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Lindenwood University to Host Greater St. Louis Marching Band Championships

St. Charles, Mo. — Lindenwood University will host the Greater St. Louis Marching Band Championships on Saturday, Nov. 2. Fifteen groups from around the state will participate in the inaugural event, which will take place in Hunter Stadium on the St. Charles campus, 209. South Kingshighway, St. Charles, Mo., 63301.

Preliminary competition will begin at 9 a.m. The winners of each division (based on size) and the next five highest-scoring bands will advance to the finals competition, which will begin at 2:15 p.m.

The event will be judged by a panel of experts from award-winning collegiate and high school marching bands across the nation. Trophies will be awarded to the first-, second-, and third-place division winners and to the top eight bands overall.

The Lindenwood Lion Pride marching band will perform a “half-time” show at 12:45 p.m. The theme of the ensemble’s performance will be “Energy” and will include songs inspired by the works of Muse, E.S. Posthumus, Linkin Park, and Bela Bartok.

“With exceptional resources, facilities, and judges, the event is sure to be the premier competition for regional marching bands,” said Ryan Curtis, associate professor of music and director of bands at Lindenwood. “We are excited to welcome guests to our beautiful campus and to host such an exciting competition.”

A shuttle service will transport attendees between Hunter Stadium and the Greater St. Charles Convention and Visitors Bureau, located at 230 South Main Street in St. Charles. The shuttle is free and will operate from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

General admissions tickets for the marching band championships can be purchased at Lindenwood’s Hunter Stadium on the day of the event. The cost to attend is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and senior citizens.

For more information, contact Curtis at *rcurtis@lindenwood.edu* or (636) 949-4664.

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