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An Instrumental Experience for Children

Edmonton Sabers is recruiting now for next season

Edmonton...The Edmonton Sabers Marching Band is **now recruiting** new members for the 2011-2012 season, which starts in September. Edmonton Sabers is an award-winning marching band open to **children aged 6 to 16**. Participating in band increases kids' self-esteem through learning musical skills and competing and touring as part of a team. No previous musical experience is required.

Edmonton Sabers gives children quality musical instruction twice a week for **only \$40 a month** (16 hours/month) and a \$50 registration fee. **Until June 15, 2011, new registrations will get their first month free.** "Our kids have so much fun in band," says **Jeff Russell**, President of the Edmonton Sabers Board, whose eight year old son is currently a member. "They get physical activity and learn music while hanging out with friends. It changes kids' lives."

Instruction is available for clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet, low brass, percussion and colour guard. In addition to practices, Edmonton Sabers Marching Band participates in parades, competitions and an annual tour each summer. This year--for \$100 each, plus pocket money--the children will represent Edmonton on a 10-day tour through Alberta, British Columbia, Montana, Idaho and Washington.

An **open house is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2011** at Laurier Heights School (8210 142 Street), from **7:00-8:30 pm**. Families can check out the band, meet band alumni and parents, and find out what band is all about.

In order to keep band costs minimal, parent/guardian participation is strongly encouraged, whether as a Board member, chaperoning events, or volunteering at bingos and other fundraisers. Band is a family activity and working together makes it accessible to more children.

Edmonton Sabers Marching Band was formed in 1977 and is the only children's marching band in the greater Edmonton area. For more information on Edmonton Sabers Marching Band, visit www.edmontonsabers.com.

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