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*Calgary Stampede*

**SHOWBAND**

**Visual Audition Packet  
2023-2024**



## 2023-2024 Auditions Visual

Welcome to the Calgary Stampede Showband Auditions! We are excited to meet you and see what skills and talents you could bring to the ensemble!

The Stampede Showband Visual Audition is an assessment of your ability to apply yourself to new visual exercises.

While no experience is required, the audition process does take into consideration your potential to learn on-the-go and execute a new skill within a short timeframe. During this process you will be given a high-level overview of the Showband's visual program and will be assessed on your ability to take in the information and perform it. Considerations are made for those who have never marched before, as well as those with previous experience.

**Time permitting** you will learn and execute the following visual responsibilities during the audition process:

- Physical fitness\*
- Basic dance movement patterns
- Execution of performance quality throughout movement
- Marching technique at different tempos
- Ability to learn and execute Instrument Actions
- Willingness to commit and try new things

*\*Marching band is inherently a physical activity and the Showband requires individuals to meet a very modest minimum standard.*

**Please bring the following items to your visual audition:**

- Running Shoes
- Comfortable workout appropriate clothing (i.e., no jeans, skirts, etc.)
- Water bottle
- Your instrument (members will be provided with Marching Instruments when necessary)

It is the Showband's goal that you enjoy your visual audition experience. Have Fun! If you have any questions at any time, please don't hesitate to contact the band office at 403.261.0490 or [youthprograms@calgariystampede.com](mailto:youthprograms@calgariystampede.com)



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### What to Expect at Auditions for the Calgary Stampede Showband

#### What to Bring

Bring what you would normally bring to a band rehearsal: your instrument, a water bottle etc. You also need to bring the audition material which is provided online at [www.stampedeshowband.com](http://www.stampedeshowband.com).

#### What to Wear

Be sure to wear clothes that are comfortable workout appropriate clothing (no jeans, skirts, etc) and running shoes you are able to march in.

#### What will I be doing at auditions?

When you arrive, you will be asked to check in at a table for your section. You will be given a number. Try to arrive early, as check-in can be hectic. You will be split into sections, and evaluated by current Showband staff and some guest evaluators. You will also be doing some visual fundamental basics. You do not need to prepare anything for this section of the evaluation.

#### What are we looking for?

We are looking for individuals who adapt well to new situations, learn quickly, and have a positive, friendly personality. Have fun at the audition and be yourself. Try not to be nervous! The audition is also an opportunity for you to see if Showband is really right for you.

#### Who will be evaluating me?

You will be evaluated by the sectional staff of the current Stampede Showband and some special guests. These people are not judging you; they are just trying to find out if you would be a good fit in next year's band.

#### What if I missed the audition dates?

Call the band office at 403.261.0490 or email [youthprograms@calgarystampede.com](mailto:youthprograms@calgarystampede.com) and we will try to arrange an individual audition. However, every effort should be made to come to the audition.

Thank you for choosing to audition for the Calgary Stampede Showband. Just by taking that step and challenging yourself, you have already chosen to be a better performer! The Showband is looking for individuals that want to be the best at what they do. We are very excited to hear you play and we wish you the best of luck. Remember that we are rooting for you to perform your best! No matter what the results, we hope we can make this a positive learning experience for you. Practice hard and have fun!