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Collecting orders online or share a flyer with friends and family by visiting h728cadets.org/page/support-the-cadets for an online link and electronic flyer.

Order Pick Up: Will be available for distribution on Wednesday, May 7th, (before Mother's Day) from 5:30-7:30 PM. Pick up held at the Boys & Girls Club: 12976 Fremont Ave Zimmerman, MN 55398. (Parking and the building entrance is behind the City Hall.)



Buffalo Wild Wings

Head to the Elk River Buffalo Wild Wings and let them know you want to **support Team N** and they will donate 10% of your bill to our amazing program! This includes all food and beverage items.



Zimmerman's Bar and Grill

Monday, April 28th from 5:00pm - 7:30pm

Choose from all you can eat pizza, spaghetti, or tacos for this fundraiser and fun night out together! 100% of profits goes to the 728 Cadets and is only \$10 for all you can eat!



GiveMN

GiveMN connects generous donors like you with schools and nonprofits (like the Cadets!) to make Minnesota a better place. Community members can support the Cadets and the Winter Arts programs anytime through GiveMN by visiting Givemn.org/organization/728-Cadets-Corp



728 Cadets Organization

The 728 Cadets is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that serves students enrolled in Independent School District 728 (ISD 728) schools and home-schooled students within the district. Students are provided the opportunity to participate and compete in the marching arts at a high level, showcasing their skills in music, performance, marching, theater and dance. Students have the option to participate in four separate programs throughout the year: 728 Cadets (summer marching band), River Valley Percussion Theatre (winter drumline), River Valley Winterguard (winterguard), and River Valley Sound (winter winds).

Our Mission

The 728 Cadets organization aims to teach students through life experiences while they pursue excellence in the ultimate sport of music in motion. By doing so, students can experience enjoyment and esteem while combining the best of athletics, education, and the arts.

Support the Cadets

Supporting the Cadets and Winter Arts is available in several formats! You can visit a local restaurant, attend local events, or donate through Give to the Max. Visit 728Cadets.org to learn more about these opportunities!

If you have a community opportunity to benefit the 728 Marching Arts, if you'd like to be an event sponsor, or if you'd like to contribute at a higher level, please don't hesitate to contact us at 728CadetsMarchingBand@gmail.com.

728 Cadets

2024 Summer Marching Cadets





Class	Ensemble	Performance
National Anthem 5:30 p.m.		
Winds Scholastic A	River Valley Sound of Elk River HS	5:35 p.m.
Winds Independent Open	River City Rhythm Winds	5:45 p.m.
	MBI Winds	5:55 p.m.
Percussion Concert Scholastic Regional A	South St. Paul HS	6:06 p.m.
Percussion Scholastic Regional A	St. Francis HS	6:16 p.m.
	Fusion Drumline of ISD 622	6:26 p.m.
	Rocori HS	6:36 p.m.
Intermission 6:46 p.m.–7:05 p.m.		
Percussion Independent A	Quad City Percussion	7:05 p.m.
Percussion Scholastic A	Dassel-Cokato HS	7:15 p.m.
	Burnsville HS	7:25 p.m.
	River Valley Percussion Theatre of Elk River HS	7:35 p.m.
Awards to Follow		

Please note— to comply with copyright laws, MPA prohibits videotaping of MPA ensembles' performances. For the safety of the performers, please do not use flash photography during any performances.

Please joins us at the upcoming MPA shows:

03/29/25, 02:00 PM	MPA Prelims	Burnsville High School - Burnsville
04/05/25, 03:30 PM	MPA Champion-	Mayo Civic Center - Rochester

Visit mpacircuit.org for info on the 2025 season and more!

