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STRIKE UP THE BAND...
FOUR STATES MARCHING CONTEST SLATED FOR OCTOBER 2

Texarkana, TX – In the mood for some marching music, then Tiger Stadium at Grim Park is where you will want to be on Saturday, October 2 from Noon – 6:00 p.m. as it becomes the host facility for the Four States Marching Contest. An expected 1,800 students representing 20 schools from the four states area will be in attendance and will wow the crowd with their unique marching abilities. The event will be followed with an awards ceremony that begins at 6:00 p.m.

The Four States Marching Contest brings together the musical and marching talents of area bands as they prepare for regional contests. Admission is \$2 per adult and \$1 per student. The public is invited to attend.

Judges for this year's contest are Band Directors: Gary Meggs, University of Arkansas at Monticello in Monticello, AR; Louis Robinett, Longview High School in Longview, TX; and David Stuart, Sr., Magnolia High School in Magnolia, AR. Percussion judge will be David Stuart, Jr. Texas High School Percussion Instructor. Drum Major judging will be by Kara Fortenberry, Texas Middle School Assistant Band Director. And, Color Guards will be judged by Melanie March, Texas High School Color Guard Sponsor.

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Schedule of performance are as follows:

Noon	Texas High School (TX-AAAA) - Buddy Deese, Director
12:15 p.m.	BREAK
12:30 p.m.	Fouke High School (AR-AA) - Kevin Lusk, Director
12:45 p.m.	Maud High School (TX-A) - David Terry, Director
1:00 p.m.	Rivercrest High School (TX-AA) - John Marsh, Director
1:15 p.m.	Linden-Kildare High School (TX-AA) - Don Hardin, Director
1:30 p.m.	Gurdon High School (AR-AA) - Bruce Burson, Director
1:45 p.m.	Paul Pewitt High School (TX-AA) - Theodus Lockett, Director
2:00 p.m.	Hooks High School (TX-AA) - T. Jon Kelly, Director
2:15 p.m.	BREAK
2:30 p.m.	Glen Rose High School (AR-AAA) - Aaron Pettit, Director
2:45 p.m.	Prescott High School (AR-AAA) - Carl McCraney, Director
3:00 p.m.	Mt. Vernon High School (TX-AAA) - Tanya Eckstein, Director
3:15 p.m.	Liberty Eylau High School (TX-AAA) Stephanie Blackwell-Nelson, Director
3:30 p.m.	Redwater High School (TX-AA) - Clay Harris, Director
3:45 p.m.	Pleasant Grove High School (TX-AAA) - Arnie Lawson, Director
4:00 p.m.	BREAK
4:15 p.m.	Ashdown High School (AR-AAA) - Mark Pounds, Director
4:30 p.m.	Queen City High School (TX-AA) - Chris Brannan, Director
4:45 p.m.	Vilonia High School (AR-AAAA) - Philip Nichols, Director
5:00 p.m.	Mt. Pleasant High School (TX-AAAA) - Dick Eckstein, Director
5:15 p.m.	Benton High School (AR-AAAAA) - Tricia Leyva, Director
5:30 p.m.	Lake Hamilton High School (AR-AAAAA) - John Shultz, Director
5:45 p.m.	The University of Arkansas at Monticello - Gary Meggs, Director
6:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremony

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