

2010 Blue Ridge High School Corps of Cadets



Thank you for showing interest in participating in the 2010-2011 Blue Ridge High School Corps of Cadets. The following should answer any questions you may have about the sign-up process and what will take place once the season begins.

What is the Blue Ridge High School Corps of Cadets?

The Corps of Cadets are 7 time SC Marching Band State Champions. The main goal of all staff members is to further develop our students into productive members of society and to teach them the life skills necessary to be successful in life.

Who is eligible to participate?

- Any wind player (woodwind or brass) currently in 7th - 11th grade are automatically eligible to participate in the marching band.
- Rising 7th graders are eligible to participate upon invitation only. One year in band is not long enough preparation for most students. Only those we feel are ready will be invited.
- All Percussion and Color Guard are auditioned.

How do I sign-up?

- Sign-up packets will be handed out during class, at the middle school band and the high school band. Simply fill out all forms in the packet and give to Mr. Fox (middle school students) and Mr. Grant (high school students).
- Percussion and Guard students will be given sign-up information once auditions have concluded.

What costs are associated with participating in the marching band?

We ask that you submit a \$50 deposit per participant with your information forms to serve as start-up money for the season. This deposit will be credited to your dues, the remainder of which is owed the first day of band camp. **No student will be allowed to perform with the Corps of Cadets until all financial obligations are met.** This does not include rehearsals, only public performances such as football games and band contests.

Dues are as follows

1st child- \$200.00

2nd child- \$150.00

3rd child- \$100.00

What is Band Camp?

Camp is held at Blue Ridge High School Monday through Friday from 9am to 9pm the first 2 weeks of August. Camp is when we will learn most of our show and get a jump start into the season. The day is broken up into 3 segments. 9am-12pm is outside learning marching techniques and drill. 12pm-1pm is a student brought bag lunch in the cafeteria. 1pm-5pm is music rehearsal inside. 5pm-6pm is supper provided by the booster club and 6pm to 9pm is outside learning drill. On Friday of the first week during the 6pm-9pm block we try and do something fun like swim or go see a movie. On Friday of the second week we will have a hot dog supper and exhibition for the parents and community with the ever popular band auction held afterwards.

What happens after Band Camp?

Once camp concludes we will rehearse every Tuesday and Thursday from 4-7 until November. We will attend all of the home football games and take a pep band to all away games. We will also attend 5 marching band contests throughout the duration of the season...2 local shows, a show out of South Carolina (pending appropriate funds) Upper State and State. Once the competition season is over (October 31st) we will rehearse only on Thursdays from 4-5 for parade preparation. We normally march in the Greenville, Greer and Travelers Rest Christmas Parades (pending appropriate funds).

Hopefully this answers most of the major questions you have about marching band. If you have any further questions or concerns, feel free to contact Mr. Grant by email or by calling the band office. Thanks for supporting the Blue Ridge Band and we hope to have the opportunity to work with you and your student.

Yours,
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