

Union Pines Band Handbook
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UNION PINES
MARCHING VIKINGS

Mr. Rob Hill- Director

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Welcome to the Union Pines Band!

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. Band is rewarding and will create **many fond memories** for years to come.

I appreciate all the hard work and dedication you put forth each and every day, and I am extremely proud of the talent you 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 participate in the many activities of band. The Union Pines Band is, without a doubt, one of the **hardest working** groups in the school, and one of the top bands in the state, and I applaud your efforts. I'm proud to be your director, and I am looking forward to yet another successful year. It's All Good!

Sincerely,

Rob Hill

Union Pines Band Biography

The Union Pines Band program consist of 140 + band students, which is a rather large percentage of the school, greater than 11 percent of the student body. Union Pines High School is located between the two small towns of Cameron and Carthage, North Carolina, and the fact that the band is extremely large in this type of atmosphere is equally impressive. The band is very competitive and because they are a rather large group, they compete in the largest division, Class 4A, across the state, even though Union Pines High School is classified as a 3A school.

In the fall semester the Marching Vikings compete regularly and have brought much prestige to the school through their superior quality of performance. They represented North Carolina as they marched in the Forth of July Parade in Washington D.C. During the spring semester, the marching band breaks into three concert bands, the Wind Ensemble, the Symphonic Band, and the Concert Band. They all compete at state level contest each year, and have received Superior ratings in the last few years in grade levels III through IV. They have also competed against many bands across the country in New York City, Orlando, Chicago, Boston, and plan to compete at the National Festival of States Competition in San Antonio in the spring of 2013.

The Union Pines Band is a great asset to the school and the community, and can be seen frequently at many events in Moore County including the Forth of July Parade in Carthage, the Carthage and Southern Pines Christmas Parades, the Carthage Veterans Memorial Day Service, the Carthage Buggy Festival and many other local events. The Marching Vikings also play host to the Annual Viking Classic Marching Band Competition in which as many as 20+ bands from across the state come to compete at Union Pines. This event has taken place 19 years now and has proven to be one of the most exciting venues for marching band completion. The Viking Classic is also a major fundraiser for the band which takes a tremendous amount of time and energy to run from the band students and Band Boosters. This is a true testament to the great work ethic and dedication that the band students and band booster possess which, in turn, helps the program and their mission to bring joy to their audiences through their talent of music and marching.

Directors

Mr. Rob Hill, Head Band Director

Ms. Jessica Traversino, Assistant Band Director

Mrs. Jennifer Smith, Assistant Band Director

Mr. Tom Bernett, Drumline Instructor

Mrs. Cori Dunn, Colorguard Instructor

Requirements to Be in the Marching Band

1. Dedication
2. Hard work and a positive attitude
3. A completed contract, health form, parent form, and registration form which is to be turned into Mr. Hill. You cannot participate in the group without these forms!
4. Band fees, which must be paid according to schedule. We have a payment plan to allow monthly payments. PayPal is available on our website at www.unionpinesband.org
5. It is highly recommended that you, in addition to marching band in the fall, sign up for concert band in the spring. We are able to compete at the highest possible levels of music because the majority of band students consistently take band each semester during their 4 years at Union Pines.

Attendance Policy

In order for this Marching Band to reach greatness, it is important that we use our practice time wisely. Your commitment to this band will be directly affected by your attendance and preparation for each Scheduled Band Activity (SBA). A SBA is a current activity that is scheduled on the calendar. This includes rehearsals and performances. The attendance policy will go into effect upon the first day of rehearsal in June. The entire band is a chain. One weak link will cause the chain to not perform at its full potential. Each person in the band is important, and it is important to be at each SBA.

There are unavoidable absences. These must be cleared at least one week in advance with the Director. The only event that will be permitted is an emergency. An absence will be considered excused if:

- You have a medical emergency, accompanied by a physician's note
- There is a death in your family

If at all possible, please let us know when an emergency occurs, so we do not worry or wonder where you are.

