

# Springs Valley Blackhawk Brigade 2020

## 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

**COVID-19:** Obviously, this will be a very unusual summer band camp this year. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we are experiencing unparalleled disruption to our spring and summer rehearsal schedule. We are already several weeks behind previous years due to the pandemic. Please be aware that we are following every school corporation and state recommendation available in regards to our practice schedule and 2020 marching season. As things change and update, please be flexible. Our goal is to provide a pageantry arts experience for our students this year by all means necessary. As new information becomes available, we will notify students and parents via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Remind](#), [Skyward](#), [email](#), and [Google Classroom](#). We will make every attempt to have a marching season this year. However, please be flexible and responsible.

**The single most determining factor in a great season is good attendance.** 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](http://www.blackhawkbrigade.com). Now it is easy to sync the Brigade calendar by using Google Calendar. The schedule has been modified greatly compared to previous years. We are trying to make things as safe as possible

**Band Camp:** All Brigade members need to attend band camp (Brass, Woodwind, Guard, Percussion and Drum Majors) on July 20th - 31st. Please check your schedule for practice times. We have changed the practice times to avoid having to eat lunch at the school. Again, many traditions will need to be changed this year due to the pandemic. We are interested in safety and wellness for all.

**TIMES AND DAYS FOR BAND CAMP HAVE BEEN CHANGED! CHECK THE INCLUDED SCHEDULE!**

**Items to Bring:** Sunscreen, pencil, hat or visor, and March-A-Thon Donations. Sign up to sponsor two food items for Cookie Break. This will be conducted online. You will not need to purchase the item. Please sign up to sponsor two items. The sign up will be available on the **blackhawkbrigade.com** website and social media.

**Marching Band Costs:** Marching band can be expensive. The Springs Valley Blackhawk Brigade has been a state championship contender for over fourteen 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. We have limited the costs this season in an attempt to make things easier for everyone due to the pandemic and tough economic times.

This is called “**My Fair Share.**” The fair share amount is typically \$250 per student. This is determined by taking all of the expenses and dividing them by the amount of participating students. However, due to current events, **the Fair Share for this year will be reduced to \$75.**

Students can complete their “Fair Share” by the following means:

1. Turn in \$75 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.
5. Families with multiple children in the band only have to raise one Fair Share of \$75.

**IMPORTANT - MY FAIR SHARE THIS YEAR WILL ONLY BE \$75**

However, please support all fundraising efforts this year.

**Important Changes for the 2020 season:**

- Two week camp moved to July 20th. Hours the same each day.
- Camp times have been altered to avoid bringing and eating lunch during camp.
  - 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. each day.
- Water jugs will be cleaned and disinfected by an adult each day.
- Cookie Break will be handled differently this year. **All food items donated MUST be individually wrapped and purchased from the store.** No homemade items will be allowed. Sign up to sponsor two items.

**If it were easy, everyone would do it! We can do this! It will be a challenge. But, WE CAN DO THIS!**