

**UMATILLA HIGH SCHOOL**

**BULLDOG BAND**



**2026 - 2027**

*registration packet*

# UMATILLA HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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Dear New and Returning Band Members and Parents,

Hello! Mr. Innis here.... Director of Bands at UHS. We are excited about our Fall 2026 Marching Season... especially our halftime show theme for this school year. The band is continuing to grow, and we look forward to continued success. Your participation as a student and parent is key!

Enclosed in this packet is everything you'll need to know to have a successful start to your year in band! Check out the parent & student checklists, FAQ page, important dates, band fee information, booster & volunteer sign ups, band camp bulletin, communication, and more! Make sure you get signed up for our BAND APP – the most comprehensive communication tool we will use throughout the year.

Two of the most important things you can do to be a successful member of our band program is to SHOW UP and DO YOUR BEST! Including... at BAND CAMP! I would like to take this opportunity to stress the importance of band member attendance at our Pre-Camp and Band Camp. To be prepared for our first game, we must rehearse before school begins. These rehearsals are very important and will determine our success in the fall. All members have a responsibility to attend these events; members who are unable to attend have a responsibility to communicate with the director in a timely manner. Enclosed with this packet is the band camp notice. Please post this in a well-seen place in your household... we don't want anyone to miss out on the band camp fun!

In late July/early August, we will host our annual required Band Camp. This is an important time to develop our marching skills, music fundamentals, and become familiar with the campus. If you have a conflict please let me know ASAP so we can work something out. Band Camp is hot, but fun, and students will make many new friends before school even starts! See the UHS Band Website, Facebook Page, and Social Media Accounts to keep up-do-date with camp and our yearly events.

Feel free to contact me through email at [innisy@lake.k12.fl.us](mailto:innisy@lake.k12.fl.us) with any questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing all of you and I hope you have a great summer!

Musically Yours,

Mr. Yannick Innis  
Director of Bands  
Umatilla High School



**PARENT/GUARDIAN CHECKLIST**

- Complete all necessary paperwork by July 24
  - Summer Contact Info Form
  - Field Trip/Medical Waiver – *notarized*
  - Sports Physical
  - Meds administration
- Pay required summer band fees by July 31
- Register for the BAND App on your phone
- Purchase required Band Gear
- Become a Level 2 volunteer

**STUDENT CHECKLIST**

- Turn in required paperwork & fees
- Register for the BAND App on your phone
- Bookmark our band website on your phone
- Follow us on social media!
- Obtain and/or maintain your instrument before band camp

**GET THE BAND APP TODAY!**

- Download the BAND App on your phone
- Find our group: Umatilla Bulldog Band
- Turn on notifications
- Stay updated and involved!



**IMPORTANT DATES**

- May 19 Registration Night
- July 1 Physical Paperwork Due
- July 22 Leadership Team Meeting
- July 23 9<sup>th</sup> Grade/New Member Camp
- July 24 Pre-Band Camp Day
- July 27 Band Camp Begins
- July 31 Band Camp Ends
- Aug. 10 First Day of School

**REQUIRED BAND GEAR**

**EVERYONE**

- [Gallon plastic water jug with hooks](#)

**BAND MEMBERS:**

- 1 UHS Band DriFit T-Shirt
- 1 Section T-Shirts (*given at band camp*)
- 1 pair of Gym shorts
- 1 pair of Marching Band Shoes: Dinkles
- 2 pair of Gloves (*WW need fingerless gloves*)

**COLORGUARD MEMBERS:**

- 1 UHS Band DriFit T-Shirt
- 1 Section T-Shirts (*given at band camp*)
- 1 pair of Gym shorts
- 1 pair of Guard Shoes: Glide Dinkles
- 2 pair of Guard Gloves (*via BandShoppe*)
- 1 pair of Guard Warmup Outfit (*Top & Bottom*)
- 1 Guard Spirit Top

**YEARLY BAND FEES**

**(\$275)**

- \$25 Commitment Fee
- \$50 Band Camp Fee
- \$50 Band Fee Pymt #1 (Oct. 9)
- \$50 Band Fee Pymt #2 (Dec. 18)
- \$50 Band Fee Pymt #3 (March 4)
- \$50 Band Fee Pymt #4 (May 28)

Checks made payable to UHS Band Boosters.

[Online Payment](#) is also accepted.