Any student missing any portion of Band Camp without a month prior notice to Mr. Hill will be subject to immediate dismissal. These practices are the most important because this is when we will learn the majority of the show. If you miss these practices you would be too far behind to get caught up. **Parents, please plan vacation around Mini Band Camps and Band Camp.**

Employment is not an excuse for missing a rehearsal or a performance. Any student who misses a rehearsal or performance due to work will be charged with an unexcused absence and your grade will be lowered.

Each student is expected to come to a rehearsal or a performance prepared and ready to participate to the fullest of their ability. Any student that comes to a rehearsal or performance and does not actively participate will be subject to disciplinary action. This includes, but is not limited to: forgetting an instrument; not having a reed, mouthpiece, sticks, mallets, or flags; not having music; or not having the correct shoes for marching, etc.

General Rules of Conduct

Rehearsal Etiquette

A well-defined and executed rehearsal technique has a direct impact on the success of the group. It is expected that all members adhere to the following rehearsal etiquette.

1. Be in the right place, at the right time, with the right equipment. You should have the following items with you at all rehearsals:
 - a. Instruments
 - b. drill book with drill sheets
 - c. Pencil; you will need to write several things down on your music and drill at every rehearsal. It is very difficult to remember everything from rehearsal to rehearsal.
 - e. Water jugs; this is very important to have. Marching Band is a very active and physical activity. You will need water. We do not want people passing out due to dehydration. Every member should have their own water jug or bottle, especially in the summer months.

All band members should dress comfortably and appropriately for all rehearsals. It is important for you to realize that we will be outside and moving. It is also up to you to watch the weather forecast and to dress for it. Appropriate clothing for rehearsals include: t-shirts, shorts, sweats, and tennis shoes (no sandals, dress shoes, or jeans).

Talking during a rehearsal when brought to attention is restricted to staff, drum major, and section leaders only. There will be many people on the field 140+. The staff cannot and will not talk over you. Remember, "When the talking starts, learning stops." Do not waste rehearsal time by talking. If you have a comment or question during a rehearsal, wait until the appropriate time. We will give you plenty of breaks at which you can socialize.

Rehearsal etiquette is the same no matter who is conducting.

It is a proven fact that both positive and negative attitudes are contagious. You are expected to exhibit a positive and cooperative attitude at all times. Any student exhibiting a consistent negative, demeaning, or undermining attitude towards staff, parents, students, or the Union Pines High School Band program will be subject to a permanent removal from the group. Such violations may result in a conference involving the Director of the Band, the Parents/Guardians of the student, the student, and an appropriate school administrator(s).

Performance Etiquette

1. "The Most Important" Rule: If you are on time you're late, if you're early, you're on time! Do not be late! The times to be ready to perform or rehearse before a game, competition, or other event will be announced prior to the event.
2. March to and from the stadium with pride. The uniform is to be worn PROPERLY at all times. Your performance begins as soon as we march to the stadium or get off the bus for a parade or competition. It does not end until you are dismissed by Director or Drum Major. Do not break ranks until instructed to do so. When marching in ranks you should be tall and proud. Do not let anyone outside of the band cut through the ranks. Do not talk when marching in rank!
3. You may not eat or drink in your uniform, except for water. Accidents will occur unexpectedly that may soil, stain, or permanently damage your uniform. You will be instructed at performances as to when it is appropriate to remove your band jacket and get something to eat and drink.
4. Do not lean or sit on anything that will soil, tear, or snag your uniform.
5. While at a performance it is imperative that you sit with your designated section.
6. There are to be no visitors in the designated band area during a football game. Only Union Pines Marching Band members, chaperones, instructors, and administrators are allowed in the band's section in the stands. This is important from the standpoint of your safety. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
7. The general rule is that if you have any questions regarding whether you should or should not be doing something in uniform, DO NOT DO IT!! When you are wearing the uniform, you are not looked upon by others as an individual, but rather as a part of the Union Pines High School Marching Band. Most of the spectators and band members from other groups who will see you behind the scenes will form their opinion of the *Entire Band* from their opinion of how *you* behave in uniform.

Uniforms

The Union Pines Marching Vikings recently purchased NEW uniforms. These are VERY expensive! Each student will be fitted and issued a uniform to be kept at Union Pines. Each student is responsible for making sure their uniform is turned in at the end of competitions for dry cleaning. If your uniform needs adjustments DO NOT wait until the day of a completion/performance to let the uniform chairperson know. As soon as you know there's a problem, please let us know.

