

Springs Valley Blackhawk Brigade 2017

Summer Band Rehearsal Information

Location: Springs Valley High School Band Room and practice field

Attendance: Required for participation in the following:

- Marching Band
- Summer school band credit (1 cr.)
- High school band class (7th - 12th grade)
- High school PE credit

Not attending rehearsal can result in the loss of the following:

- Summer and PE credit
- Special event/trip eligibility
- Marching band membership

Attendance Policy: The attendance policy will be strictly enforced. Since band rehearsals are considered classwork and school time, excused and unexcused absences will be handled in the same manner as absences from school. This includes summer rehearsals.

The single most determining factor in a great season is good attendance. Attendance will be strictly monitored using the school attendance policy. The Springs Valley Blackhawk Brigade practices far less than other Indiana marching bands and school athletics/activities. We are able to continue our level of excellence by maximizing our practice time and limiting practice time conflicts.

The goal of the band is to get better each season. This goal hinges directly on the attendance of the students. If students are at practice, we will have a much higher chance of being successful. Great success is determined by small details. **EVERY PRACTICE IS IMPORTANT!** Please schedule summer events accordingly.

"If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude." - Colin Powell

Summer Practice

Schedule: See attached schedule and the Blackhawk Brigade online calendar at www.blackhawkbrigade.com. Now it is easy to sync the Brigade calendar by using Google Calendar.

First Year Marchers:

There is a four day camp for first year marching members. The camp will be June 26th, June 27th, June 28th and June 29th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Brass, woodwind and drumline members who have never marched before are required to attend this camp.

Front percussion ensemble (pit) and guard performers are not required to attend. In addition, drum majors are required to attend unless they are at drum major camp.

**Pre-Camp Practices:
Dance Training Sessions**

Full Band Required

June 26th - 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Full Band
June 27th - 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Full Band
June 28th - 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Full Band
June 29th - 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Full Band
June 30th - 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Full Band

Dance Training Sessions

All Dance Training will occur during Pre-camp practices this year.

Band Camp:

All Brigade members are required to attend band camp (Brass, Woodwind, Guard, Percussion and Drum Majors) on July 10th - 21st. Please check your schedule for practice times.

**Items to Bring:
(Required)**

Sunscreen, three ring binder for music, sheet protectors, pencil, hat or visor, water jug, **March-A-Thon Donations.**

Marching Band

Marching band can be expensive. The Springs Valley Blackhawk Brigade has been a state championship contender for over ten consecutive years. Maintaining that type of excellence is not cheap. Being competitive requires many resources including instructional staff, uniforms, flags, music, shoes, gloves, props, drill, etc... In order to stay competitive and provide these resources, students are asked to help provide funding for the program. This is called "My Fair Share." The fair share amount is approximately \$250 per student. This is determined by taking all of the expenses and dividing them by the amount of participating students.

Students can complete their "Fair Share" by the following means:

1. Turn in \$250 over the course of the school year.
2. Complete fundraisers provided by the band department/band boosters. 100% of the profits turned in by students are applied to the fair share amount. There are generally four or five fundraisers per school year.
3. Students can work concession games and earn \$10 per game.
4. A combination of the above. It is possible to raise the entire amount via fundraising and concession work.

Once a student raises \$250, they are finished with fundraising for the entire school year. Students will not be asked to participate in further fundraiser activities once this amount has been collected. Fair Share balances will not be carried over to the next season/year.

The band department is in the process of developing a system to ease the cost for families with more than one student in marching band. More details will be available this summer.