MPA Show Descriptions

Group	Show Title	Description
Burnsville HS	Sentient	Sentient is an allegory about human nature and how we treat those that are different from us or appear to be in conflict. The story follows a group of astronauts from Earth through space in search of a vital mineral
Dassel-Cokato HS	Return to Sender	When letters stop arriving, a long distance couple grow further and further apart. No communication, misunderstandings, and speculation surface, testing their love. A drama of connection, distance and undelivered
Fusion Drumline of ISD 622	Game Night!	You're snowed in with your friends with no where to go. Time to bust out the chips and dip. It's game night! Enjoy some of the clas-
MBI Winds	Amped	
Quad City Percussion	The Bell Hop	
River City Rhythm Winds	Statuesque	
River Valley Sound of Elk River HS	The Boatman	Our show tells the story of Charon the boatman on the River Styx. He is the shepherd of
Rocori HS	Just the Highlights	Here is the shortened version (just the highlights) of our variety show!
RVPT of Elk River HS	Bend	Bendy
South St. Paul HS	Click!	Has anyone seen the remote?
St. Francis HS	Rebellion	Rebellion is a show about marionette puppets (drumline players) working to break free from the control of the puppet master (actor). After breaking free, the puppet master works



River Valley Winter Performing Arts

On behalf of the members and staff of River Valley Percussion Theatre (RVPT), River Valley Winter Guard (RVWG), and River Valley Sound (RVS), we welcome all participating groups and spectators to our Winter Arts Festival. It's our privilege to host today's events, and we hope you'll enjoy every minute of these exciting performances.

We thank and recognize the following people for making this event a success:

- To the parents, thank you for the resources and many hours of volunteer time you give. You help load buses, move trailers, maintain instruments, serve food and encourage our members. The show could not go on without you!
- To the committees, thank you for your hard work and dedication to make this event a success.
- To all the businesses that continue to sponsor us, Thank you! Your financial support allows for our students and staff to travel, have functioning equipment, perform within our communities and represent the River Valley area on a national level.
- To our school district and community, for the support and use of facilities for practice and performance.
- The members of River Valley Percussion Theatre, River Valley Winter Guard, and River Valley Sound thank their staff for their dedication, creativity, and patience. Thank you for sharing your skills and passion for the Winter Arts with us this season.
- We extend our thanks to you, our guests, for your attendance and support.

Please support all of the very talented students participating in today's events and the sponsors in our program. If you are an ISD 728 student grades 7 – 12, and like what you see today, think about joining the 728 Cadets Marching Band this summer, or one of the River Valley Winter Arts groups next fall. 6th graders are welcome to join summer marching band as honor guard and banner carriers. Students in Elk River, Rogers, Otsego, and Zimmerman are eligible. You don't need to be a percussionist to join RVPT, or have guard or dance experience to join RVWG.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact us at 728CadetsMarchingBand@gmail.com or visit our website at 728Cadets.org.

Thank you,

River Valley Winter Arts Members and Staff, and the 728 Cadets

**Thank you for joining us today at the annual
Winter Arts Festival!**

Concessions

Please visit the concessions stand before, during, or after the show!

Proceeds from concessions will be used to support the

River Valley Winter Arts Programs!



- Pizza \$5
- Popcorn \$3
- Cup of Noodles \$2
- Big Pickle \$1
- Chips \$1
- Candy \$2
- Water \$1
- Pop \$2
- Gatorade \$3

Special thanks to Nothing Bundt Cakes and Papa John's Pizza for partnering with us for fundraising and offering additional options for our guests today!



River Valley Sound

Director: Shannon Curtis

Staff: Kyle Ballou, Eddie Walentiny,
Carter Schunk, and Mady Stickler

Theme: The Boatman



RVS Members:

Abigail McShane, Aiden Curtis, Alicia LaValley, Angel Perez, Anna Larson, Anna Motzko, Asher Kraabel, Ben Justin, Brady Bickman, Caleb Scheff, Carlin LaValley, Collin Greninger, Dominic Bosquez, Elise Weber, Erik Fuentes-Rosas, Ethan McCarty, Griffin Mielke, Gus Faught, Hailey Fuller, Harlow Causin, Hazel Sepeda, Ingrid Scheff, Jadynn Leirmoe, Jayanthi Wijeratne, John Norberg, Katie Koblas, Kaylei Fuentes – Rosas, Kiara Jendro, Landon McShane, Lexi Turney, Logan Schwinghamer, Mackenzie Baltierrez, Madison Selander, Matthew Hegvik, Noah Hildebrand, Patch Cruz, Quinn Strege, Riley Hora, Roen Latzke, Ryley Lachman, Sophia Dreis, Tanner Olmsted, Theron Stiebing, Travis Monson, Tyler Nathe, Whitney DeGroy, Yasmin Aliyah San Pedro

River Valley Sound Seniors

Asher Kraabel



I joined the 728 Cadets during the 2021 summer season, Hypnotize. It honestly has been a life-changing experience. In my time so far, I have learned so much about leadership, respect, and self-discipline. I've also discovered that I love watching and encouraging growth. Seeing rookies become a positive force for the group is one of the best things about marching band. After graduating from ZHS, I plan to major in civil engineering and pursue a career in environmental engineering (think of water clean-up projects and solar panels- environmental engineers do that). As for nearer future achievements, I'm stoked to see how our hard work and dedication pays off in our production!

