

# LRHS BANDS

## MARCHING BAND PARENT INFORMATION



Scan to register for the MMB  
2022-23 Season:



**Lakewood Ranch Band Boosters Association**  
PO Box 110354, Bradenton, FL 34211  
[Lakewoodranchbands.org](http://Lakewoodranchbands.org)

# WELCOME TO THE LAKEWOOD RANCH MARCHING MUSTANGS FAMILY!

Band is truly a wonderful and life-changing activity that we hope will be as good for you as it has been for our children and all of the graduates in the past. We have watched our students thrive as musicians, build self-confidence, and develop long-lasting friendships.

We are sure that you will have a lot of questions during your first year in band. There are multiple ways to stay informed with what's going on (keep reading this packet for more explanation):

- **Read the weekly Monday Music Notes (MMN)** – These are informative emails (read the attachments, too!) for band & guard members and their families with the weekly schedule, event details, calendar and other important information.
- **Attend monthly Lakewood Ranch Band Boosters Association (LRBBA) meetings** – This is where we discuss upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and other information.
- **Volunteer with the band** – We welcome all help! I'm sure you've heard the saying "It takes a village". See page 6 for a list of volunteer opportunities.
- **Check lakewoodranchbands.org and the charms site** or app regularly (see FAQ for Charms info).
- **Follow us on social media** – We share photos, videos and upcoming events; See page 3.
- **Get to know other band parents** and ask questions. We are a band family and are here to help & support one another. Most of us work full-time and manage extracurricular schedules for multiple children – we're all in this together!!!

The Marching Mustang Band is a big organization on campus. We pride ourselves on the rich tradition of excellence that we enjoy. However, as with any successful organization, we work hard and follow set rules and guidelines. As a parent, your child looks to you for both answers and encouragement. We hope this guide will help you feel more comfortable to provide them with both and familiarize you with the "inner workings" of our band.

The Board of Directors is excited to be working on your behalf to bring more success to the band program. Working together, we can make this a fun and memorable experience for our students!

Your 2022-23 LRBBA Board,

Joe Brielmann, Co-President

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Gayle Van Peenan, Co-Vice President

Marci Nauman, Co-Vice President

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# CONTACTS

The Lakewood Ranch Band Boosters Association (LRBBA) manages the band program and supports the band director. We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization managed by a board that is voted on by band parents in February each year. We hold monthly meetings (usually the first Tuesday of the month in the evening at LRHS) that all band parents are encouraged to attend.

Your 2022-23 LRBBA Board is happy to answer any questions you may have.

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In addition, you are always welcome to contact the Band Director with questions or concerns.

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# ACRONYMS & COMMON TERMS

You will hear many acronyms throughout the year. Below is a list of the most frequently used.

<b>Charms</b>	Band intranet with calendar, files, volunteer opportunities, finances, etc.
<b>DCI</b>	Drum Corps International
<b>FBA</b>	Florida Bandmasters Association
<b>FFCC</b>	Florida Federation of Colorguards Circuit
<b>FMBC</b>	Florida Marching Band Championship
<b>FMEA</b>	Florida Music Education Association
<b>LRBBA</b>	Lakewood Ranch Band Boosters Association (Non-profit organization that manages and supports the LRHS band program)
<b>MIM</b>	Music in Motion (Regional marching band competition hosted at LRHS)
<b>MMB</b>	Mustang Marching Band
<b>MMN</b>	Monday Music Notes (weekly email from the band director with important information)
<b>MPA</b>	Music Performance Assessments
<b>Prism</b>	Fundraising event held in December



# SAMPLE CALENDAR OF MARCHING BAND PROGRAM

## MARCH:

**Sign Up Night & Show Reveal:** The upcoming season show theme is revealed and new students are invited to sign up!

## APRIL:

**FUNDamentals night/camp (4):** learn the basics of marching band and connect with other band students

## MAY:

**FUNDamentals night/camp (3)**

## JUNE:

**Go on vacation and enjoy your summer!**

## JULY:

**FUNDamentals Band Camp:** Eight days of full band camps held over two weeks beginning after July 4th. Learn the music and movement of the show within your section and the larger band.

