

Spring Training Report

The Blue Stars have completed part 1 of the 2013 spring training experience. After 21 days, the corps decamped from Waldorf College in Forest City, IA to head home to La Crosse, WI for the remainder of pre-tour. The corps will be spending 8 days in the La Crosse area before heading out on the 2013 summer tour.

The last few days in Iowa were wet and rainy, the same weather the corps has battled since the start on May 24. Fortunately the facilities, and people involved with Waldorf and in Forest City are top notch and the weather's impact on the corps' progress was minimal. Both the college and high school have terrific, fast-draining turf fields that allowed the sections to return to the field quickly after each rain shower.

Our members thoroughly enjoyed the people and atmosphere of Forest City, with Scoopy Doos ice cream parlor, Cabin Coffee, and Hardees drawing particular focus from the members. If you have a chance, visit bluestars.org to watch a video shot at Scoopy Doos on a free night.

Chefs Carlton and Sue and their dedicated crew of Team Blue volunteers have been turning out an amazing variety of meals for the members and staff this season. Fresh fruit and veggies appear at every meal, and the entrees have been fantastic. The cooking crew is the heart and soul of the entire operation and they are doing a tremendous job at feed this army of hungry young adults.

The 2013 production of "Voodoo: I Put a Spell on You" is progressing nicely. The corps left Iowa with more than 8 minutes of show complete. The staff and designers are pleased with the growth of the members and the product in the first three weeks, and are excited about the possibilities for the show as the season unfolds.

The entire organization would like to thank the people of Forest City and Waldorf College for hosting the corps for the second year in a row. We are grateful for the kindness and support of the community and look forward to returning in the future. We hope you didn't mind the Dr. Beat too much!

As the corps heads to La Crosse, please come out and see us during one of the many performances and practices scheduled throughout the community. The members love performing for our hometown fans and are excited to experience the beauty of the Coulee Region.