Carlin LaValley



I attend Elk River High School, and this winter is my 9th season marching with the Cadets/RVS, and its been so much fun! I joined the group during Turn the Page in 2020-21, and while covid definitely made the season weird, it was still so fun. My favorite part of being in this band is all of the people that I have made friends with. There are so many amazing people in this group, and I'm proud to call them my friends. After High School I plan to go into zoology, so I will attend ARCC for two years, then transfer to a different school to finish the degree. I'm most excited to go to Ohio this year, as it was so much fun the last couple of times, and this will be my last opportunity to go.

Thank you Nicholas Campbell for taking photos at the Winter Arts Festival today!



NICHOLAS CAMPBELL
digital photography+video

River Valley Sound Seniors

Anna Motzko



Hi I'm Anna from Rogers High School. My favorite part about being apart of RVS has been the friends I've made and all the memories I have made with them. After high school I plan to go to UW - Eau Claire for music education. I am most excited to see everyone's shows and how they add on to it.

Shout Out to Anna Motzko

We are so proud of you Anna and we love you so much!

Love Mom and Dad



Logan Schwinghamer



This is my first time in RVS and I will say, it has been incredible. I go to school at Zimmerman high school so I knew plenty of other students who are in RVS already. This year's show theme intrigued me so I decided to show up to a few rehearsals. As soon as we started the warmup on a Sunday in November, I was hooked. I asked Mr. Curtis what instruments he needed and the response was tuba. So I learned tuba. My favorite part of RVS is how welcoming it is. I instantly felt at home and I have never felt more welcome in a community than I do in RVS. After high school I plan to attend Luther College and explore all sorts of different avenues to decide my career path. The thing I am looking to the most this year is joining the 728 Cadets in the summer. I have loved RVS so much, I am hoping the Cadets is just as amazing!

River Valley Sound Seniors

Abigail McShane



Hi, my name is Abby and I've been with this group since 2022 with my first session: Last Full Measure. I attend Spectrum High School and my plan for the future is to go to St. Thomas University to study Environmental Science. I'm so excited for my last summer season and spending it with my brother and friends. My favorite part about this group has always been how much we grow throughout the season.

Travis Monson



My name is Travis, and I'm currently a senior at Zimmerman High School. I began my journey with the 728 Cadets when I was in seventh grade, inspired by the incredible upperclassmen who welcomed me into the fold. Marching with 728 has been an invaluable experience that has allowed me to grow in so many ways, both personally and artistically.

What I love most about being a part of the 728 Cadets and River Valley is the multitude of opportunities I've been given over the years. It's a joy to create art that resonates with people and expresses the powerful emotions of music.

I'll be going to Anoka Ramsey Community College to finish my general education credits before focusing on a music program at another school. As I reflect on this year, I'm filled with excitement for one last chance to attend WGI. Having taken part in this event twice before, I truly cherished those experiences and I'm looking forward to enjoying it again.

Madison Selander



Hi, I'm Madison. I go to Rogers High School and have been in the 728 Cadets for 8 seasons over the span of 4 years. I've had a ton of fun marching in this group and have made a lot of friends along the way, as well as played with many other talented musicians. I started playing alto sax, then switched to tenor, and finally decided to learn mellophone and stuck with it. One of my favorite parts of the experience, besides performing in general, has been going on trips, especially traveling to WGI. It's amazing to watch other winds groups since there aren't many around here, and fun to compete with them. I'm very excited to return there this season and finish out my last season with the Cadets this summer, then continue playing music throughout college.

