

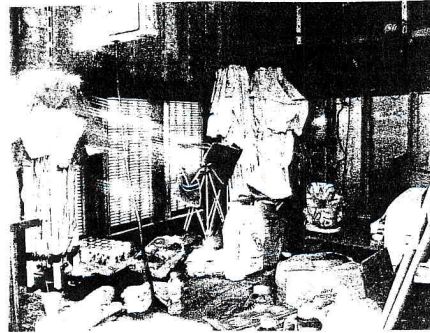
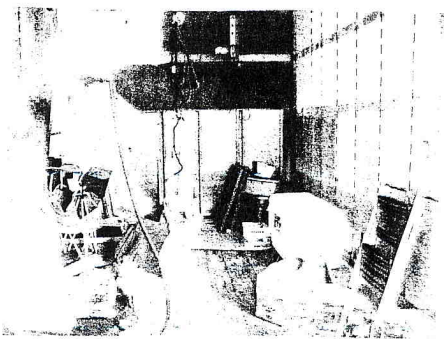
BLUE DEVILS "DEVIL'S PRIDE"

Booster Club

March 2008

1st MARCH CAMP: We had a great turnout for the first camp, actually more than we had anticipated considering the travel and housing costs involved since there are two camps scheduled for March. We had a good time watching some of the drill and trying to figure out exactly what was going on. It feels as though people are having a good time wondering what the show is going to look like by the time Family Day/"Precision West" rolls around. The major emphasis seemed to be on working on the two music pieces ("I Will Wait For You" and "Dream Catcher") rather than going on to another number. We cannot say enough about the talent in the Corps this year. It just seems to get better and better with each year.

As always, the Saturday breakfast was sponsored by your Booster Club. We are really getting anxious for the April camp as we anticipate having our new refrigeration unit ready to use. Here is a picture of what the refrigeration area looked like at the last camp:



The kids are extremely thankful for the Booster Club members who have made it a point to provide transportation for them during the camps. The Holiday Inn has provided room for Blue Devil members at a reduced rate and we have several kids staying there. The only problem was that many did not have transportation to the hotel after practice and walking several blocks after 11:00 p.m. was not something we wanted to happen. Our Drum Majors and Housing Coordinator Kris Wills have really worked hard making sure everyone had a way to and from places.

Again we thank everyone who helped out with transportation to and from practice and to the BART station after practice -- one less thing these kids have to worry about and they are extremely appreciative. Thanks also for all those helping out with Devil's Food chores.

The second March camp is scheduled for March 28-30. Devil's Food will be parked behind the BD Hall in Concord. If you can help out, we would love to see you.

"B" CORPS' CIOPPINO DINNER: We certainly hope all you "locals" got your reservations in for the fantastic Cioppino Dinner Fundraiser March 29 that is put on by our "B" Corps. To quote some of the kids, this has to be one of the "funnest" evenings around. The food, the music, the atmosphere of a ton of new and old friends getting together just makes this an evening not to miss. We look forward to next year -- and we haven't even got there this year. An extremely well coordinated event.

2008 "COUNTDOWN" COMING TO A THEATER NEAR YOU (we hope): Be sure to check the DCI site to locate one of more than 300 movie theaters across the United States. We certainly hope there will be a theater near you – and wouldn't this be a great time to get a group together for a fun-filled mini-drum corps fix! The show will be **THURSDAY, APRIL 24** and will feature the six full-length corps performances from among the 36 world Championship finalists of 2005, 2006 and 2007 (see below).

As in the past, no corps will appear more than once. As we mentioned earlier, this is going to be a little different this year in that fans will be able to try judging and scoring the various corps to select the "2008 Countdown Champion." Using a down-loadable score sheet, fans will be able to enter the local participating theater and keep track of their ranking and rating of the performances. Afterwards fans can visit the DCI site to enter their scores. We understand fans will be treated to an exclusive preview feature of several DCI World Class units and a countdown to the start of the 2008 Summer Tour.

According to DCI: "During the weekend following the cinema event, the final tallies of the fan judging results will be announced in a special free DCI.org broadcast sponsored by the DCI Fan Network." More information will be available from DCI in the future.

