



11th Annual Big Band Review

Presented by Valley Children's Healthcare, EECU, Chevron, Toyota & iHeart Media
Jr. High and High School Bands from Throughout California Compete for Cash Prizes

The 11th Annual Big Band Review will take place on Thursday, October 6 at The Big Fresno Fair in the Brian I. Tatarian Grandstand. Jr. High and High School Marching Bands throughout the State of California will compete in the following categories for cash prizes: Parade, Auxiliary, Drum Major and Percussion. The Big Band Review competition will begin at 2:00 p.m. and awards will be announced at 6:00 p.m.

A total of \$15,000 in prize money will be given out to bands competing; \$2,000 for the High School Sweepstakes Band winner, \$1,500 for the Jr. High School Sweepstakes Band winner; then first place in both will get \$500, second place in both will get \$400 and third place in both will get \$300. Additionally, the first 20 bands to register automatically got \$500 to support their band/music program just for participating and showing their school pride.

Last year winners were:

- High School: Washington Union High School Sweepstakes Winner (\$1,500); Shafter High School 1st Place (\$500); Justin Garza High School 2nd Place (\$400); Hoover High School 3rd Place (\$300)
- Jr. High: Clark Intermediate Sweepstakes Winner (\$1,250); Burton Middle School 1st Place (\$500); John Sutter Middle School 2nd Place (\$400); Liberty Middle School 3rd Place (\$300)

“Over the years, The Big Fresno Fair has made great strides to be a strong educational partner to the community and is extremely proud to support students and educational programs locally and throughout the Valley,” said Lauri L. King, CEO, The Big Fresno Fair. “This competition allows school band programs to come out and show off their hard work while being rewarded with cash prizes. It is a ‘must attend’ for regional bands – giving them, their families, and their friends something to look forward to each year.”

The following 16 school bands will be participating in this year's competition:

Edison High School
Fresno High School
Hanford West High School
Hoover High School
Kerman High School
Washington Union High School
Central East High School
Reedley High School

Sierra High School
Firebaugh High School
Computech Middle School
Burton Middle School
Clark Intermediate School
Liberty Middle School
Pioneer Middle School
Sequoia Middle School

Interviews Available: Taylor Childers, Special Events Coordinator; band leaders and band members (if arranged in advance, filming can be done at school during practice).