



## Buena High School Marching Band Band Camp 2010!

Welcome to the excitement and excellence that is Buena High School Band! Band Camp this year will be focused on a number of musical, physical, and learning goals. Many of you are aware that we are looking at some positive changes and exciting times ahead with our program. Let's use this opportunity to get off to a great start to a fun and successful Marching Band season.

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### Details:

- **Water Water Water Water!** Bring a large water Bottle!!!! Students in the past brought a large water cooler/ container w/ice, and filled up a more portable water bottle for water breaks. It is better to have more water than needed, than not enough
  - Bring Sunscreen! Use it and APPLY OFTEN to prevent injury and burn!
  - Wear plenty of clothing. I expect ALL students to wear full T-shirts for all rehearsals. (some tank tops are acceptable w/large (1" or more) straps, no part of your undergarments should be exposed) This will protect your body, and looks classy. (I realize this may be unpopular, but you will thank me years later :). Hats help for sun protection and sun glasses are encouraged outdoors
  - Food breaks will occur for approx. an hour, please plan to either bring a lunch to eat on campus, or grab lunch at a local fast food place. If you choose this option, it is important that you are safe, courteous, and on time (early) coming back to rehearsal
  - Please arrange rides in appropriate manner so you are safe, on time, and have reliable help for transportation. (some leadership students may be helpful in arranging this. Talk and work it out! Let me know if there are any issues with transportation, and I will help)
  - Be aware of the schedule, think ahead, and prepare for rehearsals
  - Be prepared to have fun and work hard
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### Expectations

- Attendance
  - All members will be present to camp unless previously arranged (This is a part of your grade)
  - ON TIME MEANS EARLY. Rehearsals will begin on time! If the scheduled start time is 1 PM, then the 'downbeat' will begin then. This means ALL things related to preparation are done in advance to the beginning of rehearsal. (don't just be there, BE READY TO GO) I suggest you arrive 20-30 minutes before rehearsal begins, this will give you time to setup equipment, visit with and make friends, and mentally prepare for focused music and movement.
  - Rehearsals will also go until the end of the scheduled time. If the scheduled end time is 8 PM, then the last note is played at that time. \*\*From there, a brief meeting will take place, and time should be allowed to put instruments away, and visit with friends as you do this. YOU SHOULD PLAN ON this process taking about 15-30 minutes (depending on equipment, and details etc.) please communicate this to your RIDES in advance so they are not waiting for you for long periods of time, (that is very frustrating)
- Have a good attitude! Attitude makes or breaks everything. Your positive energy will make the difference! Especially when you don't "feel" like it, push through and stay strong, IT'S WORTH IT!
- Always do your best. This is a growth activity and we are all at different levels of development. If you apply yourself consistently, you will eventually get consistent results.
- Be Respectful to yourself and others! This is a family, and a WE/US activity, not an I/ME activity. We are all in this together and strengthening each other helps ALL, including YOU!
- "We are a class act." This is a philosophy that will serve yourself, our school, and community greatly as we prepare to perform and travel.

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# Goals

- To learn the difference between 'hanging out with your friends' kind of fun, and the fun of being good at something!
- To learn and develop personal skills: such as teamwork, work ethic, leadership, perseverance, dedication, personal accomplishment, citizenship, humility, excellence, amongst MANY others
- To develop and grow fundamental musical and visual skills needed to perform for our show this year and beyond
- To learn a Parade Routine to Perform on Wednesday, July 28th, Friday, Aug. 6th, and Saturday, Aug. 7th
- To learn ALL or most of the music from our 2010 show!
- To learn a good portion (hopefully the entire opener) of the visual drill from our show.
- To perform the opener (or a good chunk of it) with full coordinated music and drill.

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## Camp Schedule

### Monday, July 26th:

1 PM- Leadership Meeting in the Band Room  
2:00- **New MB members** & Leadership meeting/Welcome in the Band Room  
2:30- Stretch  
3:00- Basics Block  
4:00- Dinner Break (students are encouraged to stay on campus)  
5 PM- Basics Block  
6:00- Music Rehearsal (Guard Sectional)  
8:00- Final meeting/Pack-up/Dismissal

### Tuesday, July 27th:

1 PM- Full MB meeting/stretch (**ALL MEMBERS FROM TODAY ON**)  
1:15- Basics Block (visual) (Pit sectional)  
2:30- Musical Rehearsal (Guard Sectional)  
4:00- Dinner Break (students are encouraged to stay on campus)  
5:00- Basics Block  
6:00- Music Rehearsal (Guard Sectional)  
7:30- Coordination (Parade Preparation)  
8:00- Final meeting/Pack-up/Dismissal

### Wednesday, July 28th:

1 PM- Full MB meeting/stretch  
1:15- Basics Block (visual) (Pit sectional)  
2:30- Musical Rehearsal (Guard Sectional)  
4:00- Dinner Break (students are encouraged to stay on campus)  
5:00- Basics Block  
6:00- Music Rehearsal (Guard Sectional)  
**7 PM- Parade Performance and Social with Parents! (ALL PARENTS and families of Marching Band Members are encouraged to attend if possible!)**  
8 PM- Clean-up and Dismissal

