



**The Union Pines Band**  
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### **Band Students:**

We want you to be part of the Union Pines Marching Band. Marching band is about **hard work, dedication, and perseverance**. It helps to develop **life skills** including **discipline, teamwork, and leadership**. It also helps to build **character, pride, self-confidence and a strong work ethic**. I understand it is a **huge time commitment**, but the experience is well worth the effort. Marching band is rewarding and will create **many fond memories** for years to come.

### **Parents:**

I appreciate all the hard work and dedication your children put forth each and every day, and I am extremely proud of the talent they possess. Through the band program, this talent will be developed further and will be sure to put smiles on all faces. This program is successful because of you and your willingness to allow your children to participate in the many activities of marching band. The Union Pines Marching Vikings are, without a doubt, one of the **hardest working** groups in the school, and one of the top bands in the state, and I applaud their efforts. I'm proud to be their director, and I am looking forward to yet another successful year. Thanks for all you do and thanks for supporting your children's music education. Also, we can always use the help of parents to run such a large and successful program. We would invite you all to be part of our band boosters. We meet the third Tuesday of each month (12 months a year) at 6:00 PM in the UP Band room. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. Thanks so much, and always remember, "It's All Good!"

Director,

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## **UNION PINES MARCHING BAND CONTRACT**

Marching Band is unlike any other activity at Union Pines High School. Although it meets during class as a full group, it also meets after school for sectional rehearsals (once a week on a designated day to avoid conflict with sports) and on Saturdays for rehearsals before competitions. All of these times outside of the regular class time are a **REQUIRED** part of the class and the student's grade depends upon his/her participation. This class actually begins during the summer months to get ready for competitions and football game half time shows. This requires many hours of inside and outside practice. Once the numbers are set, the show is written, the drill is taught, and the band camp is over, **we are committed** to perform and compete with the show we have learned. If a student backs out at this point, the entire band suffers. Having a hole in the drill, or lacking certain instrumentation musically in the show will negatively affect our grade or rating as a group in competition. This slows down our progress and would be a major setback. To help eliminate this problem we are requiring the signing of this contract to be sure the student and parent(s) understand the commitment necessary.

During the marching season it needs to be understood that band members must put Marching Band rehearsals and performances first on their priority list.

*The summer is extremely busy, but for a very good reason. The hard work and time will pay off to be a very rewarding experience for band students and parents.*



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### **SUMMER MUSIC REHEARSALS FOR BAND**

Rehearsal Time Requirements:

**ROOKIE WEEK:** (FOR ALL FIRST YEAR/ROOKIE MARCHERS)

June 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> @ Union Pines from 8AM-12PM

**DRUMLINE CAMP:** (including sideline percussion):

June 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> @ Union Pines from 1PM-5PM

**Colorguard Camp:** June 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> @ Union Pines from 8AM-7PM

ALL Sectionals will continue from 1PM-3PM for the **remainder of JUNE.**

#### **July:**

**Full Band Rehearsals:** 3PM-5PM Tuesday and Thursday

**Colorguard Rehearsals:** 9AM-12PM Tuesday and Thursday

**Sectionals:** 1PM-3PM Monday *thru* Thursday

Sectional Schedules:

Monday: Flutes/Clarinets

Tuesday: Alto Saxophones/Horns

Wednesday: Trumpets/Drumline/Sideline

Thursday: Low Brass/Low Reed

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Carthage:** REHEARSALS July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9AM-11:30PM  
Parade is on Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Mandatory for ALL rookie marchers, section leaders, and any band student in town.

*Band Alumni are also welcome to participate.*

**Middle School Junior Marching Camp** @ Union Pines July 9<sup>th</sup> thru July 12<sup>th</sup>  
9AM-12PM

(UPHS Drum Majors/Captains/Section Leaders are required to run this camp)

**Marching Band Camp is held for two weeks!**  
**@ UPHS- ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY-NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**July 16-19** from 8AM-8PM

And

**July 23-26** from 9AM-5PM

@ Union Pines High School



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**The Fall Marching Performance Schedule will be completed mid summer and will be posted on our website, [www.unionpinesband.org](http://www.unionpinesband.org)**

**Additional Mandatory Marching Rehearsals**  
**Starting Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Tuesday and Thursday Evenings**  
**6PM to 8:30PM**  
**After Band Camp Until School Starts**

