



Coyote Pride Marching Band

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Woodwind Caption Head: TBA

Music Arranger: Jeff Chambers and Tim Mitchell

Drill Designer: Sean Rees

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Coyote Pride First Official 2024 Performance & Parent Meeting

Saturday, July 20th at 1:30pm

Campo Verde High School Gymnasium

The Coyote Pride will be performing clips of what they learned while at camp during the meeting. Come support your student and learn about the band program!

Welcome to the Coyote Pride Marching Band!

Greetings and welcome to the Campo Verde High School Band Program 2024 Marching Season. We had an amazing season last year, finishing in second place at the AzMBA 4A Championship. In the past several years, the Coyote Pride has become one of the elite marching bands in Arizona. They were state champions in 2019, 2021 and 2022 and have several top 5 finishes. The directors and staff expect a whole lot of time and effort out of the students, but the rewards of the hard work are certainly worth the effort. One way you can help is to be involved in the boosters, so please make note of the meeting listed above on July 20th. The Band Parent Organization has done an amazing job helping with fundraising and providing the students with financial possibilities. Please be involved! There are so many things that you can do to help. The purpose of this letter is to give you a basic understanding of the Marching Program for the 2024 season including expectations, requirements and schedules.

It is our goal to have fun, to maintain high levels of dedication and commitment, musical knowledge and experience, and to work together towards a high level of achievement. All of which make for a great marching band. In the weeks leading up to the start of school there is a lot to be done for us to be ready. The leadership has been selected and has begun meeting and preparing for their important role in next year's marching band.

The Campo Verde Band Program will consist of the following classes: Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, AP Music Theory and Marching Band (fall semester is full marching band; spring semester is Winter Guard and Winter Drumline). All classes are full year courses, except for marching band. All of these classes and activities are crucial to the success and growth of our program. It is our hope that all of you have an interest in seeing the program grow as well as setting the standard high. Details of course descriptions and expectations will be published in the course syllabi, which will be distributed on the first day of school.

When is Marching Band?

All students will be taking marching band as an 8th hour, or "after school class". This class will include full band rehearsals from 5:30pm to 9:15pm on Monday night and either Wednesday or Thursday night, as well as a sectional on Tuesday after school from 2:30pm to 5:00pm. During the sectional, we will be spending time working on show and stand music indoors. All instrumentalists are required to be in an ensemble during the day (Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band or Jazz Band). Please check the online calendar for this information. Football Games will take place on Friday nights and the Coyote Pride will participate in marching festivals starting in late September and will be ending this year in November. **Do not schedule vacation without checking our calendar online!!** In addition marching band members are required to attend the band camp and additional rehearsals scheduled and detailed below. Our schedule is posted on the internet at www.campoverdeband.com under the Calendar section.

Summer Rehearsals

Percussion, Colorguard and Winds will be having summer rehearsal. These practices will help you make the transition into the marching season. Anyone who cannot make these practices should inform the director, as well as either Riley Smith, Wardell King or Brian McCormack, as soon as possible. We understand that summer travel may have already been planned, and that is ok. However, if you are in town, you are expected to be at the rehearsals. The date and time of these chop shops are as follows:

Percussion

Every Wednesday
June 5th through July 3rd
5:30pm-8:30pm
At Campo Verde HS

Guard

Every Tuesday and Thursday
June 4th through July 11th
5:30pm-8:30pm
At Campo Verde HS

Woodwind/Brass

Every Monday
June 3rd through July 1st
5:30pm-8:30pm
At Campo Verde HS

Pre-Band Camp

There are a few mini camps the days before band camp begins as follows:

Leadership Camp - only for section leaders and drum majors
July 8th and 9th
All Day

Drumline Pre Camp
July 10th and 11th
1-8pm

Rookie Winds Camp (woodwind and brass rookies only)
July 10th and 11th
5:30-8:30pm

July Band Camp

The July Band Camp will be held July 12th-17th (taking the day off on Sunday, July 14th). **Band camp will be held at Campo Verde HS this year.** This is the traditional rehearsal that takes place before school starts for the marching band members to begin learning marching technique, music and begin working on the show (musically and visually). **The band camp is required! If you are not at band camp, you are not guaranteed a spot in the show. Please email with any conflicts so that it may be resolved!** The Marching Band includes all Wind Instrument players, Percussionists, and Colorguard.

Saturday Rehearsals

All members are required to attend our planned Saturday rehearsals! We plan them from 8am to 9pm but will adjust to less time if possible before the rehearsal depending on how the show progression is going. The rehearsals are on the following dates:
August 24th
September 7th
September 21st (8am-noon)

Fall Intersession Rehearsal

Because we have a two week fall break, we MUST have rehearsals. However...I understand the importance of vacation and recharge time. So we will be doing a fall break camp on the Wednesday through Friday, October 9th through the 11th. This fall break camp will be held at Campo Verde HS.

