



LAKWOOD RANCH HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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Dear Marching Band Parents and Students,

Attached is the marching band application for the Competitive Mustang Marching Band. Our School Administration, Band Boosters, Marching Band Directors and Staff had made a commitment to supporting a Competitive Marching Band and help each student raise the needed funds. We are one of a few west-coast bands including Tarpon Springs, Seminole, East Lake, Port Charlotte, Braden River and Mariner, who follow a competitive band philosophy.

Our costs are structured in two areas, the **Marching Program**, and the **Competitive Program**. The Marching Program consists of our regular program expenses such as uniform care, staffing, show drill and music, administration costs and marching support. The Competition Program consists of entry fees and travel costs to competitions. The cost breakdown per program is as follows: Marching Program = **\$474.78** plus Competitive Program = **\$75.22** for a total of \$550.00

Please fill out the attached Competitive Marching Band Application. Read everything on the front and back of pages. Tear off the last page (pink) to keep and post at home along with all the information sheets. Return only the first two pages of the application form (white and yellow) with your marching band deposit. You can bring all this paperwork and your questions to a marching band parent and student meeting on Thursday April 22nd at 7pm in the LRHS Band Room. If any student or parent feels they are unable to meet these marching band expenses, give me a call at the band office 941-727-6100 ext. 2029. Boosters will provide fundraisers each month next fall to help students earn some of these monies.

Here are your payment options:

Option No.1 Pay in Full with Check Due April 22nd at Parent Meeting with notarized Marching Band Application. Note: Notary will be available at meeting.

Option No.2 Installment Payments with Fundraising Option Pay by check monthly – Any student balances from fundraisers will be applied towards monthly payment.

Note: Checks must be mailed to: Lakewood Ranch High School Band
PO Box 110354 Lakewood Ranch, FL 34211

Pay Deposit	\$75.00 due on April 22 nd with notarized Marching Band Application
2 nd Payment	\$75.00 due on July 6 th (first Tuesday Practice)
3 rd Payment	\$75.00 due on August 3 rd (first day of Basics Camp)
4 th Payment	\$75.00 due on September 6 th
5 th Payment	\$75.00 due on October 6 th
6 th Payment	\$75.00 due on November 6 th
7 th Payment	\$100.00 due on December 6 th (Unless Volunteer credit is applied)

Volunteer Credit Volunteer Credit – Payments schedule same as Option 2 less **December** payment
Fulfill volunteer requirements and pay only \$450 (\$100 Credit will be applied towards **December** payment) See attached Volunteer Credit Sheet for details.

Please review all the options and make a choice that is suitable for you. A meeting for all prospective band parents will be held in the Lakewood Ranch Band Room on Thursday April 22nd at 7pm. You can bring your deposit check and all paperwork with you that evening. Band Boosters will provide a notary in the band room for your convenience.

Notary Public: I ask that you have your Marching Band Application signatures notarized or bring them to the band director to witness the signatures. This assures us that all parents and students are aware of their obligations.

A Marching Band Packet containing all of next years camps, practices, travel and emergency forms, performances and policies will be delivered to you at the parent meeting April 22nd.

There will be a marching band mini-camp for all of next year's band on Saturday May 8th from 9am to 1pm.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email: LRBBA1@yahoo.com
Band Room Phone 727-6100 ext. 2029

Remember to check our web page often at: LRBBA.Com Click on The Monday Music Notes for current information.

Musically Yours,

Bob Schaer
Band Director

Marching Band Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
Volunteer Camps on Tuesday's in July starting:			
July 6, 13, 20, 27	6pm to 10pm	Marching Band Mini-camps	LRHS
Aug 2 nd to 6 th	3pm to 10pm	Guard Camp	LRHS
Aug 4 th to 6 th	3pm to 10pm	Drum Line Camp	LRHS
Aug 2 nd	6pm to 10pm	Officers/Section Leaders	LRHS
Aug 3 rd to 6 th	6pm to 10pm	Basics Camp for all marching band members	
Aug 9 th to 13 th	3pm to 10pm	Band Camp for all marching band members	
August 13 th	8pm	March-Off on Parking Lot and Parent Show	
August 17 th	6pm to 9pm	Marching Band	
August 19 th	6pm to 9pm	Marching Band	
Week of August 23 rd	Regular weekly practice	schedule begins as follows:	
	Mondays/Wednesday	Homework Night!	
	Tuesdays	Drum Line Sectional 5pm	
		Marching Band 6pm to 9pm	
	Wednesdays	Guard (after school) till 3:00pm	
	Thursdays	Brass/Woodwinds/Drum Line Sectional 5pm	
		Marching Band 6pm to 9pm	
		Note: This is the weekly practice schedule until the State Championships in November. After that refer to Band Calendar.	