The following is "borrowed" from the DCI site as they said it so great (slightly modified)

Fans choose their six favorite "Countdown" corps performances – The results are in! Thousands of drum corps fans have cast ballots to select their six favorite corps performances from 2005-2007. The six favorite performances as chosen by drum corps fans are:



2007 Blue Devils – "Winged Victory"



2007 Carolina Crown – "Triple Crown"



2007 Bluecoats – "Criminal"



2006 Cavaliers – "Machine"



2005 Cadets – "The Zone"



2006 Phantom Regiment – "Faust"

As corps members and fans alike begin counting down the days to the start of the 2008 Drum Corps International Summer Tour, the theater presentation will also feature an exclusive inside look behind-the-scenes at recent rehearsals of three of this year's corps, including the Blue Devils, Blue Stars and Carolina Crown, as they prepare to bring their 2008 productions to life. These bonus features are in addition to the six selected corps performances presented in their entirety.

Tickets for the "Countdown" will go on sale starting Friday, March 28 through FathomEvents.com.

REMINDER:

Call the Blue Devil Hall for tickets to the Stanford and DCI Semi and Finals shows. Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. The small block of rooms at the Omni Hotel is also going pretty fast.

Looks like we are going to have a brunch in Indy the morning after Finals. We are working with the Adam's Mark Hotel and things are looking good! More information to come as things are finalized. Family members, friends and fans are always welcome to join us at the brunch. Anticipated cost of the brunch is \$25-\$30/person (this is not a certainty at this point). We understand the airport is extremely close to the Hotel and is very convenient. This event is sponsored by your Booster Club for the marching members and the instructional / touring support staff members as our way of saying "Thank You" for their year of hard work. (This only one of the things – and there are many – that we try to provide for members throughout the year. Funds are made available through our fundraising efforts (baseball/football games, etc.), membership dues and donations.)

Speaking of Membership: We are winding down with our membership drive for the current year. We are very pleased with the renewal responses we have received; but again, we have not heard from everyone. Each and every one of you is a very important member of our Booster Club. We value and appreciate your continued support. If you have not responded to the letter sent by Membership Chairman Katie Wills, please take a couple of minutes to let us hear from you. Membership is \$20 per family per year. Katie Wills' address is 1036 Bermuda – Concord, CA 94518.

OUR NEXT MEETING:

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008
I-HOP Restaurant – Martinez, CA
7:00 – 9:00 P.M.**

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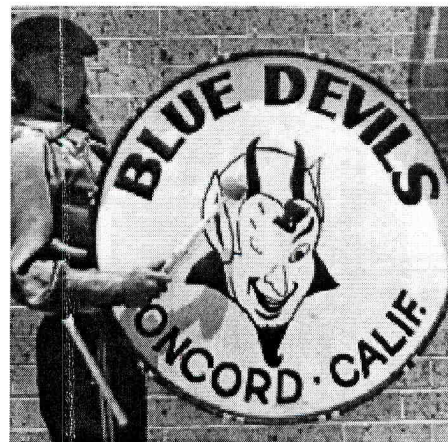
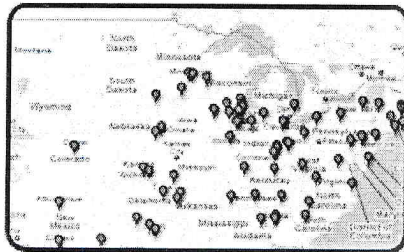
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**The 2008 Drum Corps International
Summer Tour**

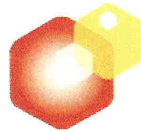
Drum Corps International will hold more than 115 competitive events across the United States this summer including 14 DCI Premier Events and the 2008 DCI World Championships. It all kicks off June 21 and culminates with the 37th DCI World Championships Aug. 5 - 9 in Indianapolis.



Mark your calendars, put in your vacation requests, order your tickets and get ready, because the summer will be here before you know it! Check online often at DCI.org for the latest tickets now on sale and additional event details.

View all 2008 DCI Summer Tour events.

Ticket Information



NCM FATHOM

Tickets for "The Countdown" will go on sale through FathomEvents.com starting on Friday, March 28.

Visit FathomEvents.com for more.

Find a Theater



Enter your zip code (US Only):

Go into DCI.org to find a theater nearest to you. Enter your zip code and the nearest five theaters will be listed.

For those living in the Concord area:

Theater

Walnut Creek 14

Pleasant Hill Downtown 16

Hacienda Crossings Stadium

Bay Street 16

Union City Union Landing

City

Walnut Creek

Pleasant Hill

Dublin

Emeryville

Union City

Friday, March 28 – Tickets go on sale through FathomEvents.com

Wednesday, April 16 – “Countdown” fan judging details released

Thursday, April 24 – “Countdown” appears in select theaters

Friday, April 25 – “Countdown” fan judging begins on DCI.org and continues through noon Eastern Saturday, April 26

Saturday, April 26 – Fan judging results announced during special DCI.org Web cast