Things you need to purchase and wear at each performance:

1. White underwear- The uniform pants are white and any other color will show through.
2. White knee hi socks
3. White shoe polish for shoes (marching shoes are called "Dinkles")
4. CLEAN YOU BAND SHOES THE NIGHT BEFORE!
5. Girls need bobby pins and rubber bands for their hair
6. There should be ONLY 2 hangers in your bag one for your bibbers (pants) and one for your jacket. PLEASE utilize these hangers. Our NEW uniforms are custom made, only we have them, therefore they are expensive!
7. PLEASE look after your gloves! Know where they before any competition!
8. **When a fitting day is assigned to you PLEASE BE THERE!!!!!! It's hard to guess on uniforms. A fitting is a must!**
9. Be **PROUD** of your uniform and treat it with respect. IF you damage it, you will have to pay for it....so, be nice to it!

Dress Code When out of Uniform

When in route to a competition, you will be issued a "Show Shirt".
When in route to a parade you will be issued a blue polo. The usual attire is Blue Polo and Khaki pants/shorts. Remember YOU represent Union Pines. Wear your shirts with pride! (Do not roll your shirt sleeves up or tie knots in the shirt, this looks very unprofessional!)

Band Commitment According to the Following Schedule

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 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 because 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 a 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 and be a very rewarding experience for band students and parents.

Rehearsal Time Requirements:

SUMMER MUSIC REHEARSALS FOR BAND

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

June 11th-14th@ Union Pines from 8AM-12PM

DRUMLINE CAMP: (including sideline percussion):

June 11th-14th @ Union Pines from 1PM-5PM

Colorguard Camp: June 11th-14th @ Union Pines from 8AM-7PM

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

July:

Full Band Rehearsals: 3AM-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

4th of July Parade Carthage: REHEARSALS July 2nd and 3rd from 9AM-11:30PM
Parade is on Wednesday July 4th 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 9th thru July 12th
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

Additional Mandatory Marching Rehearsals

Starting July 31st

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings

6:00PM-8:45PM

**The Fall Marching Performance Schedule will be completed mid
summer and will be posted on our website, www.unionpinesband.org**

Additional Mandatory Marching Rehearsals

Starting Tuesday, July 31st

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings

6PM to 8:30PM

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 5:30-8:30PM 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 5:30 (sometimes a little later).

Remember Marching Band is about

hard work, dedication, and perseverance.

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

Band Camp 2012 Information

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

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

1981 Union Church Road

Cameron, NC 28326

**First year marchers and Colorguard
(6 payments) \$65 deposit due 2/29/12
\$65 is due by the 30th of each month March-July
Or you can make a one time payment of \$390**

**2nd-4th Year Marchers
(6 payments) \$55 deposit due 2/29/12
\$55 is due by the 30th 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 ½ of transportation costs

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 unionpinesband@gmail.com

Band Boosters

The **Band Boosters meet at 6PM on the third Tuesday of each month** in the band room. This is where we share ideas on running the band program, fundraising, etc. If you are a parent of a band student, you are a band booster!

There is never a charge to become a booster, just the desire to help this program grow. Even if your student has a few months before coming to Union Pines, our booster meetings are very informative and you will get to meet great people! Please come join us!

Booster Officers

President: Leon Monroe	leonmonroe@unionpinesband.org
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Treasurer: Donna Faulkner	donnafaulkner@unionpines.org
Webmaster: Chris Walker	chriswalker@unionpines.org

DCI (Drum Corps International)

Every year we take a trip to Rock Hill South Carolina, usually the last of July, to spend the day watching the best of the best marching bands. This is highly recommended. Each student who wants to go MUST sign up and pay for their ticket in early June, (which runs about \$40). This is a WONDERFUL opportunity for the students to experience band competitions at their finest! Transportation and meals are on your own. We usually have parents that can give rides to those students wishing to go but have no way to get there. Please let us know if you need assistance. Sign up will be in the later part of May so make sure you watch the website www.unionpinesband.org and ensure we have your email listed with us. If you are on Facebook, we have a Booster Page set up with all announcements listed.

