

# THE BLUE DEVILS

## *“Devil’s Pride”*

*Booster Club*

*December 2006*

*OK, 2007, we are on our way*

2007 actually started in Indianapolis, IN 11/10 with the first brass auditions being held at the Bands of America event, in Fort Worth, TX 11/18, in Concord, CA 11/25-26 (Wayne said a record number of people showed up for this weekend), Riverside, CA 12/9 and back to Concord 12/16. We were extremely pleased to hear that several members of our “B” Corps have been accepted into the “A” Corps! The percussion auditions were held on 12/9-10 and we did have the opportunity to see a bit of the front ensemble group and again were impressed with the talent. There were loads of people exiting from the guard audition area when we arrived, but we were too late to watch any of the action. While we have not been able to get total numbers, from what we have been told, every audition had an outstanding number of excellent musicians hoping to join our Blue Devil family. Even the instructors were commenting that selecting new members was going to be an extremely difficult task.

While not making the Corps is very disappointing to these young people, almost 100% always make the comment that the experience was well worth the time and effort. They appreciate being told what they need to work on and they have been extended the invitation to try again next year. We always have changes from January to when the Corps leaves on tour in June, so there is a chance some of the “almost made it” people will be receiving a call from an instructor later on.

Our first full camp will be held Friday, January 19, through Sunday, January 21 and we will be providing meals for the kids (Saturday: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Sunday: Breakfast and Lunch). If you are in the area, we could certainly use your help. Remember, you don’t have to know how to cook to help in the food truck. We can always use carrot choppers, lettuce washers, pot stirrers, etc. It’s a fun way to get to know these young people. Now we start praying we don’t have to contend with foul weather.

We have been very fortunate that there are two hotel/motels that have extended a discounted rate to members of the Blue Devils while they are here. Many of the kids staying at the Holiday Inn are fortunate enough to have a shuttle take them to practice when it is at one of the schools close to DVC. However --- you knew this was coming – many of these young people have very limited funds and the cost of coming in for camps each month racks up their expense (on top of tour fees and housing for all-day rehearsals). We can’t imagine what the total cost is by the time they leave for tour. If you have any room whatsoever where one or more members can lay down a sleeping bag during the camps, please give the Blue Devil Hall a call (925-689-2918). As a general rule, they are pretty responsible for arranging transportation to practice (sometimes they need assistance). They just need a place to sleep and shower. From our past experience, you will be glad to have had the chance to really get to meet and know some of the Corps members.

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Now that we have mentioned the camps, here is what is scheduled at this time:

January: 19-21 - February 9-11 - March 1-11 - March 30-April 1 - April 17-19. Full Corps rehearsals: May 5-6, May 12-13, May 19-20. Memorial Day Camp: May 25-28. Our brass all day rehearsals may start May 15. Devil's Food is usually parked behind the Blue Devil Hall for the camps. For camp site locations, these can be found either on-line or by calling the BD Hall. Hopefully we will once again have the joint BBQ for "A" and "B" Corps members at Mars during the Memorial Day camp.

Our summer schedule at this time:

### **Sunday, 6/10: Picture Day/Family Day BBQ/BD Performances**

6/16 – Precision West  
Pleasant Hill, CA

6/17 – Moonlight Classic  
Stockton, CA

6/19 Kaleidoscope Klassic  
Modesto, CA

6/20 – Sounds of Summer  
Bakersfield, CA

6/22 – Western Corps Connection  
Riverside, CA

6/23 – Corps at the Crest  
Walnut, CA

6/24 – SW Corps Connection I  
Mesa, AZ

6/28 – Drums on the Ohio  
Evansville, IN

6/30 – DCI Kalamazoo  
Kalamazoo, MI

7/2 – Soaring Sounds  
Centerville, OH

7/5 – Artistry in Motion  
Columbus, OH

7/7 – Pro Ftbll HOF Festival  
Massillon, OH

7/8 – DCI Eastern Classic  
Allentown, PA

7/9 – Music in Motion  
Hershey, PA

7/10 – Drums Across Tri-State  
Charleston, WV

7/13 – Summer Music Games  
Murfreesboro, TN

7/14 – DCI Atlanta  
Atlanta, GA

7/15 – Spirit of America  
Jacksonville, AL

7/17 – NE Summer Music Games  
West Monroe, LA

7/19 – N. Texas Festival  
Dallas, TX

7/21 – DCI San Antonio  
San Antonio, TX

7/23 – Thunder in the Desert  
Midland, TX

7/24 – Rumble in the Falls  
Wichita Falls, TX

7/25 - Brass Spectacular  
Pittsburg, KS

7/28 – DCI Indianapolis  
Indianapolis, IN

7/29 – DCI Columbia  
Columbia, MO

8/4 – **DCI West**  
Stanford Stadium – Palo Alto, CA

8/5 – Clovis  
Clovis, CA

8/8 – **I&E**

8/9 – **QUARTER FINALS**  
Pasadena, CA

8/10 – **SEMI-FINALS**  
Pasadena, CA

8/11 - **DCI FINALS**  
Pasadena, CA

**Remember:** Due to schedule changes, "things," and "whatevers," there is always the chance that the above schedule and/or show sites will change. Therefore, (1) write everything down in pencil, (2) be sure to keep a careful watch on the Blue Devil web site and (3) we will try to update you as much as we possibly can in a timely manner.

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We are SO excited to have DCI in California! You can't imagine everything that is being planned for Finals Week to provide a week you won't forget and to celebrate our 50 year anniversary.

For starters:

Opening Day 6/16 – BD On-Stage at 50 (featuring members of the Blue Devils and the Santa Clara Vanguard), Amigos BBQ, Precision West 2007

50 Years of BD Grand Celebration 8/3 and 4 – 50 Yr. Celebration Party, Reunion BBD, DCI West Championship at Stanford

DCI Week in Pasadena 8/6 through 11 – Drum Corps Fantasy Tours, Alumni & Donor Breakfast with the Corps, Friday Night Alumni Party at the Rose Bowl, plus other alumni events in and around Pasadena.

One of the things the Booster Club is hoping to happen is that we can arrange to have a bus leaving Concord for Pasadena and then coming back after Finals. If this happens, it would provide transportation to and from only. Arrangements during the time in Pasadena (hotels, cars, tickets, etc., etc.) would be the individual responsibility of those going. At this stage of the game, we have a committee working on the feasibility of such an undertaking. Something to think about, however.

Another “hoped for” item is a publication with articles, pictures, memories, etc. depicting our 50 years of drum corps as a Blue Devil family. This would be quite an undertaking, but the administrative staff is giving it serious effort.

No, we have not been told anything about what next year's show might entail – music, uniforms or otherwise. We will keep asking and will let you know as soon as we get some information. Wouldn't a “Best of the Best of Blue Devils” be wonderful? However, we aren't sure how the fantastic shows of the 70's or 80's would work in the 2000's!

OUR DECEMBER MEETING/POTLUCK/GIFT EXCHANGE was Great! Major thank you to our gracious host and hostess K.C. and Ronni Collmer for having us at their home. After a very short meeting, we were treated to a scrumptious buffet and then on to our gift exchange. K.C. and Ronni's two-year old grandson, Donovan, helped with picking out our gifts and helping us unwrap them. We weren't sure who was having the most fun with this arrangement, Donovan or us. Talk about a cutie.

The plan was to take pictures of the evening and also to provide a picture of your officers. However, we got so caught up in having fun that it wasn't until 99% of the people left that we realized the camera had never been taken out! Good intentions – lousy follow-through.

**PROMOTIONAL ITEMS** – Check out all the items available from our Promotions people. Not only are the t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. great, there is a multitude of DVDs available to add to your Blue Devil collection. According to Promotions Manager Gail Schultz, the “Godfather” shirt set a record in sales last year.

**JANUARY 2007!**

1. Don't forget to send in your \$20 to Katie Wills for your 2007 Booster Club dues for 2007. We have received quite a number of responses so far. We sincerely appreciate the continued support of former members and send a big welcome to our new members. Anyone ever having questions or comments, please let us know and we will do everything possible to get answers for you and/or respond to your comments.
2. Election of officers at the January meeting.
3. First full camp of the year. (Wow, that came around again fast!)
4. Our Super Bowl Party! Another opportunity to enjoy the company of our friends and to feast (once again) on what has always been a great potluck. More information on this event in the next newsletter.

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**Our next Booster Club Meeting**

**TUESDAY – January 2, 2007**  
**I-HOP Restaurant – Martinez, CA**

**2006 Booster Club Officers**

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*We wish you and your family a most Merry Christmas and wonderful Holiday Season.  
May 2007 bring you health, peace and joy!*