

Golden West High School 2025

Band Camp



About

Band camp is held at Golden West High School and takes place 2 weeks before the school year begins. The first week, also the most intensive, consists of two rehearsals each day. There is a morning session that goes from 9:00am to 2:00pm and this is where the students learn marching fundamentals and most of the music for the marching season. The evening rehearsal is where the students begin learning their spot on the field for the field show. At the end of this second week, there is a public performance showing everyone how far the band has come in just 9 days of rehearsals! The next week consists of only evening rehearsals.

Band camp is a mandatory activity. This is where the students learn most of the field show for the entire marching season. Students that do not show up to band camp will be removed from the field show and may be removed from the band's roster. If a student has a conflict, it must be cleared with Mr. Salazar well ahead of time. Mr. Salazar will work with the other coaches and teachers to come up with a compromise that will not punish or penalize the student. Please email Mr. Salazar at osalazar@vusd.org with all conflicts, questions, or concerns.

Financial Cost for the Season

Because the budget provided to the marching band by the school does not cover all costs for the fall season, we ask that each student contribute \$100 for the season. This money will go towards the field show music, marching drill, band staff, props, instruments and equipment, feeding the students, and much more. The \$100 is a goal and we hope that each student is either able to pay it outright, or reach that goal through participation in fundraisers throughout the season.

Students will also be expected to pay for marching shoes if they do not already have a pair, as well as for a couple of sets of gloves. Mr. Salazar will place the order for these items at the beginning of the school year.

If there is a financial hardship, please contact Mr. Salazar at osalazar@vusd.org. Band should not place a heavy financial burden on any family.

2025 Band Camp Schedule

Monday, July 28th – Friday, August 1st

- 9:00am – 11:15am Marching
- 11:45am – 1:00pm Sectionals
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm Full Ens.
- 6:00pm – 9:00pm Marching

Monday, August 4th

- 4:00pm – 5:30pm Woodwind Sec.
- 6:00pm – 9:00pm All

Tuesday, August 5th

- 4:00pm – 5:30pm Brass Sectional
- 6:00pm – 9:00pm All

Wednesday, August 6th

- 4:00pm – 5:30pm Woodwind Sec.
- 6:00pm – 9:00pm All

Thursday, August 7th

- 4:00pm – 5:30pm Brass Sectional
- 6:00pm – 9:00pm All

Friday, August 8th

- 6:00pm Call Time
- **6:30pm Public Performance**

Monday, August 11th

- 6:00pm – 9:00pm Marching

Tuesday, August 12th

- 6:00pm – 9:00pm Marching

Wednesday, August 13th

- DAY OFF

Thursday, August 14th

- First day of School
- 6:00pm – 9:00pm Rehearsal

Items to Bring

- Marching shoes (tennis shoes are okay)
- Sun protection. Hats and sunscreen are must-have items!
- Water Bottles. We will have water jugs so you can refill your water bottles. CUPS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED!
- Your instrument. If you need a VUSD instrument, you need to fill out an instrument check out sheet, and one will be assigned to you by Mr. Salazar.
- A snack/meal for the 30 min break that happens every day from 11:15am to 11:45am. The students will not be free for lunch until after 2:00pm. Students are not allowed to leave campus during the 11:15am break.
- All music and marching “drill” that was passed out during the summer or that is passed out on the first day of band camp