Please plan for all future years to have the first week of fall break OFF from marching band, and then a mini camp the second half of the second week.

Football Games

The Marching Band will participate at all home and some away Varsity Football Games this fall. The dates and arrival times for these games are published on the online calendar.

Marching Festivals

The Marching Band will also participate in various Marching Festivals. Below is a list of *possible and most likely* festivals dates.

September 28 – Casa Grande Show

October 12 – Mountain Ridge Show

October 19 - Pinnacle Show (I&E Opportunity)

November 2 - UofA Band Day (Tucson, AZ)

November 9 – AzMBA Championships (CVHS)

November 16 – WBA Show in Mission Viejo, CA

November 23 - Gilbert Days Parade

Other Marching Band Activities

Pep Band for Basketball Games

School Assemblies

Various and Spontaneous Public Service Performances

Marching Band Leadership

In Marching Band, there are several leadership opportunities. These positions include Drum Majors, Captains, and Section Leaders. In addition to these leadership roles the Band Council will play a crucial role in organizing and assisting in the events and coordination of all Band activities including Marching Band. You are NOT required to be in Marching Band in order to be on Band Council.

Marching Band Uniforms

In addition to our uniform, we will also wear our band tshirt and khaki shorts. Each student will be issued a uniform for the season. You are responsible for following the rules of being in uniform which will be discussed when uniform assignments take place. Students will be responsible for cleaning their uniform at the conclusion of the season. One of the major details associated with the Band Uniforms is that “WE NEED PARENTS TO HELP WITH UNIFORM CHECK OUT, HEMMING, and UNIFORM CHECK IN.” Please let us know when you can help us with this important aspect.

Marching Band T-Shirts and Bomber Jacket

The Coyote Pride T-Shirt is a required part of the attire to be worn throughout the season. Students will get one t-shirt as part of their marching band fee, but must purchase their bomber jackets, shoes, gloves and any additional t-shirts. We also wear this T-shirt with jeans to various performances in and around school.

Bomber Jackets that are personalized are also available for purchase. While these are not required, they are strongly recommended for all members and we will be wearing them throughout the season.

Physical Fitness Component

While we have always had a physical fitness component, we will be following some fitness standards to ensure that all students are on the right track in their own personal health goals. The last thing that we want is for any of our students to get hurt or be unable to participate in our activity. Poor fitness is also a very big factor in bad foot timing. Students get tired and their technique and timing suffer.

We will have “Minimum Fitness Standards”. Most students will be able to do these requirements even with no prior training. These standards are:

20 pushups in 1 minute

25 situps in 1 minute

200 yard run in 46 seconds or less

1 mile in under 11 minutes

Marching Band Music

The marching show music will be distributed at summer rehearsals. It is on a full page, and you won't need to reduce it to fit into a flip folder because it will be memorized anyway. You will need to purchase a binder and clear page protectors before summer rehearsals. Put your music in page protectors and leave some empty for music you will receive throughout camp and the season. Students must practice and prepare this music before they come to band camp. If the music you receive is not for your instrument please contact Mr. Kozacek, as soon as possible, so that the drill can be changed before it is done. Make sure you have a lyre specific to your instrument and a flip folder to hold your stands music. These can be ordered through the band, or at your local music store.

Other things that you will need:

Woodwinds – REEDS, REEDS, REEDS (you will need at least 2 packs of reeds for the season. You need to purchase and have 2 packs of either Mitchell Lurie or Van Doren reeds prior to band camp. It is also acceptable to purchase a few **quality** plastic reeds. Please see Mr. Kozacek for specifications.

Brass – Trumpet players will need to have a Bach 3C mouthpiece. Since horns, baritones and tubas will be renting instruments, we will provide the proper mouthpiece. All brass members will need a bottle of valve oil, slide grease, cleaning cloth and polishing cloth.

Percussion – You will need to provide your own sticks. Mallets for the front ensemble will be purchased and provided, but anything you break or wear out will need to be replaced. Riley and Wardell will give you this information.

Colorguard – Members need shoes and gloves and are able to purchase their own rifle if desired. Please see attached order form for more information.

Marching Band Rules and Expectations

- All rehearsals performances, and scheduled football games are absolutely required. This includes Band Camps, Evening Rehearsals, and Colorguard or Percussion rehearsals. Failure to attend rehearsal could result in removal from the show for the following week.
- Respect yourself, others, and the learning environment.
- Be on time to class, rehearsals, performances, events, and all other band activities.
- Be prepared for class, rehearsal, performances, and all other band activities. Be prepared to be a contributing member of the organization, ready to work hard, with a contagious positive attitude, and ready to achieve great things.

