

Youth Salute draws bands from States

Picknickers at Bear Creek Park were given an unusual supper-time serenade on Sunday as a drum and bugle competition

took place on the field.

The competition, the third annual Pacific Blue "Salute to Youth", attracted four American drum and bugle corps, with 450 young people participating. Competing were the Imperials and the Cascades from Seattle, the Blackwatch from Auburn and the Kennedy Continentals from Burien. Pacific Blue, from Surrey, and the Whalley Legion Band performed in exhibition.

More than 700 people turned up to watch the event. All the color and the drama of watching finelyprecisioned marching bands made the occasion almost festive.

The Imperials were named top band. They also won honors for high drums, high color guard and general effect. The Cascades took honors for top horn line, and placed second in the competition.

Pacific Blue corps director Earl England said "We were really happy with the level of competition."

It will be run again next July.

Flags, drums and bugles were greatly in evidence Sunday night at Bear Creek Park as Pacific Blue Drum and Bugle Corps of Surrey sponsored its third annual Salute to Youth championships. Five drum and bugle corps took part in the event.

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(Seattle Cascades in Photo)