



Liberty Band Camp and Fall Season 2023!

Parents and Students: here is a summary of key things to know for Band Camp and the upcoming Fall Season for Liberty Marching Band and Colorguard.

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>



- Get connected to the calendar. All events through the season are posted here [calendar](#):



- Students and parents 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



- Hillsboro School District volunteering start page <https://www.hsd.k12.or.us/domain/62>



- All general communications are sent through a **Google email group** (libertybands@googlegroups.com). To be added to the distribution list, email us at operations@libertybandandguard.org

BAND CAMP DETAILS

Band Camp Daily Schedule: 9 am – 8 pm Mon-Fri Aug 14-18 and Mon-Sat Aug 21-26

- Mon. August 14th (First day of Camp):
 - Parents register their students **Mon Aug 14 from 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 17th:
 - Parent informational night with Q&A **7pm**. Opportunity for parents to meet/reconnect before the season gets into full swing; boosters will provide snacks/treats. **Students will still be practicing.**

- Fri. August 18th:
 - Student Taco Night - Liberty Band Boosters provides buffet style taco dinner (students still bring lunch)
- Sat. August 26th (Last Day of Camp):
 - Show preview for parents. There will be a potluck after the preview. Will send out a signup for side dishes. Booster will serve Hamburgers and hotdogs hot from the grill!

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 except for the first Friday (Aug 19th): Liberty Band Boosters provide 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 / 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 2023

PRACTICES:

Regular practices are held at Liberty Mon/Wed, 6-9 p.m., Aug. 28 – Oct. 25. 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:

This year we have tentatively scheduled **Saturday competitions from Sept. 30th through Oct 28th** including the possibility of one **overnight trip**. The schedule is still being finalized so stay tuned.

We will be hosting the Liberty Marching Arts Challenge on **Oct 7, 2023**, at Liberty High School. 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.

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. This fee is **separate** from the LBB fees and must be paid to the school.

LBB fees: These fees are payable to Liberty Band Boosters and outlined in the registration packet for Fall 2023.

UNIFORMS:

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

FUNDRAISING REQUIREMENT:

General fundraisers help offset the actual cost of participation and cover a variety of expenses. Liberty Band hosts two major events during the year, LMAC and LWC. **New for 2023: There is no longer separate volunteering hours and fundraising hours. Families are required to help at a minimum of one LBB fundraising events per year, LMAC or LWC. There is no opt-out.** See the **Fundraising Info** sheet for more info and other fundraising opportunities.

Individual fundraisers benefit your student's Band account directly. These are optional; however we strongly encourage those that are receiving a scholarship to participate in individual fundraising opportunities. With individual fundraising a family can offset participation fees. These opportunities will vary from year to year, but examples of past opportunities include: pie sale fundraisers, working shifts at the OSAA soccer or LSI basketball tournament at Liberty and finding and securing sponsorships.

VOLUNTEERING:

We don't leave the parking lot without our volunteers!

Please see the **Volunteer Info** sheet for more info on ways you can help.