## AUGUST:

**Weekly Practice:** Tues/Thurs practices (usually 6-9pm) begin the first week of school.

**Friday night football games begin:** The band plays stand tunes and performs sections of their show during halftime. A full schedule will be available at band camp. NOTE: The band stays after school on Football game days to rehearse before the game.

## SEPTEMBER:

**Weekly Practices and Football games continue.** Occasional Wednesday and Friday rehearsals in addition to Tues/Thurs.

## OCTOBER:

**Continued practice and football games.**

**Competition season starts:** Most Saturdays in October and November.

**Music in Motion:** Regional Marching Band competition hosted by LRHS. This is a huge event & fundraiser that requires all parents to get involved.

**Marching MPAs** (Music Performance Assessments)

## NOVEMBER:

**Weekly practices continue.**

**Competitions continue,** culminating in a 2-day state competition (location TBD) *usually* the weekend before Thanksgiving.

## DECEMBER:

**PRISM Fundraising Event:** All band students are included (marching band, concert and jazz) with a closing performance of the marching band show in the Auditorium.

### Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard Begin!

Indoor Percussion is an additional, optional program for musicians and Winter Guard is a continuation for colorguard participants. These programs have their own fees and schedule. More information will be available in the Fall, but it typically involves 2 after-school practices each week and weekend competitions, culminating in state competition in March.

## OTHER EVENTS:

**Parades:** The Marching Mustangs participate in 2-4 Parades throughout the year (dates TBD)



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Contact a committee chair via email or at registration to learn more or to get involved.

## **Apparel | Melody Filewich, Chair** **melfilewich@gmail.com**

Manage apparel sales at events and home football games. Manage inventory and select new products to sell and coordinate website with apparel sales company.

## **Chaperones | Christy Bracco, Chair** **christybracco@gmail.com**

Responsible for accompanying students to all band related events; football games, competitions and parades. Distribute water and snacks as appropriate. Assist with moving equipment and props onto the field when needed.

## **Concession Stand | Michelle Torres, Chair** **nicks GURLBSB@aol.com**

Prepare and sell food items during home football & soccer games and track meets. Various positions available including cashier, food prep, grill or runners.

## **Events Team | Meghan Schroeder, Chair** **schroefam@gmail.com**

Coordinate events such as Music in Motion, MPAs, Senior Night, and any other band events held to promote team building and provide fun for the kids (pizza party, Halloween party, etc.).

## **First Aid | Joanne Burden, Chair** **president@lakewoodranchbands.org**

Accompany students to band related events and administer basic first aid, as needed. First aid volunteers should have basic medical experience.

## **Fundraising Team | Marci Nauman** **vp2@lakewoodranchbands.org**

Research and manage small and large fundraising opportunities and participate in related sub-committees.

## **Ranch Hands**

### **Justin Bracco, chair | justinsbracco@gmail.com** **Rob Beatenhead, trucks | rbeatenhead@gmail.com**

Load and unload trailers of props, equipment and instruments at all band related events. Move props and equipment on and off the field, as needed. Assist with fabricating props to be used in the show.

## **Social Media Coordinator | Christy Bracco, Chair** **technology@lakewoodranchbands.org**

Assist in creating content for posting and updating on all of LRBBBA's social media sites.

## **Uniforms | Kim Brielmann, Chair** **kcbrielmann@gmail.com**

Measure students for uniforms, make necessary alterations, launder and repair uniforms as needed. Distribute uniforms at band events and help collect uniforms at the end of the event.

## **Volunteer Coordinator**

### **Vacant - Looking for a volunteer!**

Volunteer coordinator(s) answer questions and communicate about needs and requirements. Contact one of our co-presidents if you are interested.

### **Important Note:**

Before you can volunteer, you will need to be "Raptured" by the school - this is a Manatee County School District policy. The current form and instructions can be found at <https://www.manateeschools.net/volunteer>.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**How do I register my child for the Marching band?** A QR code is provided in the information packet. Otherwise, visit lakewoodranchbands.org and look for the registration drop-down on the home page.

**How long do I have to decide whether I want to join the Marching band?** We need all registration forms submitted by July 1. This allows us to finalize our show and gives band members sufficient time to perfect the music and movement.

**If I'm not in marching band are there other opportunities to be involved in band programs?** LRHS students can participate in one of our concert bands or jazz band.

