

Ferndale High School 'Golden Eagle' Marching Band
DCI World Class Quarterfinals Trip
Indianapolis, Indiana – Thurs-Fri, August 12-13, 2010

Parents, Students and Staff,

The Ferndale HS Marching Band will again be attending DCI World Class Quarterfinals in Indianapolis. For those of you unfamiliar with DCI, it stands for Drum Corps International. Drum Corps is the originator of the 'marching arts' as we know it today. School marching bands were inspired and excited by what Drum Corps was doing back in the 1970's, and this has continually evolved into the competitive marching bands (like ourselves) that currently exist. DCI remains on the cutting edge of the marching arts to this day, and is the example of excellence in the activity that we and every other competitive marching band aspire towards. DCI Quarterfinals will include all 23 World Class DCI corps competing in one day, each vying for a spot in finals 2 days later. Each group will be as polished as they are going to get, and each performance will be more mind-blowing than the one before. As anyone who has ever seen live Drum Corps can tell you, you'll NEVER forget your first Drum Corps show (or your 10th, or your 25th, etc...)!

The Ferndale HS Marching Band trip to see this show is strictly optional for all students, but is certainly highly recommended as an educational and fun outing. We will be getting group-rate tickets through DCI and I have done some serious hotel shopping, so the trip will be cost-effective for everybody. The price structure is as follows: **\$23 per show ticket, \$19 for pooled gas money, and \$15 for the hotel (at quad occupancy) – for a total of \$57.** You will also need to plan money for food (at least 3 meals and possibly snacks at the show -- at least \$20), and souvenirs. We are currently estimating a departure from Ferndale HS at 9:00 am on Thursday the 12th, and a return time of about 4:00 pm on the 13th. The show starts at 3:30 pm on the 12th, and includes the Colts (our own Joe Hamlin is their assistant visual caption head), the Blue Devils (who are the 2009 Champions), the Bluecoats (who are using Asphalt Cocktail, one of our selections), and the Cavaliers, as well as 19 more corps.

Obviously, we will need a number of adults to drive in order to get there and back safely – especially for a trip this long, there can be no student drivers. The parents that drove last year to Indy and the previous two years to Kalamazoo all attended the shows also and *really* enjoyed it. If interested, fill out the form on the next page and include payment (payable to FSFAB) for each DCI Quarterfinals slot purchased. **We must have at least 20 people participating in order to get group rate tickets, but I have already reserved a block of rooms, and space will be limited, so spots on the trip are first-come, first serve. *The absolute last chance to sign up for the trip is Monday, June 21.*** Please feel free to call with any questions. We look forward to seeing you on the trip!

Sincerely,

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Print names of people in your family attending DCI Quarterfinals on August 12-13, 2010:

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_____	_____
_____	_____

Amount enclosed equals number of people listed above times \$57 (payable to FSFAB):

\$ _____

I, _____ give permission for my children listed above to travel in
(print parent name)
parent- and staff-driven vehicles to DCI Quarterfinals in Indianapolis with staff and members of the FHS Marching Band. I further understand that all students going on this trip will be held to the same policies and expectations listed in all FHS Marching Band documents and in the FHS Student Code of Conduct.

(parent signature)

_____ I can drive and have _____ **total** seats in my vehicle (do not subtract for yourself or any of your own children).

Parent Home Phone: _____

Parent Cell/Work Phones: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number(s): _____

Any health concerns and/or medications of which we should be aware for any of your children listed above?