

Pride of Piedmont
2018 Marching Band Camp Information
www.piedmontband.org

Please do not schedule vacations, physicals, dentist appointments, summer jobs, DRIVERS ED, etc during any dates or times listed below. The schedule is being made public now (January 2018) so conflicts can be avoided. It is vital to have everyone at each practice. This is when we learn most of the show. This is a large commitment to make, but without 100% attendance, we will not be able to have a successful season. Students must be able to make this kind of commitment. Please make adjustments now so ALL students will be at ALL practices.

COMMUNICATION

- Visit our website regularly, www.piedmontband.org.
- Update or Register on CHARMS (link is on website)
- On FACEBOOK, "LIKE" Piedmont Marching Band.

WEEK #1

Tuesday, July 24 – 9am-4pm COLOR GUARD ONLY

Wednesday, July 25 – 9am-4pm. COLOR GUARD ONLY

Thursday, July 26 – 7:30am-4:00pm COLOR GUARD, ALL PERCUSSION, OFFICERS, and ROOKIES*

Friday, July 27 – 7:30am-4:00pm COLOR GUARD, ALL PERCUSSION, OFFICERS, and ROOKIES*

(*Rookies are students that have NOT MARCHED with the Piedmont HS Marching Band.)

WEEK #2

Monday, July 30 – EVERYONE 7:30am-4:00pm

Tuesday, July 31 – EVERYONE 7:30am-4:00pm

Wednesday, Aug. 1 – EVERYONE 7:30am-4:00pm

Thursday, Aug. 2 – EVERYONE 7:30am-4:00pm

Friday, Aug. 3 – EVERYONE 7:30am-4:00pm

WEEK #3

Monday, Aug. 6 – EVERYONE 7:30am-4:00pm

Tuesday, Aug. 7 – EVERYONE 7:30am-4:00pm

Wednesday, Aug. 8 – EVERYONE 7:30am-4:00pm

Thursday, Aug. 9 – EVERYONE 7:30am-4:00pm

Friday, Aug. 10 – EVERYONE 7:30am-4:00pm

WEEK #4

Monday, Aug. 13 – EVERYONE 7:30am-4:00pm

Tuesday, Aug. 14 – EVERYONE 7:30am-4:00pm

- PREVIEW NIGHT
- Dinner for students only at 6:00pm
- Performance at 8:00pm (perform at the stadium, if available)

WEEK #5 (Teacher Workdays)

Monday, Aug. 20 – Guard and Battery, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Tuesday, Aug. 21 – EVERYONE, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Thursday, Aug. 23 – EVERYONE, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Friday, Aug. 25 – Football Game? Times/Location TBA

FALL SCHEDULE/PRACTICES AFTER SCHOOL STARTS

MONDAYS = Color Guard, Battery, 6:00pm-8:00pm

TUESDAYS = Everyone, 6:00pm-8:30pm

THURSDAYS = Everyone, 3:45pm-5:45pm

FRIDAY FOOTBALL GAMES (Home and Away) = EVERYONE, Times will vary each week

SUMMER UNIFORM

Due to the summer heat, everyone will wear a slightly more comfortable uniform for Preview Night and for the first few football games. Brass, Woodwinds, Pit, and Battery will wear their current band shirt, khaki colored shorts, no-show socks, and tennis shoes. Guard members will wear a different t-shirt (to be determined), khaki shorts, no show socks, and tennis shoes

GAMES AND CONTESTS

The band will perform at each football game, so please do not plan any activities on Friday evenings. 100% attendance is expected from every student. Half of September and ALL of the Saturdays in October will be our COMPETITION days. These contests are the peak of our marching season and it is absolutely imperative that every student attend every contest. If a student is absent, he/she will lower the band score and ultimately hurt our overall placement in the contest.

BAND/GUARD COSTS

- \$400
 - First year band, pit, and battery students will get a free hoodie and a free pair of marching shoes.
 - Any returning members that need new shoes or hoodie will need to pay \$40.00 for marching shoes and \$40 for a new hoodie.
 - First year color guard students will get free warm-ups.
 - Color Guard Vets needing NEW Warm-ups will need to pay \$30 for the pants and/or \$45 for the coat (includes embroidery).
 - **IF you need new band shoes or guard new warm-ups, do NOT pay for it until band camp.**

PAYMENT DUE DATES

- Friday, May 4 - \$200, or more (non-refundable)
 - You must have this paid in full in order to secure a spot on the field with the marching band. Failure to make this payment can jeopardize your spot on the field.
- Friday, June 1 - \$200, or more (non-refundable)
- *If you decide to drop band at any time, no money will be refunded for any reason. Our show is planned and designed based on the number of people participating. Your part of the show is designed for you even if you quit.*

- *We do not want anyone to quit. I promise that once you get that first performance and first contest done, you will appreciate all the hard work and sacrifice you have done in order to be a member of The Pride of Piedmont.*
- *If for some reason band fees are not paid for, then it affects the entire program and puts huge limitations on what the band can and cannot do during the marching season. Part of our band budget is based on the number of students that sign up for band. When band fees are not paid, then the decisions of a few will unfortunately affect everyone else.*

BROTHERS/SISTERS

- 1st child pays FULL PRICE, \$400
- 2nd, 3rd, child (etc.) pays 50% of Marching Band costs, \$200
- Any VETS needing new shoes, hoodies, or guard warm-ups will still need to pay full price for these items during band camp.

WHY DOES MARCHING BAND AND GUARD COST MONEY???

Marching Band costs a lot of money. Neither the State of North Carolina nor Union County provide any funding for marching bands. We rely solely on the community for support. Most bands charge over \$500 per person. Some bands in NC charge over \$1,000 per person. The money for marching goes to paying for the following items, plus anything else that may come up during the season:

- Drill Writer
- Show Music (including copyright permission and legal fees)
- Paint for field
- Gloves
- Uniform maintenance
- Bus Mileage/Gas
- Bus Drivers
- Meals
- Contest Registrations
- Show T-shirt (1 per student)
- Props
- Trailer maintenance
- Staff
- Costumes for guard
- Show silks
- Just an FYI, most bands that compete in BOA, charge over \$1,500 per student to be in band. WE DO NOT!!! ☺