# UHS BAND CAMP

July 23 - 24 (9 AM - 12 PM) | July 27 - 31 (8 AM - 5 PM)

This is your official notice of the **2026 UHS MARCHING BAND CAMP!** Band Camp is **mandatory** for all students enrolled in band at Umatilla High School. This one week camp will cover the basics of marching band; we will begin learning our Halftime Show. Missing band camp could result in losing your spot on the field. Contact Mr. Innis ASAP if there is a conflict! Here are the important Band Camp dates for this upcoming season:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
May 19	5:30pm – 7:30pm	Band Camp Registration Night	UHS Auditorium
July 23	9:00am – 12:00pm	Freshman & New Members Day	Band Room
July 24	9:00am – 12:00pm	Pre-Camp Day	Band Room
July 27 – 31	8:00am – 5:00pm	Full Band Camp	Band Room
July 31	5:00pm – 6:00pm	End of Camp Parent Meeting	UHS Auditorium
July 31	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Pre-Show Performance / BBQ	UHS Auditorium

## BEFORE CAMP TO-DO LIST

- Complete all necessary paperwork**
- Pay the required fees**
  
- Purchase required **band gear**
- Purchase (or gather) necessary **band camp clothing**
- Dust off your **instruments!** Make sure they're ready to play... valve oil, slide cream, cork grease, new reeds.
- Pre-hydrate** 48 hours in advance!

## BAND CAMP PAYMENTS (\$75)

- \$25      Commitment Fee
- \$50      Band Camp / Apparel Fee

Checks made payable to UHS Band Boosters.



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## BAND CAMP PACKING LIST

- Eat **breakfast** EVERY DAY!
  - ♫ Avoid dairy and eggs. Drink water.
- Bring your own **lunch**
  - ♫ Lunch will last 45 minutes. Students may not leave campus for lunch.
- Refillable **water bottle**
  - ♫ Labeled with first and last name
  - ♫ Water or Gatorade (no soda or energy drinks)
- “Workout” Attire**
  - ♫ Drifit shirts and gym shorts are the best clothing for marching band
  - ♫ Absolutely NO jeans, sweatshirts/jackets/hoodies
- Sneakers** / tennis shoes
  - ♫ Absolutely NO flip-flops, sandals, crocs, etc.
- Protective Gear:** Sunscreen, Hat, Sunglasses
- Deodorant**
- Instrument & sheet music**
- A good **attitude!**

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

a guide to starting the marching season off right

## **When is band camp?**

The UHS Band Camp is almost always one to two weeks before school starts. You can go ahead and mark it in your calendar for next school year!

## **Why do I need to attend Band Camp?**

The band is one of the most involved groups on campus – and one of the most visible to our community. Our first performance of the year will take place during the first week of school! So, just like the football team and the cheerleading squad, we must practice over the summer to prepare. Band Camp also helps us lock-in our numbers on the field – every time a new member is added or a member has to be removed, we have to rewrite the drill and move performers' spots. It's imperative that every member attends camp so that the start to our marching season can begin smoothly!

## **What if I miss band camp?**

As stated above, every time a member is added or removed, we must rewrite the drill and move performers' spots. It's imperative that every member attends camp so that the drill can remain as accurate as possible from the start. If you are unable to attend camp, we cannot promise that your spot on the field will be held for you. Please contact Mr. Innis ASAP if there are any conflicts during band camp.

## **Do I have to be in the Marching Band?**

Yes. Marching Band is a requirement of the FLDOE. The band curriculum covers marching band, and we will follow the curriculum. Marching Band only runs through the beginning of November, so don't be discouraged! It is FUN! You get to play cool music, put on a show, go to football games for free, hang out with your friends, and more.

## **Marching Band VS Physical Education**

Recently, the state Senate passed Florida House Bill 1105. This states that students who **complete two full seasons of marching band** with a grade of "C" or better can satisfy the one-credit requirement for physical education! An easy "A".... show up to rehearsals, play at the football games, get an A, earn a PE credit!

## **How much time does Marching Band take up during the week?**

Mandatory Marching Band Rehearsals are every Monday and Thursday from 3:00 – 5:30. Football Games are most Fridays. These are the only times we get to practice our show on the field. Band is a team sport – all teammates are expected to show up and practice with the team. Would a football player get to skip practice and still get to play in the game? Would a cheerleader be excused from practice to work their parttime job and still be allowed to be at the top of the pyramid? Marching Band is as much a physical activity as it is a creative one – be dedicated to yourself, your bandmates, and the program and show up to rehearsals! Any students who miss rehearsal (pre-arranged or otherwise) must communicate with Mr. Innis in a timely manner.

### **Does band interfere with sports or student club activities?**

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Band does **NOT** interfere with any student activities. Many members of the UHS Marching Bulldogs are involved in sports, clubs, AP/Cambridge classes, dual-enrolled, and more! We have band members successfully involved in MULTIPLE groups on campus. The key to being involved is COMMUNICATION! If you ever get double booked, it is YOUR responsibility to contact Mr. Innis to make arrangements for missing a band event.

### **How much does band cost?**

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We are proud of the fact that our band fees are among the lowest in the county. With a budget nearing \$40,000, there are costs associated with being in the band program. However, music is for EVERYONE and we will work with you to ensure that no student is ever turned away due to financial hardship.