- Follow all Campo Verde High School Rules, Policies, and Procedures.
- Absolutely NO food, candy, gum, or beverages (except water in a sealed container) are allowed in the band room.
- All students are expected to have a pencil available during every rehearsal. Put one in your binder.
- There will be no extraneous public display of affection (PDA). This applies to all functions sponsored by Campo Verde High School.
- The marching band field is an extension of the classroom. All policies of the classroom still apply. During rehearsal we will be moving a lot. Students are expected to actively participate in the fast paced rehearsal.

Attitude and Personal Conduct Expectations

- School suspensions or detentions are an unexcused absence.
- No use or possession of drugs, alcohol or tobacco products. You may not be in the presence or vicinity of drugs or alcohol being misused.
- No hazing/harassment/bullying will be accepted.
- You may not practice or perform the day of an unexcused absence from school (one or more classes).
- You will respect the directors, instructors and your teammates. Disrespecting any members of our organization could result in your removal from the ensemble.
- Make sure you maintain appropriate conduct when it comes to social media. Negative, inappropriate, disrespectful or harassing posts on Facebook, Twitter, text message or any other form of social media are not acceptable.
- Any injuries or illness must be taken to the appropriate doctor or physician for care. Your illness or injury will be excused with a doctor's note.
- You must attend ALL rehearsals, sectionals or other required events. Absences will result in running or removal from performance. Tardiness will not be accepted.
- You are responsible for all equipment that is assigned to you. Treat this equipment with respect. If anything is being mistreated or lost, you will be financially responsible for the replacement.
- You must avoid excessive public displays of affection.
- Avoid profanity or any obscene gestures.
- All in all, students involved in the Campo Verde Band Program must hold themselves to a high standard of character and remain a positive member of the ensembles in which they participate.

Your Financial Commitment

As you know, the Coyote Pride is an expensive group to operate. The Band Boosters help students to offset some of these costs through fundraising. How much you offset through fundraising is up to your efforts. The rest is left up to you to bring in using Tax Credit, fundraising or a personal check. We have implemented a budget so that families can see exactly what the marching band expenses are for the year. This way, families can plan for the amounts needed, instead of having to write a check at a moment's notice. Don't forget, Tax Credit is not limited to just immediate family. **Neighbors, Extended Family, Friends can contribute their tax credit to your activities as well.** I also recommend donating the maximum amount of tax credit since it is all refundable at the end of the tax year. All expenses can be met through tax credit and fund raising.

Pay your fees with Tax Credit!!

Arizona Tax Credit, up to \$400 (joint filing) or \$200 (individual filing). Immediate family members, grandparents, friends, etc. may provide Tax credit donations as well.

Fee timeline:

May 15th - \$300 Deposit (Charms)
July 15th - \$300 payment (Charms)
August 15th - \$75 payment (will be added to your school Bookstore/Infinite Campus account)
September 15th - \$300 payment (Charms)

****All equipment must be ordered by July 1st and paid for by band camp****

****You CAN pay full fee at once to boosters (\$900) if you want to write one check****

This year, the boosters will once again be discounting your fees \$50 for being an active participant in the booster organization. You must volunteer for two events in addition to the marching band show we are hosting on November 9th, 2024. If you fulfill your volunteering, you will be credited \$50 at the end of the season to be used in future seasons.

Additional payment will be required for purchase of shoes, gloves and other individual necessities.

A limited number of scholarship amounts may be available for students with specific financial needs who meet participation criteria being established by the BPO Board. Parents/Guardians should address financial concerns directly with Mr. Kozacek as soon as possible.

We are strictly enforcing the policy of “No Pay, No Travel”. Any students who are not current on their payments will not be allowed to travel with the band and their spot will be filled by an alternate.

To the Band Parents

The Campo Verde BPO is an organization formed by band parents to serve the needs of the Campo Verde High School Band Program, and are led by an Executive Board. If you are a band parent, you are a booster! We are in need of people who have a desire and willingness to serve for the benefit of their students. Boosters assist in the organization of multiple activities throughout the season, and play a crucial role in raising funds to help meet the financial requirements of an expanding band program. Boosters are typically involved in every activity in which the Campo Verde Bands participate.

Coyote Pride Creed

We are the Coyote Pride
One family, one dream
Powered by positivity
With effort and discipline

We perform our music with passion from within

Crescendo through life and go the extra mile
Give it your all, make your time here worth while
Leave your heart and soul out on the field
Here is where your talent is revealed

Accept each others' differences
Every member is unique
Teamwork, pride and confidence
Is what we seek

The field is our canvas
Where we display our art
Every note and movement
From deep down in our hearts