

'Pride'

Competitive Marching Band



Description

Pride Marching Band is a developing 'state of the art' competitive marching band. It will explore the latest trends in competitive marching band. The 'Pride' is an extra-curricular offering for band students at Bentonville High School.

Goals

'Pride' marching band provides an outlet for students interested in the realm of 'state of the art' design, performance, social, and competitive opportunities.

Membership

All band members 9-12 must complete a successful audition to be granted membership into all sections of the 'Pride' (ie. Including Hornline, Color Guard & Percussion). 9th and 10th grade students that are interested may audition for membership but are not required to do so. This option for membership is only available for 9th and 10th grade students. All potential members that audition will be granted membership based on their performance ability – both musically and visually. Students that are not selected for membership with the 'Pride' in a full time performance role, Understudy position or Visual Ensemble position AND ALL OTHER 9th and 10th GRADE BAND STUDENTS will perform in the Pre-game varsity football support band.

Rehearsals

Since the 'Pride' is a Co-Curricular activity, its rehearsal schedule falls almost entirely outside of the typical school day. Pride rehearsals are as follows, but not limited to:

- Audition Camp: 4 to 5 days meeting from 4:30 pm to 6:00pm after school during the month of April or May.
- Summer Rehearsal: Approx. 12 hours of rehearsal during June and July. Each rehearsal will be 3-4 hours and will meet every other week. Attendance is mandatory if student is in town.
- Band Camp: Begins approx. 2 weeks before the first day of school for 8 hours per rehearsal day.
- School Day rehearsals: Typically rehearsals will be after school on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 4:15-6:30 and Tuesday from 6-9 at the stadium.
- Sectional Rehearsal: An additional rehearsal per week devoted to just the students of a particular section (i.e. Percussion, Guard, Hornline, etc.). These sectionals will be student scheduled but staff managed.
- Extra Rehearsals: Typically 2-3 Saturday rehearsals in the months of August and September. Occasionally an evening rehearsal is substituted for an after school rehearsal based on stadium availability.
- A Detailed calendar with all rehearsal and performance dates and times will be provided to each student that gains membership into the 'Pride' as well as posted on the internet at www.bentonvillepride.com

Performances

The 'Pride' marching band performs at halftime of all home varsity football games as well as at all away varsity football games (travel schedule permitting). The 'Pride' also performs at all competitive contests and festivals; approx. 4 contests per season. The format of most contests are a prelim / finals contest. The 'Pride' also performs various community support appearances based on need and accessibility. The 'Pride' will also perform with the Pre-game band, in the Stands, and at select Parades.

Costs

Each Pride member's associated costs are based on but not limited to the following;

- Uniform Accessories: Each Hornline and Percussion student purchases their uniform shoes, uniform T-shirt, gloves and ball cap. These items are ordered as a group to achieve the lowest possible discount pricing to each student.
- Trip Food: The members are fed before every ballgame performance and at least twice at all contests.
- Out-of-State contests: Each member pays or fundraises their "Fair share" of the overall cost for the 'Pride' to travel to an out-of-state event. This cost includes transportation, lodging, meals, entertainment, etc. for the entire trip.
- Color Guard Fees: Because of the continual evolution of the Color Guard program it is difficult to foresee exact costs to guard members. However, typical costs include: Clinic Instruction Fee, competition Uniform, Performance Shoes, and Specialized Equipment.

Academic Achievement

Pride members receive Grades for marching band as co-curricular grades to their band class grades on their report of progress and their permanent transcript. Grades fall under the guidelines of the Bentonville Schools Assisted and Un-Assisted grades.



'Varsity Band'

Varsity Football Support Band

Description

The 'Pre-game' band is an all-encompassing marching band consisting of the members of the 'Pride' marching band and all 9th and 10th grade band students. The 'Pre-game' band will perform on the field during the pre-game ceremonies and in the stands of all home varsity football games.

Goals

The 'Varsity Pre Game Band' will provide a means for uniting members of the Bentonville Band Program from the 9th through 12th Grades. The 'Pre-game' band will achieve an entertainment contrast from the 'Pride' by performing a pre-game program that will remain nearly the same from year to year, and focus on enhancing school spirit and patriotic duty.

Membership

Membership of the 'Varsity Band' will include all members of the 'Pride' marching band and all 9th band members.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals for the 'Varsity Band' will take place at a variety of times and places, but are not limited to the following:

- School Band Class: Students will rehearse various musical and visual techniques during their band class that meets during the school day.
- Friday night/Saturday Rehearsal: The 'Pre-game' band will learn the pre-game show during a rehearsal to be held on a Friday night or Saturday morning in the month of August.
- Dress Rehearsal: A Dress Rehearsal will take place after school at the Bentonville band practice field or stadium on each date of a home varsity football game. The student will provide their own transportation.
- A Detailed calendar with all rehearsal dates and times will be provided to each student in the 'Pre-game' band as well as posted on the internet at www.bentonvillepride.com

Performances

The 'Pre-game' band will perform in a variety of situations.

- Pre-game Show: The 'Varsity band' will perform a traditional style Pre-game show at all home varsity football games (in a style similar to most major universities)
- Varsity Pep Band: The 'Varsity band' will play in the stands at all varsity home football games.
- Parades: The 'Varsity band' will perform in a variety of community appearances and parades including but not limited to: Bentonville Christmas Parade.

Costs

Each member's costs and fees are based on but not limited to the following;

- Uniform Accessories: Each student purchases their uniform shoes, uniform T-shirt, gloves and ball cap. These items are ordered as a group to achieve the lowest possible discount pricing to each student.
- Home game meals: The members pay a small additional fee to be fed before every ballgame performance.

Academic Achievement

'Pre-game' band members receive a grade on their report of progress and their permanent transcript in conjunction with the requirements of the band class (ie. Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band and 9th grade band).

