

BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL BEARCAT MARCHING BAND



2025 BAND CAMP INFORMATIONAL PACKET



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BBOP Needs You!!!

All guardians of Bearcat Marching Band students are members of the Bedford Band and Orchestra Parents. Be on the lookout for emails from BBOP about getting involved with volunteer opportunities, fundraising and more!

BBOP CONTACT INFORMATION

Website: www.bbopbearcats.org

Email: bbopbearcat@gmail.com

Join our Remind Group to stay connected and receive text updates throughout the season about report times, rehearsals, and performances:

Text the code **@bbopa** to the number **81010**

BEDFORD MARCHING BAND MEMBER EXPECTATIONS



- **Student safety is the #1 priority of our Band. All decisions and expectations are to ensure student safety and success.**
- **Per the Academic Program of Studies, all members are required to attend all sessions of summer Band Camp and be enrolled in the Marching Band academic course in order to be a member of the Bearcat Marching Band.**
- **No hazing or bullying of any type will be tolerated within the Band.**
 - Consequences will be administered to students who participate in these activities.
 - Students that promote or participate in these activities are subject to removal from the program.
- **All members must have their Band Camp fees paid in full or on placed on a payment plan (communicated with the BBOP treasurer) prior to the first Monday of Band Camp in order to participate.**
- **All forms, including emergency medical forms, must be completed before the first day of Band Camp in order to participate.**
- **Members are expected to be at all rehearsals and performances.**
 - Students that miss rehearsals/performances will owe “community service” time to the band.
 - For every hour or rehearsal time missed, a member will owe thirty minutes of community service.
 - “Community service” can be completed by doing service projects for the band, such as setting up/tearing down equipment, organizing music, assisting the directors/coaches, etc.
- **Members are required to wear athletic shoes during field rehearsals** (during Band Camp, during Marching Band class, and at after-school rehearsals).
 - Crocs, slides, or any other open-toed shoe are not allowed.
- **No student is permitted to leave camp without prior approval from a director.**
 - Students that drive themselves to Band Camp must park in the North lot.
 - Students are not permitted to go to their car for any reason until dismissal.

BEDFORD MARCHING BAND

2025 BAND CAMP DATES



Band Camp is a two-week instructional session where the Bearcat Marching Band will be learning music and marching fundamentals for the upcoming fall season.

Attendance at all Band Camp sessions is mandatory for all band members.

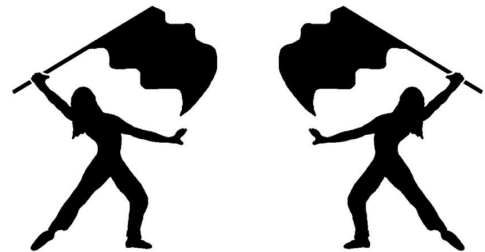
Week 1: Monday, July 14th--Friday, July 18th

Week 2: Monday, July 21st--Friday, July 25th

- **All Band Camp fees must be paid in full (or placed on a payment plan that is coordinated with the BBOP treasurer) by Monday, July 14th in order to participate.** Information regarding fees can be found on page 9.
- **All forms, including emergency medical forms, must be completed and submitted by Monday, July 14th in order to participate.**
- Percussion, Color Guard, and Dance Line members will attend additional sessions during the first week of Camp to ensure they are adequately prepared for the season.
- Student leaders will have leadership training from 4:00-6:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday during the first week of Camp.

REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR CAMP


- Instrument/Flag
- Music, Flip Folder, and Lyre (if needed)
 - *Instrumentalists will need to pay for flip-folders, lyres, sticks, etc. if these items become lost or damaged*
- Pencil
- Leadership Binder (Student Leaders only)
- Closed-toe athletic shoes (no Crocs/slides)
- Sunscreen
- Band Water Bottle
- Hat/Sunglasses
- Bug Spray/Lotion
- Prescription medications (communicated with Band Camp nurse)



BEDFORD MARCHING BAND 2025 BAND CAMP SESSIONS CALENDAR



Attendance at all Band Camp sessions is mandatory for all Bearcat Marching Band members.


