

BLUE DEVILS BOOSTER CLUB

“Devil’s Pride”

2019 - #9 – October

LOOKING AHEAD - A few items to enter on your 2020 calendar:

Camps - January 24-26 (Brass/Battery) - February 28-March 1 (Brass/Battery)
April 24-26 (Full Corps) - May 22-25 (Memorial Camp)

At this point in time, the camps will most likely be at the Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, CA. More information regarding rehearsal dates and locations will be sent closer to the actual dates. Help is always appreciated and it is fun getting a little acquainted with the kids. The crab feed detailed below happens to fall during a camp evening and it’s quite possible a little more help will be needed for the evening’s camp dinner as some regular helpers may need to be at the crab feed.

B & C Crab Feed - It’s early, but tickets are already being reserved. For a great evening of good food and fun getting together with old and new friends, you don’t want to miss this event. Date: Saturday, February 29 - 5:00 – 11:00 pm. This year the crab feed will be held at the Centre Concord in Concord. Tickets are available through www.eventbrite – Cost: \$60 + \$3.99 fee. If you have any items to donate for the raffle or silent auction, please contact Teresa, Debbie or Lainey at the Blue Devil office. Reminders will be published.

MARS – There was a weekend work party cleaning up Mars. A BIG thank you to those volunteering their time and energy. Four huge dumpsters were filled to the brim with debris, old and unusable items, etc. We only wish we had before and after pictures to share with everyone – WOW!!! What a difference. We have a long way to go before Mars gets back to being where we want it and we are very happy to know there are those doing their best to get things done and agreed upon. There will be future work parties scheduled. If you have the time, your help will be more than just appreciated.

A LITTLE HISTORY – GOLD YEARS

1976 – 92.70	1986 – 98.40	2003 – 98.80	2014 – 99.65
1977 – 92.05	1994 – 98.40	2007 – 98.00	2015 – 97.65
1979 – 93.55	1996 – 97.40 *	2009 – 99.05	2017 – 98.538
1980 – 90.60	1997 – 98.40	2010 – 98.90	2019 – 98.325
1982 – 95.25	1999 – 98.40 *	2012 – 98.70	

*Tied scores 1996 – Phantom Regiment 1999 – Santa Clara Vanguard
19 Gold Medals -- 11 Silver Medals -- 8 Bronze Medals

BD ENTERTAINMENT NEWS - If you are attending one of the Golden State Warriors' home basketball games (we should be so lucky), the new **Bay Blue Notes Band** performing during half time and at the entrance to the new Chase Stadium in San Francisco is one of our groups from BD Entertainment. The band was interviewed by a local television station at the pre-season opener on October 5 and the segment was shown on the late night news. We don't usually get a lot of information regarding happenings with BDE, but we understand that is going to change soon. Plans are in the works to have a great web site so we will be able to keep up with them.

BD and SYSTEM BLUE – Some new groups the organization is working with:

WGI Sport of the Arts – System Blue is now serving as Presenting Sponsor of WGI Sport of the Arts, the world's leader in producing indoor marching arts events for color guard, percussion ensembles and wind groups. In addition to everything else, System Blue is striving to provide everyone involved in the marching arts with the resources and skills they need to pursue and promote musical excellence. "Our partnership with WGI and their educational programs allows System Blue to fulfill our mission and dive even deeper into offering engaging, accessible and interactive educational opportunities for all." (Dave Gibbs)

United Sound – United Sound is a school based instrumental music club for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their typical peers, monitoring 2,000 students and 85 schools around the country. The program is run by individual school band and orchestra directors and a special education teacher with support from United Sound in the form of specialized training with assistance from student volunteers. The new musicians learn to play an instrument of their choice at a personally modified level. After learning the music, the group performs at a concert once a semester with their peer mentors with a full instrumental support ensemble. BDPA is leading a new partnership with United Sound. The DCI summer tour included performances with drum corps in San Bernardino, CA and Murfreesboro, TN. The music was written and arranged by the Blue Devils. "With these performances, the Blue Devils are taking a lead role in demonstrating to fans and educators the importance of inclusion and music for every child." (United Sound Director)

WGI Solo & Ensemble Powered by System Blue – This is a new educational performance opportunity for marching arts performers of all ages. Positioned in WGI's typical off season – and before the start of summer band – WGI Solo & Ensemble offers a venue for performers to showcase their skills as an individual or small ensemble. Unique in its format, WGI Solo & Ensemble welcomes any and all performers, including those not currently or previously affiliated with a WGI-performing group. Three venues were held during the 2019 season.

We were recognized – The Blue Devils Performing Arts recently received the 2019 Arts Recognition Special Award from the Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa. This award was in recognition of the “outstanding contribution to the arts and enriching the lives of more than 6,000 young people and 1,300 families from 1957 through a commitment to youth development and performance excellence.” Many years ago we felt Concord did not really know who we were. The standard joke was we were the “Blue Who,” (you may still see that license plate around town). Thanks to our wonderful administrative staff working so hard with our community leaders, we have received many local and state honors since those days and it feels good when people say they know who we are and think we are a definite asset to the youth of Concord and elsewhere.

Thank you, Bettys, – Former members of the Blue Devils Color Guard are called “Bettys.” Several Bettys from quite a number of states recently met together at the beautiful Luna Lavender Farms (owned and operated by former Blue Devils Laurel Hansen and Ken Flask) and are now known as the “Bettys Giving Back to BD.” We have learned when Teresa asked for help with the audition registrations, it took no time for Bettys to volunteer. We are so proud of this group and look forward to hearing more from them. Why are they called Bettys you ask. We really don’t know but feel quite possibly this is something for them to know – therefore, we will leave it at that.

FYI -

There will be no regular meetings of the Booster Club during November and December. We will be working on the assembly of the age-out plaques and flowers for the banquet in November and December is our annual Christmas get together.

Booster Club Officers

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*Hoping your Halloween was full of treats
and no tricks.*