

# BLUE DEVILS

Booster Club  
Newsletter

## "DEVILS PRIDE"

January 2011

### The President's Corner



Thank you to everyone for your support in 2010 and welcome to 2011 - and to what we believe is going to be another exciting year.

The year started with the January camp in Pleasant Hill, CA. What an exciting weekend it was watching the enthusiasm of our creative staff and listening to some unbelievably talented musicians. Listening to the horn line on Saturday evening was so exciting.

Trying to describe the sound we heard would be hard to describe other than rich, deep and "candy for the ears" ... and a portion of the musicians were kids auditioning for the Corps.

The drumline looked as though they had been performing together for an extensive amount of time. It's hard to believe they could sound this way at the first camp.



With the enthusiasm of our creative staff and the unbelievable talent level, we feel we are in for one heck of an exciting ride in 2011 and certainly hope everyone will have the opportunity to see the Blue Devils in action.

- **Sonja Williams**

### From Our Drum Major

Thoughts on the new season:

*"I'm excited for the new season because we will have even more challenges than previous years and I'm sure we will tackle them as we have done before. The season will be a lot of hard/smart work because we are leaving for tour a little earlier and we see the big name corps right from the start."*

*As long as we keep our goals in mind and get business done the way we know how, we will be successful. The key to being incredible will be to realize that we are a brand new corps with new members so we can't think that we are undefeated or on the top of the list.*

*I completely believe that we can be amazing, but it will take a lot of work and the right attitude to get there."*

Thoughts on the first camp:

*"The first camp of the season was very successful."*



*The hornline learned a lot of music and it sounded great! The corps was able to accomplish a lot visually as well.*

*Some members were asked to experiment with some new drill ideas that the visual staff has for this year and it was pretty neat watching the ideas unfold.*

*Overall, it was a very productive camp."*

**- Andrew Rogers**

*"If you have a chance to accomplish something that will make things better for people coming behind you and you don't do that, you are wasting your time on this earth."*

**- Roberto Clemente**

## IT'S EARLY, BUT MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12** – Blue Devil Family Day – Diablo Valley College – Pleasant Hill, CA.

We had a great turn-out last year with so many family members and friends. We usually start the day with pictures of the 3 Corp by Jolesch Photography, a fantastic potluck at the park and an evening of entertainment by the three BD Corps members. Great day and truly a "Family" event. Tickets on sale now from the BD Hall.



**FRIDAY, JUNE 24** – Mid-Cal Tour of Champions – Buchanan High School - Clovis, CA

We are looking forward to seeing The Cadets, Phantom Regiment, Blue Knights plus several of the California corps. Tickets are on sale at [blueforyou.com](http://blueforyou.com).

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25** – DCI West University – Palo Alto, CA

What a great day this is. Tickets are on sale at [www.b](http://www.b). If you can, check out the tickets that include the fabulous BBQ before the show on [blueforyou.com](http://blueforyou.com). Well worth it!

## 2011 CAMPS

And so it begins again, another season, 2011, with all the hoopla and aspirations of all the other seasons including the 14 championship seasons.

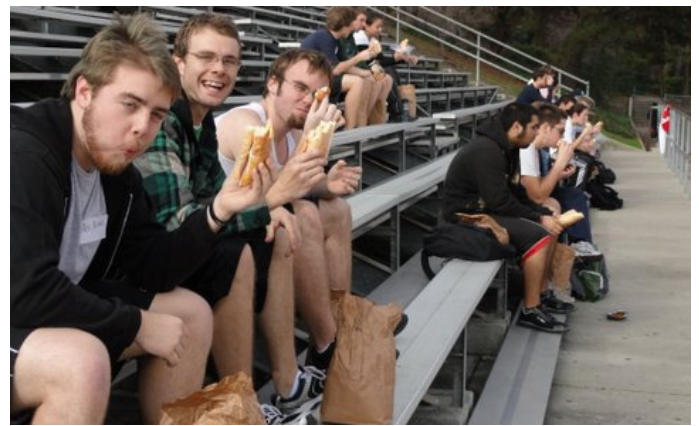
Our first camp was held January 14-16. Many

"call-backs" attended this camp. The excitement was electric (as electric as it could be at 7AM on a cold foggy morning) as Pete Emmons, Sheryl Miles, Bill Seeley, Carol Vargas, Sandy Gist,



Tom, KT, Yvonne, Sonja, Mary, and other administrative and support-staff members as well as booster club and parents convened at Devil's Food behind Blue Devil Hall to set up and prepare the season's first meal:

Scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, cereal, yogurt, fresh fruit, chips, healthy snacks, juice, toast, PB&J, water, iced tea, and coffee. Also included were unique nutritional items for those individuals who have special dietary needs.