### Thursday, July 29th:

1 PM- Full MB meeting/stretch  
1:15- Basics Block (visual) (Pit sectional)  
2:30- Musical Rehearsal (Guard Sectional)  
4:00- Dinner Break (students are encouraged to stay on campus)  
5:00- Basics Block  
6:00- Music Rehearsal (Guard Sectional)  
7:30- Coordination (Parade Preparation)  
8:00- Final meeting/Pack-up/Dismissal

### Friday, July 30th:

1 PM- Full MB meeting/stretch  
1:15- Basics Block (visual) (Pit sectional)  
2:30- Musical Rehearsal (Guard Sectional)  
4:00- Dinner Break (students are encouraged to stay on campus)  
5:00- Basics Block  
6:00- Music Rehearsal (Guard Sectional)  
7:30- Coordination (Parade Preparation)  
8:00- Final meeting/Pack-up/Dismissal  
8-10PM- **POOL PARTY!!!!!! (bring swim stuff, food, and get ready to have fun) (on campus) (All members should be here! This is our chance to relax together after a fun week!)**

### **Saturday, July 31st/Sunday, August 1st:**

-CHILL! RELAX!

-Practice music and routines to ensure growth and retention from the first week to the second week

## **Week #2!**

### **Monday, Aug. 2nd:**

9 AM- Full MB meeting/stretch

9:15- Basics Block (visual) (Pit sectional)

10:00- Drill Rehearsal!!

12:00- Lunch Break (students are encouraged to stay on campus)

1:00- Music Rehearsal (Guard Sectional)

3:00- Coordination Rehearsal

4:45- Parade Rehearsal (Pit packs up)

5:00- Final meeting/Pack-up/Dismissal

### **Tuesday, Aug. 3rd:**

9 AM- Full MB meeting/stretch

9:15- Basics Block (visual) (Pit sectional)

10:00- Drill Rehearsal!!

12:00- Lunch Break (students are encouraged to stay on campus)

1:00- Music Rehearsal (Guard Sectional)

3:00- Coordination Rehearsal

4:45- Parade Rehearsal (Pit packs up)

5:00- Final meeting/Pack-up/Dismissal

### **Wednesday, Aug. 4th:**

9 AM- Full MB meeting/stretch

9:15- Basics Block (visual) (Pit sectional)

10:00- Drill Rehearsal!!

12:00- Lunch Break (students are encouraged to stay on campus)

1:00- Music Rehearsal (Guard Sectional)

3:00- Coordination Rehearsal

4:45- Parade Rehearsal (Pit packs up)

5:00- Final meeting/Pack-up/Dismissal

### **Thursday, Aug. 5th:**

9 AM- Full MB meeting/stretch

9:15- Basics Block (visual) (Pit sectional)

10:00- Drill Rehearsal!!

12:00- Lunch Break (students are encouraged to stay on campus)

1:00- Music Rehearsal (Guard Sectional)

3:00- Coordination Rehearsal

4:45- Parade Rehearsal (Pit packs up)

5:00- Final meeting/Pack-up/Dismissal

### **Friday, Aug. 6th:**

9 AM- Full MB meeting/stretch

9:15- Basics Block (visual) (Pit sectional)

10:00- Drill Rehearsal!!

12:00- Lunch Break (students are encouraged to stay on campus)

1:00- Basics Block

1:45- Music Rehearsal (Guard Sectional)

3:30- Coordination Rehearsal

5:00- Parade Rehearsal

5:15- Snack Break

6:00- **Pot Luck Performance!!**

-Parade and Field Show Performance!!!

-Food!!!

-Encourage ALL Family, Friends, etc. to come and watch the performances and celebrate the end of a great couple weeks of hard work and AWESOME PROGRESS!

-Let's fill the stands of the stadium as much as possible!

7 PM-Approx. time of final dismissal (make sure not to take off until ALL equip. is put away, etc.)

## **Ventura Parade**

### **Saturday, Aug. 7th:**

Times and Details TBA

Plan on ALL members to be involved from approx. 7AM-4PM

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## **Summer Rehearsals:**

To ensure that the hard work and excellent effort from Band Camp pays off, we have scheduled some rehearsals to help the show continue to grow and evolve so that when the school year starts, we are quite a ways through the show!

**Monday, Aug. 9th: 9-12**

**Tuesday, Aug. 10th: 9-12**

**Monday, Aug. 17th: 9-12**

**Tuesday, Aug. 18th: 9-12**

**Monday, Aug. 23rd: 9-12**

**Tuesday, Aug. 24: School Begins!**

All rehearsals are necessary for students to attend. All rehearsals (including summer) go towards your attendance grade and classroom participation points. It is so important for us to work together on attending all rehearsals.

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## **BAND WEBSITE**

The Buena High School Music website is a an important way for you and your families to stay connected to new and pertinent information, as the year progresses we will use this website as a vital source for information for ALL ensembles! <http://www.buenamusic.org>

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## **MUSIC TESTING**

At some point during the semester, there will be individual performance tests where individuals will need to perform their music/guard work for an instructor (one on one), for a grade. This is set in place to encourage individual student practice, and ensure that students are learning the skills necessary to perform effectively on their instruments. (more details will be coming with the Marching Band Syllabus at the beginning of the school year. Beginning individual practice now, will ensure an effective and stress-less performance at that time.

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