are:** departing July 5 and returning July 12.



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 18 and Tuesday June 19, both nights at 7:00 PM in the Fieldhouse.

Bring a friend to Royals Night: On Wednesday June 6th, 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.

Plan for this event to take an Hour (6:30 to 7:30).

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.

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.

Rehearsal logistics:

Wednesday, May 16	Clarinets do stands
Wednesday, May 23	Saxophones do stands
Wednesday, May 30	Trumpets do stands
Wednesday, June 6	Low Brass do stands
Wednesday, June 13	Flutes and Horns do stands
Wednesday, June 20	Clarinets do stands
Wednesday, June 27	Saxophones do stands

This is our last Wednesday evening rehearsal of the year!

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.

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.