Members also prepared sack lunches with drinks, fruit, snacks, and Hoagie sandwiches (meat, cheese, tomatoes, and lettuce) for the afternoon meal at the rehearsal site at College Park High School and Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill.

Everything was then cleaned up, packed up in Devil's Food and moved to College Park High so preparation could begin for the evening Burrito bar meal, culminating with 2 layered cakes baked that morning and washed down with hot chocolate, tea, (it was still cold) water, or the requisite Gator-Ade.



YES, rest assured; Devil's Food and the Blue Devils staff pride themselves that our members do eat well. Better to prepare them for the amazing work that they do on the field!

**FUTURE CAMPS:** February 11-13, March 18-20, April 29-30 & May 1, May 27-30 (Memorial Day Camp). As always, if you are available to help out with Devil's Food duties at any of the camps for any length of time, we would LOVE to hear from you.

Please contact Sheryl Miles at:  
[smiles@bluedevils.org](mailto:smiles@bluedevils.org)

### ALSO...

If you are able to possibly house any kids or available to pick any members up at the BART stations and get them to and (hopefully) from rehearsals, please get in touch with RACHEL SILVA who will once again serve as Housing Coordinator. Rachel may be contacted at (925) 580-7052 or email: [rachel@bluedevils.org](mailto:rachel@bluedevils.org). It's a great way to get to know some of these kids.

## BOOSTER CLUB WEB SITE

Yvonne Moss informs us that the site has been updated and it will now be a place to get monthly updates, look at pictures from recent events, find out about upcoming activities and get the telephone numbers and email addresses of our current officers. If you haven't been to this page or want to get an update, please visit soon. If you want to add information to the page or send pictures, email Yvonne at:

[mossyvonne52@gmail.com](mailto:mossyvonne52@gmail.com)

Be sure you write something related to the pictures so Yvonne won't have to guess. Yvonne also sends her thanks for everyone's support.

## BOOSTER BITS



- Grateful thanks to Booster member Ronnie Hirata for his generous donations to the Blue Devils over the years as well as his creation and donation of the 4 undefeated years pin that was given to the embers and staff at the annual banquet.
- 2011 A corps has a drummer named Drummer!
- And Stephanie, the first female snare drummer since 84!
- Kris Wills, 08 BD of the year, when he's

not working hard in medical school, is volunteering at Riverside City College with Jim Wunderlich and the RCC Winter Drums Pit.

- A little bird told us that Debbie Seeley has been choreographing the honor guard for the Rose Parade the last 4 years. Way to go Debbie!
- Niner Noise had a great time in London when they traveled there this season with the SF 49ers! They also did a great job.
- BDE has some possible upcoming engagements in Las Vegas.
- Hornline should be set by February camp. Early take on the music is that it's beautiful, big, bold and loud!
- Devil's Food will get new shelving and the can rack is history – WOO HOO



## FUTURE BALLGAME FUNDRAISERS



Yvonne is always busy recruiting helpers for our major fundraiser – The Giants baseball and 49er football games. Income received from working these games is vital to the Booster Club being able to provide for the Corps members. This past year we received a good response from representatives from our Winter Guard and the Santa Clara Vanguard Boosters.

However, the more "A" Corps people we have, the more goes into our treasury as funds are prorated. If you are local, please consider talking to Yvonne about future games as baseball starts in April.

We give a huge and sincere thank you to everyone who worked these games in the past. You are definitely appreciated.





## SYSTEM BLUE

(from [www.bluedevils.org](http://www.bluedevils.org))

The Blue Devils are as innovative as ever, working within their own system with new instruments.

Designed and tested in partnership with the 2010 DCI World Champion Blue Devils, the King System Blue brass line provides a matched concert voice with clean, articulated projection. Utilizing innovative designs with unique and distinctive styling, King System Blue is marching brass, evolved.

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section, receiver and top/bottom valve caps, King System Blue Marching Brass will give you an unmatched look, feel and performance as witnessed by the Blue Devils' record-breaking 14 DCI World Class Championship titles and 23 High Brass awards.

## BOOSTER CLUB - JANUARY MEETING

We are starting our new membership and renewal drive for 2011 and letters are out and responses and checks (!) are already being received – thank you all.

Our financial situation is gradually improving thanks to generous donations as well as the furious work of volunteers at the Giants/49er games.

## GET YOUR BD 2010 DVD/BLUE RAY NOW!

(from [www.bluedevils.org](http://www.bluedevils.org))



In 2010 The Blue Devils captured their record-setting 14th Drum Corps International World Championship.

For the second year in a row, they went undefeated with an amazing string of victories with this incredible production:

**"Through a Glass,**

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See this unforgettable season unfold on this DVD – Inside The Blue Devils 2010.

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