River Valley Sound Senior and Shout Outs

Hazel Sepeda



My name is Hazel and I am a Senior at Elk River High School. My favorite parts about being in the cadets/rvs is the people. My best friends are in the marching band and they never fail to make me laugh. After high school I will be attending MSUM and doing the NDSU marching band. I will be earning my music education degree so I can teach high school band. This year I am most excited about getting to see all the other amazing groups at WGI and seeing what our group can achieve!

Congratulations!
CLASS OF
2025

Shout Out to

Aiden Curtis

Aiden, We couldn't be more proud of you and the amazing musician you have become!

Much love - Mom & Dad



Shout Out to

Madison Selander

Madison, It has been such a joy watching and listening to you perform with the 728 Cadets and River Valley Sound. What an amazing experience!

Love, Mom and Dad



River Valley Percussion Theatre

Director: Joe Jaeger

Staff: Issie Brooks, Kory Esterberg, Katie Langer,
Craig Myers, Garrett Sorenson, Nels Lebakken

Theme: Bend

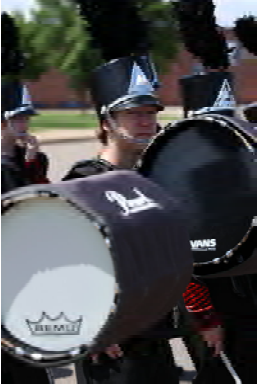


RVPT Members:

Abby Barry, Amaya Sanbei, Anne Aaron, Aubrey Mills, Avalynn Turk, Clayton Rittenour,
Danny Murphy, Dani Brand, Gray Weber, Hailey Hawes, Iris Hernandez, Jake Ahrens,
Kameron Sollars, Kellen Robinson, Leif Hegerle, Liam Weber, Lydia Peterson,
Mary Peterson, Nathan Tostenrud, Nolan Fisher, Owen Oudekerk, Parker Sanchez,
Rian Penticoff, Robert Hora, V Dimidik

River Valley Percussion Theatre Seniors & Shout Outs

Owen Oudekerk



Hello! I'm Owen Oudekerk, I play snare in RVPT and have been in Cadets/RVPT since 2022. I currently attend Zimmerman High School as a senior. My favorite part of being in Cadets/RVPT is the friends that you make along the way. You can learn from them, but you can also have comfort knowing that they will always be there for you. After high school I plan to attend Anoka-Ramsey Community College and then transfer to another college for hopefully a degree in something music related. I am most excited for the upcoming WGI Ohio trip where we compete. This will be my first time on this trip and am looking forward to many memories along the way. Cadets has been one of the best experiences I've ever had, and to anyone unsure of joining, join! Trust me, you will have lots of fun and learn to master your instrument, and most importantly make friends along the way to guide you. Go RVPT!

Jake Ahrens

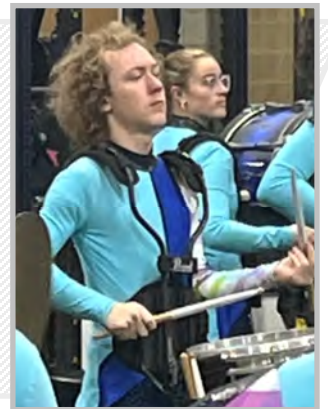


Hi, I'm Jake, and I have marched with the 728 Cadets and River Valley for 4 years now. My favorite memory has to be performing at WGI and getting to march next to my closest friends and I can't wait to do it again this season. Marching in this organization has taught me that living in the moment and enjoying the show you are putting on is way more important than any score. I've learned so much responsibility and leadership skills marching in these groups, and I will always remember all the great people I've met and the friends I have made from this group and from other groups. After high school, I plan on going to St. Cloud State University and hopefully finding a group to march with after high school.

Shout Out to Owen Oudekerk

Owen I am so incredibly proud of all that you have accomplished this season & year! It has been so exciting & fun watching & listening to you excel as a performer & teammate. Congratulations on a successful season!!

Love, Mom



Shout Out to Daniel Murphy

Daniel, We just want to take a moment to let you know how incredibly proud we are of your dedication to drumming and your passion for music. We see the hard work you put in day after day, and it's amazing to watch you grow as a drummer and as a musician. We'll always be here cheering you on every step of the way!

Love, Mom and Dad

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