Monday, July 14th	Tuesday, July 15th	Wednesday, July 16th	Thursday, July 17th	Friday, July 18th
Percussion Camp: 9:00a-12:00pm Color Guard Camp: 8:30a-2:00pm Dance Line Camp: 2:00-8:00 pm Student Leader Training: 4:00-6:00 pm New Members and Student Leaders: 6:00-8:00pm	Percussion Camp: 9:00a-12:00pm Color Guard Camp: 8:30a-2:00pm Dance Line Camp: 2:00-8:00 pm Student Leader Training: 4:00-6:00 pm All Members: 6:00-8:00pm	Percussion Camp: 9:00a-12:00pm Color Guard Camp: 8:30a-2:00pm Dance Line Camp: 2:00-8:00 pm Student Leader Training: 4:00-6:00 pm All Members: 6:00-8:00pm	Percussion Camp: 9:00a-12:00pm Color Guard Camp: 8:30a-2:00pm Dance Line Camp: 2:00-8:00 pm Student Leader Training: 4:00-6:00 pm All Members: 6:00-8:00pm	Full Band Photos: 9:30a-12:00pm 
Monday, July 21st	Tuesday, July 22nd	Wednesday, July 23rd	Thursday, July 24th	Friday, July 25th
Full Band Camp: 8:00am-8:30pm	Full Band Camp: 8:00am-8:30pm	Full Band Camp: 8:00am-8:30pm	Full Band Camp: 8:00am-8:30pm	Full Band Camp: 8:00am-1:00pm Band Show: 7:00pm

BEDFORD MARCHING BAND

2025 BAND CAMP WEEKLY SCHEDULE



Week 1 Schedule

Monday, July 14th	Tuesday, July 15th	Wednesday, July 16th	Thursday, July 17th	Friday, July 18th
Percussion Camp: 9:00a-12:00p	Percussion Camp: 9:00a-12:00p	Percussion Camp: 9:00a-12:00p	Percussion Camp: 9:00a-12:00p	***Full Band Photos***: 9:30a-12:00pm
Color Guard Camp: 8:30a-2:00p	Color Guard Camp: 8:30a-2:00p	Color Guard Camp: 8:30a-2:00p	Color Guard Camp: 8:30a-2:00p	
Dance Line Camp: 2:00-8:00pm	Dance Line Camp: 2:00-8:00pm	Dance Line Camp: 2:00-8:00pm	Dance Line Camp: 2:00-8:00pm	
Student Leader Training: 4:00-6:00pm	Student Leader Training: 4:00-6:00pm	Student Leader Training: 4:00-6:00pm	Student Leader Training: 4:00-6:00pm	
New Members and Student Leaders: 6:00-8:00pm	All Members: 6:00-8:00pm	All Members: 6:00-8:00pm	All Members: 6:00-8:00pm	

All students are expected to report for their specific Band Camp sessions. All Band Camp sessions will be held at Bedford High School.

On Friday, July 18th, all members will report for full group photos.

- Families are not required to purchase photos, but we need all members to be present for our annual full group portrait.
- Individual/small group photos will be taken as well for those wishing to purchase photo packages.

BEDFORD MARCHING BAND 2025 BAND CAMP SCHEDULE



Week 2 Schedule

Monday, July 21st	Tuesday, July 22nd	Wednesday, July 23rd	Thursday, July 24th	Friday, July 25th
Full Band Camp: 8:00am--8:30pm	Full Band Camp: 8:00am--8:30pm	Full Band Camp: 8:00am--8:30pm	Full Band Camp: 8:00am--8:30pm	Full Band Camp: 8:00am--1:00pm Band Camp Show: 7:00pm

Tentative Week 2 Daily Schedule:

**Schedule is contingent on weather and rehearsal needs*

- **8:00am: Light Breakfast**
- **8:30am:** Stretching and Physical Warm Ups
- **9:00am:** Field Work
- **10:15am:** Water Break
- **10:30am:** Sectionals
- **12:00pm: Lunch**
- **1:00pm:** Sectionals
- **2:30pm:** Field Work
- **4:30pm:** Music/Routine Memorization Session
- **5:00pm:** Team Building Activity
- **6:00pm: Dinner**
- **7:00pm:** Field Work
- **8:30pm:** End-of-Day Awards & Announcements



All students are expected to be at every day of Band Camp and all sessions. Students may not leave BHS's campus while Band Camp is in session.

Students are required to be present at all meals unless in the custody of the nurse.

Weather-pending, we will be hosting our annual Band Camp Show on Friday evening. This event is free and open to the public!

BEDFORD MARCHING BAND 2025 BAND CAMP FEES



Band Camp fees must be paid in-full or placed on a payment plan by July 14th, 2025 in order for students to participate in Band Camp.

