



# GWHS Marching Band & Color Guard

## Communication Platforms

We will use a couple platforms to keep students and parents informed:

1. Website ([gwhsband.org](http://gwhsband.org)) – Program information, schedules and calendars
2. Band App – Day-to-day rehearsal updates and reminders  
**(EVERY STUDENT NEEDS TO BE SIGNED UP. IF A STUDENT DOES NOT HAVE A PERSONAL DEVICE TO JOIN, THEN A PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST JOIN IN ORDER TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH ANNOUNCEMENTS)**

 QR codes for each platform are provided below for easy access.



Student Band  
App Page



Website



Parent Band  
App Page

# Golden West High School

## 2026 Band Camp



### About

Band camp is held at Golden West High School and takes place 2 weeks before the new 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 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm is where the students begin learning their spots and choreography on the field for the field show. The second week is only evening rehearsals. At the end of the second week, there is a public performance where the students can show everyone how far the band has come in just 9 days of 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](mailto: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 require that each student participates in our fundraisers throughout the school year (Online Fundraising, Fill The Drum, Car Wash, CSBC Regional Champs, SVWAA Show, etc.). This money will go towards the field show music, marching drill, band staff, props, instruments and equipment, feeding the students, and much more.

Students will also be expected to pay for their own show shirt (\$20), marching/guard shoes (\$45) if they do not already own a pair, as well as a couple of sets of gloves for band & guard members, or arm bands for percussion members (\$10 per pair). Mr. Salazar will have order forms available for shoes & gloves during the first week of band camp. Payment must be made before the items are handed over to the student. There will occasionally be used marching shoes available for \$20, but you must ask Mr. Salazar and see if there are any available in the desired size.

If there is a financial hardship that is preventing your student from having the required equipment, please contact Mr. Salazar at [osalazar@vusd.org](mailto:osalazar@vusd.org). Band should not place a heavy financial burden on any family.

## Summer Rehearsals

Each student is expected to attend each rehearsal unless they are out of town. Parents/guardians will need to reach out to confirm conflicts. We will be learning music/choreo as well as working on marching fundamentals. Please wear marching/tennis shoes.

4 Summer Rehearsals: **Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**, **Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**, **Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**, **Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 4:00pm – 6:00pm Woodwinds
- 6:00pm- 7:00pm Woodwinds & Brass
- 7:00pm – 9:00pm Brass
- **6:00pm – 9:00pm Guard & Percussion**

## Band Camp

Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> –Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

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

Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

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

Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

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

Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

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

Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

- 6:00pm Call Time
- **7:00pm Public Performance**

Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

- 6:00pm – 9:00pm Marching

Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

- 6:00pm – 9:00pm Marching

Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

- DAY OFF

Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

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

### **Items to Bring**

- Marching shoes (tennis shoes are okay, but absolutely no crocs or sandals)
- 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. Students will not be free to leave campus until the first block ends at 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



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### Fall 2026 Calendar

All performances and rehearsals are mandatory. Absences must be cleared in advance.

#### June & July

Tuesday, June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Rehearsal	Check Rehearsal Schedule
Tuesday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Rehearsal	Check Rehearsal Schedule
Tuesday, July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Rehearsal	Check Rehearsal Schedule
Thursday, July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Summer Rehearsal	Check Rehearsal Schedule
<b>July 27<sup>th</sup> - July 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week of Band Camp</b>	<b>9AM-2PM, 6PM-9PM</b>

#### August

<b>August 3<sup>rd</sup> - August 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Band Camp</b>	<b>6:00PM - 9:00PM</b>
<b>Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Summer Showcase</b>	<b>6:00 Call Time</b>
Monday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
Tuesday, August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First Day of School</b>	
Thursday, August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
Tuesday, August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
Thursday, August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Fill the Drum Fundraiser</b>	<b>9:00AM - 1:00PM</b>
Tuesday, August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
Thursday, August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Home Football Game</b>	<b>5:30PM Call Time</b>

#### September

Tuesday, September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
Thursday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Car Wash Fundraiser</b>	<b>10:00AM - 2:00PM</b>
Tuesday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
Thursday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Home Football Game (Homecoming)</b>	<b>5:30PM Call Time</b>
Monday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Band Booster Meeting	7:00PM Start
Tuesday, September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
Thursday, September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fill the Drum Fundraiser</b>	<b>9:00AM - 1:00PM</b>
Tuesday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
Thursday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Home Football Game</b>	<b>5:30PM Call Time</b>
Tuesday, September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM

#### October

Thursday, October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Saturday Rehearsal</b>	<b>9AM-2PM, 6PM-9PM</b>

<b>Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Visalia Band Showcase</b>	<b>4:30PM Call Time</b>
Tuesday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
Thursday, October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Home Football Game</b>	<b>5:30PM Call Time</b>
<b>Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Visalia Band Invitational</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Tuesday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO REHEARSAL (Fall Break)</b>	
Thursday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Home Football Game (Senior Night)</b>	<b>5:30PM Call Time</b>
<b>Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sierra Cup Classic</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Monday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Band Booster Meeting	7:30PM Start
Tuesday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
Thursday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CSBC Orange Cove</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Monday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	1852 Saddle Rivalry Event (Drumline)	6:00PM Call Time
Tuesday, October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
Thursday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Home Football Game (Saddle)</b>	<b>5:30PM Call Time</b>

## November

Tuesday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
Thursday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Possible Home Football Game (Playoffs)</b>	<b>5:30PM Call Time</b>
<b>Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CSBC Frontier</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Monday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Band Booster Meeting	7:30PM Start
Tuesday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
Thursday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Possible Home Football Game (Playoffs)</b>	<b>5:30PM Call Time</b>
<b>Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CSBC Northern California Division Champs</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Tuesday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
Thursday, November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Possible Home Football Game (Playoffs)</b>	<b>5:30PM Call Time</b>
<b>Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>CSBC State Champs Trip</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>CSBC State Champs Trip</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Possible Home Football Game (Finals)</b>	<b>5:30PM Call Time</b>
<b>Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Candy Cane Lane Parade</b>	<b>TBD</b>

## December

TBD	Afterschool Concert Band Rehearsal #1	TBD
TBD	Afterschool Concert Band Rehearsal #2	TBD
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Winter Concert</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Monday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Band Booster Meeting	7:30PM Start

Disclaimer: The events and schedules listed in this calendar are tentative and subject to change. Please note that dates, times, and locations may be modified or canceled. We recommend checking the website ([gwhsband.org](http://gwhsband.org)) for updates regularly to stay informed about any changes. Thank you for your understanding and support!