Date	Event	Site	Location
August 27	Kick-Off Classic	TBA	TBA
September 3	Football Game	Home	Braden River
September 10	Football Game	Away	Southeast HS
September 17	Football Game	Home	East Lee HS
September 23	Mini-Camp	Home	LRHS
September 24	Mini-Camp	Home	LRHS
October 1	Football Game	Away	Manatee HS
October 8	Football Game	Homecoming	Port Charlotte HS
October 15	Football Game	Home	Bayshore HS
October 16	FMBC Regional Competition		Tarpon Springs
October 22	Football Game	Away	Charlotte HS
October 23	FBA District Competition		Manatee HS
October 29	Boo Parade	Lakewood Ranch	Main Street
October 30	Possible FMBC Regional Competition		North Port HS
November 5	Football Game	Home-Senior Night	Palmetto HS
November 6	FMBC Home Show	Home	LRHS Stadium
November 11	Parade	Veteran's Day	Behind Hospital
November 12	Football Game	Away	Hardee
November 13	Mini-Camp	(4-9pm)	LRHS
November 19	Mini-Camp – Friday Night (Parent Show)		LRHS
November 20	FMBC Competition	State Championships	Tropicana Bowl-St Pete
December 4	Myakka City Holiday Parade		Myakka City
December 16	Prism Concert	LRHS	LRHS Auditorium
January 15	MLK Parade		Palmetto
April 23	Heritage Night Parade		Bradenton

Competitive Marching Band Fair-Share Structure

In order for a competitive marching band to be able to meet it's budget expectations; each marching band member is asked to do his/her financial "fair-share" in contributing to the cost of maintaining a quality competitive marching band program. Each student will have the option of fundraising their "fair-share" or paying for their "fair-share" out of pocket. The following is a breakdown of each member's "fair-share" of the budget.

Marching Program = The cost to fund one student in the normal marching band program is: **\$474.78**

Competitive Program= The cost to fund one student in the competitive marching band program is: **\$75.22**

Marching Program Cost Breakdown \$460.00

\$177.60 Uniforms Some of this amount is used before summer vacation starts to order two band T-shirts, three pair of gloves, one instrument lyre, one flip folder, one dot book for each member. These items are needed on the first day of band camp. The marching band will have 10 football games, 5 competitions and 4 parade performances this year. This means 12 dry-cleanings/washings at \$6.50 each will be necessary to insure that the uniforms are maintained correctly. We keep the uniforms at school and send them out for cleaning after each game. A rental charge of \$25.00 is escrowed to the uniform account in order that 10 years from now (when it is time for another set of uniforms) the fundraising needed, will not put a severe burden on the marching band and boosters. This account also allows us to repair and replace uniforms as they get older.

\$133.14 Staff The Mustang Competitive Marching Band staff uses the services of 8 staff members. They handle coordination of the visual program, show design, color guard instruction, brass, woodwind, battery and front line percussion instruction, the fundamentals program and special mini-camp instructors.

\$39.50 Show & Drill Like all competitive marching bands, the mustang band's music and drill are written by professionals. We also must get copyright permission to use every song we use in the show.

\$124.54 Administration and Support This amount is everything from senior night supplies, auxiliary materials and supplies, band trailer maintenance, first aid and miscellaneous supplies and nutritional support for football games.

Competitive Program Cost Breakdown \$75.22

This amount covers competition entry fees school and charter bus expenses.

The Marching Band Packet can be picked up at Sign-up Night April 22nd. It will have complete information regarding uniforms, football games schedule, parades, contests, trips, fundraising and other performances.

