

Welcome to Band Camp and Fall Season 2021! Parents and Students: here is a summary of key things to know for Band Camp and the upcoming Fall Season.



COMMUNICATION: (WEBSITE, EMAIL, BAND APP, FACEBOOK)

- Get connected now and stay on top of everything going on! Our website: [Liberty Band and Guard website](#)
- Website, Forms page: <http://libertybandandguard.org/marching-band-and-colorguard-forms>
- All general communications are sent through a **Google email group** (libertybands@googlegroups.com). To be added to the distribution list, email your request to communications@libertybandandguard.org.
- Students please join the [BAND app](#) to stay up to date with announcements (parents can too!)
- Facebook users, please request access to **Liberty HS Bands** facebook group

BAND CAMP DETAILS

Band Camp Daily Schedule: 9 am – 8 pm Mon-Fri Aug 16-20 and Mon-Sat Aug 23-28

- First day:
 - Parents register their students **8:00-9:30am at the Registration Table**
 - All students (new and returning) must check in at the Registration Table – even If you have already dropped off all your forms and payment
- Thu August 19th:
 - Informational meeting with Q&A 7pm. Opportunity for parents to meet/reconnect before the season gets into full swing. **Students will still be practicing.**
- Fri August 20th:
 - Student Taco Night - Liberty Band Boosters provides dinner (students still bring lunch)
- Last day (Sat. August 28th):
 - Show Preview for parents, TBD.

Meals:

- Bring a durable water bottle every day – ideally 64 oz or two 32-oz bottles
- Students need to bring their own lunch and dinner with the exception of the date below:
 - First Friday (Aug 20th): Liberty Band Boosters provides dinner (students still bring lunch)
- Students are working hard for long days. Pack enough food!
- No refrigerator access – bring your own small cooler if needed

Transportation:

- No transportation is provided. Parents can try to negotiate carpools amongst themselves.

Other things to bring: (all covered in more detail in the handbook – see website link above):

- Water! So important!
- Athletic shoes
- Dot book and Notebook (3x5 spiral notebook)
- Be ready for the weather – you will be outside much of the day – sunscreen, hat, even sweatshirt/raincoat, whatever the weather calls for
- Wear deodorant. These are long, often hot days. Your fellow band members and staff will thank you.
- 3-ring binder and sheet protectors. (a 1-inch binder will do)

Fall Marching Season 2021

PRACTICES:

Regular practices are held at Liberty Mon/Wed, 6-9 p.m., Aug. 30 - Oct. 27. It is critical that every student attends the full Band Camp and every practice. Additional practices might be added during the season. Transportation to/from practices is not provided. Carpooling is highly encouraged. Please discuss any conflicts with the Band Director, Mr. Soon.

COMPETITIONS:

Marching season consists of **several Saturday competitions:**

- We will be hosting the Liberty Marching Arts Challenge again this year on 10/9 at Hillsboro Stadium. This will be an all-hands-on-deck volunteering event as we will both be running the whole event and participating in it as well.
- We will attend the Century Showcase Show at Hillsboro Stadium on 10/23
- NWAPA Championships will be held on 10/30, location TBD

Students are expected to participate in every competition. The band generally performs twice at each competition. The schedule for each competition day is announced about one week before that competition. The time of the second performance is dependent on preliminary performance scores. Plan for long, fun days!

Band students also participate in **Pep Band**, playing at home football games and selected basketball games.

FEES:

Hillsboro School District Activity fee: this fee is charged by the school district and waived for students qualified for the free or reduced lunch program.

LBB fees: These fees are payable to Liberty Band Boosters and outlined on the flyer Liberty Band Fees – Fall 2021.

TYPES OF FUNDRAISING:

General fundraisers help offset the actual cost of participation and cover a variety of expenses. ~**58%** of the program cost is paid for through this fundraising (this covers: competition fees, props, transportation, food, etc.). **Participation Required.**

Individual fundraisers benefit your student's Band account directly. These are **optional**. With aggressive individual fundraising a family can typically offset their band participation, marching shoes, and concert attire costs.

UNIFORMS:

Liberty Band Boosters provides one "Better Every Day" T-shirt free to new students. **Students are responsible for purchasing marching shoes - \$40** (the Boosters coordinate an order in August) and black socks (one pair black socks provided with each pair of new shoes purchased). Marching Band uniforms are maintained by the Boosters, assigned to each student, and kept at school.

INSTRUMENTS:

Some **Marching Band** instruments are provided by the band and must be well taken care of by the students.

Some **Concert Band** instruments are also provided by the band. The rest are the student's responsibility.

VOLUNTEERING:

Performing at a competition simply can't happen without the effort of many volunteers. Each family opting for the volunteering discount is required to contribute at least **twenty** hours of volunteer work for the Band per season (Fall and Winter are separate seasons). If parents do not contribute their total hours, the student will be charged \$20 for each hour less than the target. Volunteer hours must be completed by the end of the applicable fall or winter season. Students will

not be able to participate in end of the year activities unless fees and volunteer hours are paid in full and/or completed (volunteering includes: building / painting props, assisting at foot-ball halftime shows, assisting with food or equipment at away competitions, chaperoning students on overnight trips, making food, sizing uniforms, etc. The possibilities are endless!) Volunteer hours will be tracked by VP Volunteering.

Volunteer Expectations* to receive \$400 fee discount:

Activity	Adult Expectation	Student Expectation
Volunteer hours per season (due by 5/15)	20 hrs per family, <i>plus</i> the two below	NA
Summer Can Drive Blitz (TBD)	At least 2 large garbage bags	At least 2 large garbage bags
Monthly Can Drives (10 are held per year)	At least 2 months (as driver or helper)	At least 5 months ; at least 8 months to qualify for the end of year Band Party
LBB Hosted Event/Competition	These count as hours, above	At least 1 shift at each event
Charge for unmet volunteer hours	\$20 / hr	NA
Volunteering/Fundraising Opt Out Fee	\$400	NA