Hosting the Viking Classic Band Competition

The Union Pines Band annually hosts *The Viking Classic*, a tri-state marching band competition. This event will bring approximately 3,000 people from North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina to our stadium. Many of these people are from surrounding cities and counties. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! This year's Viking Classic will be held on Saturday, October 27th at Union Pines High School. You will need to be there from 7:30 AM until(Usually 1AM"ish"). There are months of preparation involved and we will need all parents/boosters to volunteer. This is a huge undertaking but also our largest fundraiser for the band. Without the Viking Classic our band could not exist. So, make sure your calendar is clear on that day! WE WILL NEED YOU!

End of Marching Season Dinner

Each year after our last competition we head to Cracker Barrel (they stay open just for us!) and enjoy talking about the season and have a great time with great kids and their parents. This is a meal that is on your own. There will be a limited menu available which will be emailed to you when the time comes. Please make sure you plan on attending this fun event!

Marching Season has come to a close and your Saturdays are very empty! Now we head to Concert Band!

Concert, Symphonic and Wind Ensemble,

The Concert Band is primarily freshman; the Symphonic Band - primarily sophomores; the Wind Ensemble - primarily juniors and seniors. These bands have competed in North Carolina, New York City, Chicago, Boston, and will compete in San Antonio in April of 2013. These bands consistently receive superior and excellent ratings. The Concert Band and Symphonic Band are building years to get to the Wind Ensemble, which competes in the most difficult category, playing the highest and most difficult music, grade level VI. They have been awarded the prestigious William D. Revelli Concert Band Award, which is an award of distinction and they have taken first place in many events with additional awards such as outstanding soloists. As a result of these recognitions, the Union Pines High School Band is regarded as one of the top bands in the Southeastern District and in the State of North Carolina. In 2010 they were invited to represent the state of North Carolina in the National Independence Day Parade in Washington D.C.

Dress Code for Concert, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble

Females: Black dress (at least knee length) or Black Blouse and Dress Pants
Black dress shoes

Males: Black Dress Pants

White Tuxedo Shirt (can be purchased at Michaels at a reasonable rate)

Black dress shoes and black belt

All County, All District, and All State Bands

Students also have the opportunity to try out for All County Band, All District Band, and possibly All State Band, depending on how high a chair position a potential student may place during the audition. These are auditioned based groups for students who wish to go above and beyond the standard. These auditions are also a requirement for future band leadership; section leaders, captains, and drum majors. All County auditions take place in early November, All District auditions take place in early January, and the All State auditions typically take place in March (if All State eligible depending on chair placement at All District). You can keep up with these types of events via the NC Bandmasters website. www.ncbandmasters.org We are in the Southeastern District.

Pops Concert and End of the Year Banquet

At the end of the school year it's time to celebrate what all the band students have accomplished over the past year.

First, you will enjoy hearing each band perform a pops concert, movie themes, popular television show themes, cartoon themes, etc. Second, it's time to eat! Please bring a covered dish to the banquet. The Chairperson will contact parents to find out what they can bring.

After we eat, we have a ceremony to hand out awards and send our seniors off with special thanks. Also, we watch the end of the year video, which is created by the senior class. Always FUN to watch.

Plan on being here from 7pm until 11:00("ish")

Everyone pitches in and helps clean up. We use the cafeteria for the banquet and awards ceremony and we must leave it the way we found it.

Fundraisers

- * Golf Tournament Date TBD
 - * Host the Viking Classic Band Competition October 27, 2012
 - * Ford Drive (if they offer it again this year) Test drive a car at UP and they donate money to the band
 - * Fruit Sales- November
- Small fundraisers may include:
- Krispy Kreme Sales
 - Candy Sales
 - Car Wash
 - And others...

Please make sure we have your email address as this is the main communication tool for the Union Pines Band.

If you are on Facebook, please join our [Booster page!](#)

Congratulations on becoming part of the Union Pines Marching Viking family! We look forward to getting to know you and your student and witnessing their Marching Viking experience!