



Breaking News



UTE MARCHING BAND EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

6/8

JUNE 8-11

BAND CAMP @
WASATCH ACADEMY

Band camp is late this year. Due to the school year going a week long and Wasatch Academy not being available, we have pushed camp back to June 8-11. This week is mandatory for anyone who wants to participate in the fall competition Marching Band. Please put it on your calendar and plan to be there. The fee for the camp is \$250 and includes all meals and a dorm room to sleep in. You will have 1 roommate of the same gender.

Parents if you have concerns about camp, rest assured that we take great care of the students. They are kept busy the entire time and are closely monitored by the staff and the parent chaperones that attend with us. If you want a parent's perspective on camp reach out to Olivia Hiatt. She feeds us all while we are there and has been several times.



SUMMER PRACTICES AND SWEAT WEEK

We practice during the summer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Those practices run from 9am to noon. We practice on the football field and start right on time. We do often end early, and never run late. The section captains do call for sectional time in addition. Those are usually before the group practice time, but can be after as well. Attendance for these practices is somewhat flexible for family and other summer activities.

Sweat week is scheduled for July 20-25 this year. We do practice all 6 days M-S. Every day we start at 5am. We are done by 2pm each of those days. Attendance this week is mandatory.

During Sweat Week we feed the kids and ask for parent volunteers to help with that. Olivia Hiatt will be in contact with parents to organize this. On Saturday after lunch we do a show & tell for the Parents as a teaser for the season.



FALL

The Marching Band does Pep-Band for the home football games. This schedule is often given to us mid summer. Look for those dates then. This is also a required part of Marching Band. These are counted as performance grades. Those Fridays are usually about 4:30 to 10pm

The week of Homecoming we do the parade on Friday and the football game that night. It makes for a long day, but it is an important one for us. We try and do the entire competition show at halftime that night. Sometimes we don't get enough time on the field to do the entire show, but it does give us a chance to be in front of an audience before the first competition.

When school starts Fall Marching Band is a class in the school schedule. It is 5th period every school day. We do go long on school days, usually ending about 2:45. Arrangements should be made to get your students home. If they ride a bus we have kids that can drive and are willing to give rides if you are comfortable with it. These are important rehearsal times, since we don't do evening or morning practices.



The first few weeks of the school year we may use the Friday school in person time for extra practices. Every effort should be made to be at those extra practices. Most marching bands in the state practice up to 10 hours a week during the fall. We get about 4 on a normal week. When we have the extra time, we really need it to remain competitive.

Since Marching Band is a class you should know in advance what the expectations are. Grades are figured this way: 10% Friday work 20% Participation in rehearsals 20% Performance Assessments & 50% Participation in the performances. The commitment to fall Marching Band is a large one in both time and money. But it is rewarding and worth the commitment.



COMPETITION SEASON

We have 7 competitions during the season. The best 3 scores of the first six are averaged to give us a performance time for State. The goal at state is to be as close to the end of the division as possible. It gives you an edge in the final score for the year. Itineraries for all trips will be on the band website when available. <https://uintahband.net>

These start on September 19. They are all Saturday performances, except State that is on a Friday. It basically means with the exception of fall break weekend (Oct 17) we are gone every Saturday for a competition. These are mostly day trips leaving around 7am and home at 10pm.

There are a couple shows that are overnight trips. The Logan trip is always overnight. That is because of the travel distance. Usually we go Friday afternoon and come home Saturday, but some years we go Saturday and come home Sunday. It all depends on the schedule that the show makes, and our performance time. The Davis cup is always a Friday - Saturday trip. And state is always Thursday - Saturday. We have in some years added another overnight trip if the show schedule makes it necessary. Students are in a hotel room with 4 to a room on these trips.

The Wednesday prior to state is always our Fall Review performance in Vernal. Since it is usually cold weather this time of year we start this evening at 6pm. It is a night where we recognize the seniors, and present our completed show to the community. Make sure you plan to attend.

COST

We are one of the least expensive Marching Bands in the state when it comes to fees. However, the budget for Marching Band is about \$25k a year. So we have to pay for it with fees and fundraising. Band Camp fee is all inclusive for food and lodging at \$250. Participation fee for the Fall Season is \$350. Other expenses will include food for travel days, instrument accessories like reeds, and an instrument rental fee if you use a school instrument.

If you have any other questions or concerns please get hold of Mr. Gibson by email or on the BAND app. You can join the MB group on the BAND app with the QR code, or this link: <https://band.us/n/a5ac78DcTa01S>

REGISTER BY APRIL 30



JOIN THE BAND APP



MARCHING BAND CALENDAR FOR 2026

June 2026						
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July 2026						
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November 2026						
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June	
11	Band Camp (Required for Fall Band)
	MB Practice 9-Noon
16-18	AF Leadership Camp No Practice in Vernal
27	Possible Myton Parade

July	
	MB Practice 9-Noon
20-25	Sweat Week (Required for Fall Band)
4	Parade
24	Parade

August	
	MB Practice 9-Noon
8	Parade in Duchesne
19	First Day of School
	Possible Friday Practices 9:30 - 11:00

NOTE FB GAMES ARE TBA

September	
	Possible Friday Practices 9:30 - 11:00
19	MB Show Payson
26	MB Show Herriman

School Day off for students

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October	
3	MB Show Logan
10	MB Show Riverton
24	MB Show AF
31	MB Show Davis

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November	
4	MB Review in Vernal
6	MB State in St. George
12	End of Trimester
24	Leadership Applications Due for 2027
	School Day off for students