Cost for Instrumental Students		
	New Members	Returning Members
Band Camp Fee (Meals and Instructor Costs)	\$200	\$200
Uniform Pieces: Drawstring bag, uniform t-shirt, uniform shoes (Dinkles), uniform socks (2 pairs), uniform knit hat, band water bottle	\$100	Items can be purchased individually as needed
Total Instrumental Cost	\$300	\$200

Cost for Color Guard and Dance Students		
	New Members	Returning Members
Band Camp Fee (Meals and Instructor Costs)	\$200	\$200
Uniform Pieces: Drawstring bag, uniform t-shirt, uniform shoes, uniform socks (2 pairs), uniform knit hat, gloves, band water bottle, color guard jacket. <i>Tights need to be purchased on your own.</i>	\$145	Items can be purchased individually as needed
Total Color Guard/Dance Cost	\$345	\$200

Band Camp payments can be made in several ways:

- Cash
- Checks (made payable to BBOP-Bedford Band and Orchestra Parents)
- PayPal: bbopbearcat
- Zelle: treasurer@bbopbearcats.org
- CashApp: \$bbopband3

BEDFORD MARCHING BAND 2025 REHEARSAL SCHEDULE



**Members are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances.
Attendance, participation, and behavior at performances directly impact academic grades.**

Students are expected to communicate with jobs/athletics/etc. ahead of time to avoid conflicts with rehearsals and performances.

Rehearsal Schedule from Monday, July 28th--Friday, August 15th				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No rehearsal	No rehearsal	Color Guard: 4:00-6:00pm Dance Line: 3:00-6:00pm Full Group Rehearsal: 6:00-8:00pm	No rehearsal	No rehearsal

Weekly Rehearsal Schedule Starting Monday, August 18th				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No rehearsal	No rehearsal	Color Guard: 5:00-7:00pm Dance Line: 5:00-7:00pm Full Group Rehearsal: 7:00-9:00pm	Music Memorization Practice: 2:30-3:30pm Percussion Maintenance: 3:30-4:00pm	No rehearsal, Performance at football game

“Don’t practice until you get it right, practice until you can’t get it wrong...”

BEDFORD MARCHING BAND 2025 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE



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conflict with rehearsals and performances.**

Performance Schedule

subject to change due to weather, additions, cancellations, etc.

Date	Event	Start Time
Friday, August 22nd	Home vs. Akron East	7:00pm
Friday, August 29th	Away @ Twinsburg	7:00pm
Friday, September 5th	Home vs. Padua	7:00pm
Friday, September 12th	Away @ Brush	7:00pm
Saturday, September 13th	“Thunder Over Aurora” Band Show	7:00pm
Friday, September 19th	Home vs. N.D.C.L. (Marching Band Senior Night)	7:00pm
Friday, September 26th	Home vs. Shaw (Homecoming)	7:00pm
Friday, October 3rd	Away @ Garfield Hts.	*4:30pm
*Thursday, October 9th	Away @ Maple Hts.	7:00pm
Friday, October 17th	Away @ Youngstown East	7:00pm
Friday, October 24th	Home vs. Warrensville Hts. (Football/Cheer Senior Night)	7:00pm
Wednesday, October 29th	Marching Band End-of-Season Concert	7:00pm

BEDFORD MARCHING BAND UNIFORM FITTING INFORMATION



- All students, returning and incoming, need to attend uniform fitting to ensure they will have a uniform for the upcoming season.
- Uniform fitting sessions will be held in the BHS Cafeteria.
- Students should wear socks, shorts/leggings, and a t-shirt to uniform fitting so they can comfortably try on uniforms.



****Returning Members Uniform Fitting**
Monday, June 9th (evening)**

****New Members Uniform Fitting**
Wednesday, June 11th (evening)**



- Any students that are not able to attend either dates need to reach out to Ms. Jones, Ms. Forinash, or a BBOP officer as soon as possible so we can coordinate a fitting time for them.
- Students will sign up for a 15-minute fitting time slot through the BBOP website. A sign-up link with specific times will be sent out through email and our Remind 101 group in May.

MARCHING BAND GRADING

- Marching Band is an academic course that students earn graduation credit for.
- Students will receive grades primarily based on:
 - Memorization of music or routines
 - Attendance and participation at rehearsals and performances
- Each week students will be expected to have certain music/routines “checked off” with a director or section leader for a grade.
- Students can check off music during Band Camp, Wednesday night rehearsals, Thursday memorization rehearsals, or any other time that the directors are available.