### **How can I join colorguard?**

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We are looking for anyone interested in having fun, making friends, and helping to make Friday night football games a BLAST!!! The members of the COLORGUARD specialize in the visual interpretation of music through the movement of the body and equipment - flags, rifles, and sabers, and more! Additionally, as a member of the colorguard you will earn both a FINE ARTS and PE credit at the same time! Any students are welcome to join – invite your friends! No band/music/dance experience needed!

### **Does the band travel?**

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YES, ALL THE TIME! We are constantly getting on a bus and going somewhere... away games, competitions, concerts, etc. We also take an out-of-state trip every other year! I wonder where we will be going in April 2028...? #BandRoadTrip

### **Is high school band fun?**

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ABSOLUTELY!!! I guarantee that you will have the time of your life as a member of our UHS Bulldog Band. Concerts, pep rallies, football games, basketball games, competitions, parades, social nights, and more... they are all a BLAST, and you're making memories that will last a lifetime!!! #bandforever

# PARENT VOLUNTEERS

The backbone of our band program! Sign up today!

## **Why should I become a volunteer?**

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The band at Umatilla High School is the largest student organizations on campus. With a budget nearing \$40,000 we need every family to help out with fundraisers, concession stands, uniform distribution, equipment maintenance, chaperoning, and more! Parents are the backbone of our band program!

## **How do I sign up?**

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Login or create an account on [Raptor](#). Scan the QR code to access the volunteer sign up on the LCS website! Make sure you email the UHS Volunteer Coordinator, Stephanie Caruso ([CarusoS@lake.k12.fl.us](mailto:CarusoS@lake.k12.fl.us)) and Mr. Innis ([InnisY@lake.k12.fl.us](mailto:InnisY@lake.k12.fl.us)) once you have completed your online application. You will receive a confirmation email once your application is complete. Emails will be sent out once a final determination is made.



## **How long does my volunteer status last?**

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Your volunteer status will last THREE years! It's free to sign up and get fingerprinted – go ahead and become a Level 2 volunteer now, and you are all set for 75% of your student's high school career! Even if you are *considering* chaperoning a field trip, football game, competition, or social event... go ahead and become a volunteer NOW!

## **How can I check my volunteer status?**

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Login to the Raptor Volunteer system and check when your status expires. You can also email the UHS Volunteer Coordinator, Stephanie Caruso ([CarusoS@lake.k12.fl.us](mailto:CarusoS@lake.k12.fl.us)) and Mr. Innis ([InnisY@lake.k12.fl.us](mailto:InnisY@lake.k12.fl.us)).

## **What is the Band Booster program?**

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The UHS Band Booster program is open to ALL BAND PARENTS. The Booster Board are a group of band parents that help run the monthly booster meetings. The booster program helps with every aspect of the band program, and assists in making decisions for the program. Many former band parents will agree that participation in the Band Booster organization is a fun and rewarding experience; helping our students achieve is certainly a worthwhile way to spend your time. Many parents have formed friendships with each other band parents that thrive long after their children graduate. Without parental support the music department would not exist!

## **How can I get involved in the Band Booster program?**

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Come to the booster meetings – they are once a month on Mondays at 6:00 in the Band Room. Email Mr. Innis if you are interested in serving on a board. Otherwise you can fill out the “Parent Volunteer Form” in the paperwork packet to let us know how you are most interested in serving the band program! Joining the UHS Band Boosters is a great way to spend time with your child and know where they are... and who they're hanging out with!

# COMMUNICATION

Band App, Email, Website, Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter



The main form of communication for the UHS Bulldog Band is the BAND APP. Download this FREE app on your phone. The BAND app gives you real-time announcements and updates for the program. You can also check schedules, get reminders, ask questions, access photos, and more!

Here's how you sign up:

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| 🎵 <b>GROUP NAME</b>     | Umatilla Bulldog Band   |
| 🎵 <b>INVITATION URL</b> | <a href="https://band.us/n/a3afA7da29DcV">https://band.us/n/a3afA7da29DcV</a> |
| 🎵 <b>QR CODE</b>        | →   |



The next most important communication tool is email. Please make sure that you provide an updated, valid email address on all the band paperwork. Please also make sure that your email address in FOCUS (the school gradebook app) is also updated and valid – most school emails are sent through FOCUS. Save my email address in your address book: [InnisY@lake.k12.fl.us](mailto:InnisY@lake.k12.fl.us).

We have the following website and social media platforms so everyone can be informed and get information about the Umatilla High School Bulldog Band Program. Please bookmark these pages and follow our social media accounts!

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| 🎵 UHS Band Website | <a href="http://www.uhsbulldogband.com">www.uhsbulldogband.com</a>     |
| 🎵 Facebook         | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/uhsbulldogband">@uhsbulldogband</a>  |
| 🎵 Instagram        | <a href="https://www.instagram.com/uhsbulldogband">@uhsbulldogband</a> |
| 🎵 Twitter          | <a href="https://twitter.com/uhsbulldogband">@uhsbulldogband</a>       |