

2010 SHADOW ARMADA

Oregon High School Summer Marching Band Information and FAQ

Welcome (or Welcome Back!) to the Oregon Band Family! In the interest of full disclosure, I've put together a list of FAQs and other information that I think will help you as our 2010 season unfolds. If you every have any questions, feel free to contact me via email or telephone. Thanks!

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SCHEDULING

Camps

- "Camps" are bando slang for weekend rehearsals. There is one per month from January through April, two in May, and one more in June. These rehearsals are required but can be missed for school-related events (such as sports) and important family events. Lunch is provided on Saturday of camps; other meals will be the responsibility of the student. Housing is not provided but we can point you in the right direction. Email Nick with questions.

Sectionals

- Each section has short sectional rehearsals in addition to our camps about once per month, although there is less of this in 2010. These are also required in the same manner as the camps themselves.

Late/Absent

- If a student is going to be late to or absent from a camp or sectional they **MUST email** Nick in **advance** of the rehearsal.

Summer

- The summer is our primary season and EVERY student is expected to participate in EVERY MOMENT of all rehearsals, travel, and shows. Acceptable reasons for absence in the summer are very few and must be verified and accepted by Nick well in advance. Please schedule all appointments (dentist, doctor, etc.) and other needs outside of our short one-month summer season.

Summer School

- Because we will be on the road for most of our season, students will NOT be able to participate in summer school from June 14th through July 12th. Anyone needing to make up outcomes will not be able to do so until after July 12th. Please plan accordingly. Again, it will **NOT** be possible for students to attend summer school from 6/14 through 7/12.

ADDITIONAL COSTS, FEES

Deposit

- Because we are running a very tight budget to try to keep fees as low as possible during this time of very high costs, we need to require more of the total fees upfront. The deposit this year is **\$200.00**, which does act against your total fees. The problem was cash flow plain and simple; we need to collect more of the total fees earlier. Please be prepared to pay your \$200.00 deposit at or before February camp.
- In the past, if your child decided not to march after enrolling, OBB kept your deposit. Now that the deposit is higher, OBB will only keep \$100.00 of the total deposit. The rest can be refunded if you wish.

Fees

- In addition to the standard \$860.00 membership fee, which covers staff, travel, uniform, activities, sightseeing, and a host of other needs, we also have fees that help maintain and replace instruments and equipment. These fees are based on what section you are in and are charged to your account in addition to the membership fee. For more information on these fees, which range from \$35 to \$85, please refer to the Enrollment Form. Plenty of fundraising, payment plan, and scholarship avenues are available for EVERYONE to be able to afford to march. If you have a real need, contact Nick.

Shoes

- All members will need to purchase their uniform shoes at a cost of about \$30. This is a one-time purchase, as we will use the same shoes from here on out. This charge will also be applied to your student account. If your student purchased shoes for the 2008 or 2009 Shadow Armada and you still have them, they will NOT need to buy them again.

Jacket

- Colorguard members **MUST** purchase an OMAAP member jacket if they haven't done so already. These are the same for all OMAAP ensembles and can be ordered at www.omaap.org/store.html. Other members are encouraged (but not required) to order a jacket since they are a privilege of membership and are therefore available exclusively to **student** members of our band family – not to parents, fans, or staff. The cost can be reimbursed to you from your student account – just turn your receipt in to the Oregon Band Boosters Student Accounts Dept.

Required Fundraising

- Most of our fundraising is for your student account – i.e. whatever you earn will be reserved strictly for your family's use. But since the Band Booster's general fund provides so much assistance to the summer program (about 15% of the total cost), we all need to pitch in to raise money for that fund. Therefore, each spring we will be running a required general fundraiser where each family will receive fundraising materials and be asked to return a certain amount of profit within a period of time. No matter what the fundraiser is, we'll try to keep it practical, fun, and easy, like the grocery bags in spring 2008.
- PULLanthropy – All students will be required to raise a minimum of \$100.00 using PULLanthropy. If families choose not to participate, they may simply pay the extra \$100.00 along with their fees.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Committees

- We need your talents, too – not just your student's! The Oregon Band Boosters is a great group of people to work with and we can always use new people and ideas. We have many committees to serve on and the workload is pretty light for all of them. Some choices include Sewing, Transportation, Props, Fundraising, Food, and Chaperone Committees. Please attend our meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM in the OHS band room to get involved! You can also contact president Sheri Bailey at smb@medicine.wisc.edu. Your student needs you!

Chaperoning

- Unlike other summer ensembles of our type, we maintain a lot of adult supervision over our members. In fact, we need to travel with one (1) chaperone for every ten (10) students! That's a lot! Please consider traveling with us and with your child this season. The more of you that come along, the more successful we will be!