Due to the difficulty of this years drill and music, there will be mandatory marching rehearsals each Tuesday and Thursday evenings after band camp. There will be between 50 and 60 pages of marching drill (this is a lot, more than most bands are capable of) that need to be memorized in addition to the music. It is **absolutely necessary to be at these rehearsals**. We will have the basic foundation for this years marching show after band camp, but we must continue to maintain and build upon the basic foundation. If we do not continue to refresh our memories with the additional rehearsals, all of the hard work that took place at band camp will be lost. We will also be learning more drill at this point and time. Since we are a **highly competitive marching band**, we are always concerned about the quality of our performance. Also, our first half time show will be in mid August before school starts. We need to be ready to perform, and as we all know, in the marching band world

**Half Time is Game Time!!**

The pre-season evening marching rehearsals will be from 5:30PM-8:30PM at Union Pines High School every Tuesday and Thursday evening starting Tuesday, July 31st and will continue through August. Once school starts, we will no longer hold evening marching rehearsals, but we will have sectional music and marching rehearsals though the week, once a week, (the day depends on the sectional decision) after school until 5:30PM (sometimes a little later).

**Remember** Marching Band is about **hard work, dedication, and perseverance.**

**Sectionals will continue (same time, same place) throughout August.**



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### **Band Camp Information** **2012**

What: Union Pines Marching Band Camp  
Who: All members-this is mandatory!  
Where: Union Pines High school  
When: July 16-19 From 8AM-8PM  
July 23-26 from 8AM-5PM

- \* Students MUST bring a container/cooler to keep water in during the day. We spend long days outside in the sun. Students who do not have water run the risk of getting heat exhaustion, heat stroke, or other heat injury. A cooler with water is essential!
- \* Tennis shoes/sneakers are the only acceptable footwear while marching!  
NO FLIP FLOPS or SANDALS!!
- \* Students should bring sun block, bug spray, hats, sunglasses, etc., to protect your student from the sun.
  - \*Gold Bond Powder
  - \* Basketball style nylon shorts are the best to stay cool
  - \* A white hand towel or a "Frog" (you can get at Bed, Bath, and Beyond")

**\*LUNCH AND DINNER IS ON YOUR OWN. You can either bring a lunch or go out to eat, but you must be back on time.**

**Any other questions? Contact the band director, Mr. Rob Hill, during office hours at 910.947.5511**



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### **Band Fees**

Due to a limited budget, we, as students and boosters must provide funds for transportation, uniforms, major equipment, extra clinics, and general operating expense. The following expenses are outside of the Band Booster budget and need to be paid to the Union Pines Band Boosters. You can send a check or money order to:

Union Pines High School Band Boosters  
Attn: Rob Hill  
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**First year marchers and Colorguard**  
**(6 payments) \$65 deposit due 2/29/12**  
**\$65 is due by the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month March-July**  
**Or you can make a one time payment of \$390**

**2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Year Marchers**  
**(6 payments) \$55 deposit due 2/29/12**  
**\$55 is due by the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month March-July**  
**Or you can make a one time payment of \$330**

Band fees pay for:  
Music, Drill Writing, Additional Instructors, Band Shirt, Show Shirt, Shoes, Gloves,  
Dry Cleaning, Uniform rental, New Bibbers, and 1/2 of transportation costs

**I understand that Band Fees are used to purchase drill/music;**  
**therefore, the band fees are non-refundable. If you have any**  
**questions, please contact Donna Faulkner @ 910.690.0161 or**  
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**This following form is due with your initial deposit by February 29<sup>th</sup>**

I am aware that membership in the Union Pines Band program requires a time commitment. Other people are depending on me. I have read the Union Pines Band Handbook and will abide by its rules and policies. I further understand that I am committing to being in the Marching Band until the end of the Fall Semester.

Student's Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ or Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parents email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please note:

We have sponsorship forms available to assist students in obtaining sponsorship's from family members and other people and businesses in the community through our "Adopt a Band Student" program. Students can utilize these forms for assistance with band fees and trips!

Please contact Donna Faulkner @ 910.690.0161 or [unionpinesband@gmail.com](mailto:unionpinesband@gmail.com) for more information. We want EVERY student to experience the Union Pines Band and will help you to make this a reality. No student will be turned away due to financial reasons. Please contact Donna.