

KINGWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

Sponsors And Producers Of The

PRESTON COUNTY BUCKWHEAT FESTIVAL

Beginning Annually The Last Thursday Of September

115 Brown Avenue • Kingwood, West Virginia 26537

August 1, 2026

Dear Band Director;

We welcome you to the 84th Annual Preston County Buckwheat Festival and would like to extend a cordial invitation for your band to participate. There are parades planned for September 24, 25, 26, 2026.

Let me tell you about our parades:

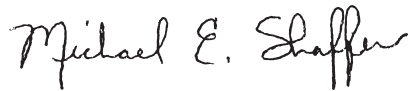
1. Parade route is of "Loop" Design. You start and end close to your buses.
2. Convenient Parking - adjacent to Buckwheat Festival Fair Grounds.
3. Excellent Carnival, Exhibits, and Attractions for your entertainment.
4. Refreshments and Food conveniently available.
5. **Financial Help – (Thursday and Friday Parade) We pay \$3.00 per mile (round trip mileage) per bus/truck for transportation. (Minimum of \$300.00 per bus)**
6. **Financial Help – (Saturday Parade) We pay \$5.00 per mile (round trip mileage) per bus/truck for transportation. (Minimum of \$500.00 per bus)**
7. Choice of Three Parades – you can attend any or all three.

More information (Dates, Band Classification, Etc.) can be found on the enclosed Band Enrollment and Publicity Sheet for Parades Form. Please return your Band Enrollment Form by September 15, 2026.

We hope that you will plan to help us celebrate the 84th Annual Preston County Buckwheat Festival in Kingwood, West Virginia, during September 24 - 27, 2026.

NEW THIS YEAR
BANDS WILL NOT BE JUDGED THIS YEAR.
Financial help will be increased on Thursday and Friday
and a larger financial help on Saturday.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Shaffer
Band Coordinator
Phone or Fax (304) 329-1730
Phone (304) 329-6453
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Please check the Buckwheat Festival Website
for parade line-ups and
other information.

www.buckwheatfestival.com

2026 Preston County Buckwheat Festival

Band Enrollment and Publicity Sheet for Parades

Name of School/Band _____ School Phone (____) _____

Director _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Email _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

— PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW —

It will be used for parade announcing and financial payment to your band.

Please indicate your Band Classification: **BANDS WILL NOT BE JUDGED THIS YEAR**

____ Division III (Total Marching Members – 101 or more including auxiliary)

____ Division II (Total Marching Members – 61-100 including auxiliary)

____ Division I (Total Marching Members – 1-60 including auxiliary)

____ Junior High School

____ Middle School

____ Adult

We plan to attend the following parade(s):

____ Firemen's Parade — Thursday, September 24, 2026 – 7:30 P.M.

____ School Community Day Parade — Friday, September 25, 2026 – 2:00 P.M.

____ Farmer's Day Parade — Saturday, September 26, 2026 – 12:00 Noon

We will be using _____ (number) buses to transport our band. (This is important for parking)

REVIEWING STAND / MARCHING INFORMATION

Name of Drum Major(s), Field Commander(s) _____

Uniform Colors _____ Mascot _____

Name of Selection(s) to be played in the Parade _____

Recent Honors _____

Number of students in the line of march _____ (Include Majorettes, Silks, Color Guard, Etc)

Round Trip Mileage to the Preston County Buckwheat Festival in Kingwood, WV: _____

Please return this completed form by September 15, 2026 to:

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Kingwood, WV 26537
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