



A Band Like No Other

If you are like **most young musicians**, you likely have a couple interests in common with the high school marching band students: 1) You love to have fun during the summer, 2) You love to find ways to challenge yourself musically, and 3) You want to find a way to get even more out of your musical experiences. In the summer of 2009, you have an opportunity to do all three of these, and more! This year you have a chance to claim the **spotlight** as a participant in the Armada Cadets, a band which is like no other in Wisconsin.

As a young musician, this six-day summer camp is everything you could hope for. You'll learn **fun** music that you enjoy, you'll learn how to march and play at the same time, you might even learn how to spin a flag! You'll spend hours of quality time engaged in practice and recreation (including all kinds of fun games and activities) with your friends and maybe even get to know some new people. You'll *memorize* a short marching band show and, most exciting of all, you'll **perform your show** at the end of the week! Sound challenging? Sound *impossible*?! Its not! This camp isn't just for first-chair players or dance masters or some elite group of 6th and 7th graders you have never met. Oh no, this camp is for **EVERY 6th and 7th grade student in Oregon!** And we KNOW you can do it! Your music, drill (marching), and flag routine will be written by professionals who know your skill level and will challenge you just the right amount. All you have to do is show up and have fun!



Armada Cadets Woodwinds:
Strike a pose!



Armada Cadets members mugging
for the camera!

Get Involved!

You're probably wondering when this thing is going down and what you would be doing if you signed up, aren't you?

There are **four very cool ways** to get involved in the Armada Cadets Middle School Marching Band, no matter what your talents are or how skilled you are at them. Although you and your friends who attend will be forming a single large band, the band itself is made up of four distinct parts, one of which you will be a part of. Check it out:

Hornline

This is the section you would be joining if you play a wind instrument. This means the following instruments: flute, clarinet, saxophone, horn in F, trumpet, trombone, baritone, and tuba. We even supply many of the instruments listed here for your use! We have trombones, baritones, marching tubas, and mellophones (horn in F) which are here for your use in the summer. **If you were in band this past year** and play any of these instruments, the **Hornline may be the place for you!**

Colorguard - Dance

The Colorguard is the **heart of the visual program**. Although the Battery and Hornline are marching around on the field also, their focus is not just on the visual program; they have to play music, too! Not so in the Guard. The focus of the Colorguard is to tell the story of the music through **dance** and **flag** routine. Don't worry if you don't know how to spin a flag – our highly experienced staff will be happy to teach you – **come learn a new skill!** Especially if you are a **dancer**, or have been in **cheerleading or poms**, and even if you have no experience at all but are dedicated, the Colorguard may be where you find your niche. Being a part of the Colorguard at this camp does NOT require that you were in band this year, but that would be very helpful. By the way, Colorguard is for young women AND young men. Come check it out!

Front Line Percussion

In most modern marching bands, there is an orchestral percussion section included in the ensemble, and they **stand still and play instruments** much like the drums and keyboards in the back of your band room. In the *old* days, these instruments were adapted to fit a harness and then carted around on the field as marching instruments! Nowadays, the xylophone, marimba, vibraphone, and other keyboards join the timpani and multiple percussion on the front sideline to play as a stationary ensemble during the show.

Front Line Percussion is a great place for wind players who can't march for some reason, **percussionists** who don't want to be in the battery, **piano players** who want to be in marching band, and any anyone else with musical background that doesn't quite know where they fit in. This year's show has a lot of Front Line Percussion stuff in it, and is sure to be a blast both learning and performing. This section is for students who are currently in **orchestra, band, choir, or are taking piano lessons!**

Battery Percussion

This is the section of the marching band that keeps the "heartbeat." The Battery is the group of percussionists who play drums while marching around on the field. This is the group that requires the most previous experience for you to be successful. But that isn't to say that you can't give it a shot. This band is all about chances. Chances to learn, grow, and become a better musician. Our instructors have a lot of experience working with young students of all skill levels. If you are a percussionist in band right now and like to play snare, tom, or bass drum, you had better come check out what they can do!

So that's pretty much it! No matter who you are or what you want to do, **we have a spot for you.** This is the perfect place for you to grow as a person and as a musician, and have a great time doing it. We look forward to seeing you!



OMS Members working hard (or is it "hardly working?")

When and How Much?

When: July 20th—July 25th, 2009
9AM—4PM, Oregon High School

How Much: *only* \$125, which pays for ...
Professional instruction
Lunch all six days
Show Supplies
Instrument rental (if applicable)
Recreational activities
2009 Cadets Shirt

This is a deal you can't beat **anywhere!**
Go for it!