**How are band fees determined?** Band fees are determined by looking at total anticipated expenses (uniform accessories, bus trips, a weekend at States, staff fees, etc) and subtracting anticipated income (fundraising, concessions, sponsorships, and the school district budget). We then divide by the anticipated number of students. We expect the 2022-23 Band Program to cost approximately \$280,000 in total, which is our starting point when calculating fees. View the approved 2022-23 budget on Charms.

**Are transportation costs included in the band fees?** Your marching band fees include transportation costs to football games, competitions, and MPAs. You may be asked to provide your own transportation to special events such as parades. Note: Transportation for Winter Guard and Indoor Percussion are not included.

**Is financial assistance available?** Yes. We have a limited number of scholarships available. Please contact Mr. Schindler or our co-treasurers for more details. We also offer monthly payment installments to help spread the costs over the marching band season.

**Does my child have to be in a concert band, percussion or Color Guard class to be in marching band?** Students that play wind instruments are expected to be enrolled in either a concert band or jazz band course. However, there are exceptions to this due to scheduling conflicts and dual enrollment. These conflicts should be discussed with Mr. Schindler. Percussion and Color Guard students are required to be in the respective course for those specialty areas.

**Do I need to audition for Marching band to participate?** We accept musicians of all skill levels – from beginners to highly experienced. We hold auditions for drumline each Spring to determine *placement* - if your child auditions and does not make it, they are welcome to play a different percussion instrument.

**I want to be in Colorguard but have no experience, is that ok?** Yes. We will provide training.

**What is the time commitment for marching band?** We expect band members to attend all rehearsals, performances, and competitions. Please refer to the sample calendar for an idea of the overall schedule. We understand this is a significant commitment, but we believe it's well worth it. When all band members are present and working together, they perform better and deepen their relationships.

State competition is the culmination of months of hard work, so all members are required to attend state competition in November. **Students who can not commit to attending State Competition will not be incorporated into the show.**

**How long is the marching season?** The Marching Band season begins with show reveal/sign up in March and ends with State Competition in November, with an encore performance at Prism in early December and parades throughout the year. However, the bulk of the time commitment occurs July - November.

**What if my child must miss a band rehearsal or performance?** Parents should contact the band director as soon as you know there is a conflict.

**Does the band travel a lot?** The marching band travels to 1-2 away football games in the Fall and to competitions on Saturdays throughout October and November. Much of this is local but some competitions are in other parts of Florida. Band fees cover transportation costs via bus. If unexpected travel is needed, we divide the costs evenly among the students.

**What equipment do I need to participate?** Instruments are available from the school or you may play your own. Band members may inquire with the band director about renting their instrument for the year so they may practice at home.

**What should my student bring to band practice?** Florida summers are HOT. Band members should be prepared with a large water jug, sunscreen, and snacks. Additionally, they should bring a black towel on which to lay their instrument to protect it from hot asphalt. They should also wear white t-shirts with their name and instrument written on it (they will receive more information about this) along with comfortable clothing and athletic shoes.

**I would like to volunteer but I am not sure where I could be most helpful. What should I do?** We would love to help you find a good fit for your schedule and talents. Please contact our volunteer coordinator or one of our board members to discuss how you can get involved.

**Does LRBBA only deal with marching band?** No. LRBBA supports all the band programs, including symphonic band, wind ensemble, jazz band, percussion and colorguard.

**Do I need to participate in fundraising?** Our annual budget makes assumptions about the income level of fundraising dollars, so if we don't bring in what we budgeted, we will have a budget shortfall and have to make cuts and/or raise fees the following year to compensate. That being said, no one is required to participate in fundraising but it is strongly encouraged. We make it easy with a variety of fundraising opportunities that require little time investment. Some fundraising events directly support your student (applied to your student's band fees) while others support the entire band (applied to the overall budget).

**What does it mean to be a "competitive" band?** A competitive band is what it sounds like – competitive. That means we spend extra time and resources perfecting our music and visuals in order to compete (and win) against other bands throughout the state. This requires a higher time commitment from our members than a pep band. We are a class 4A band which means we have between 100-125 students and compete against other 4A bands.

**What is Charms and how do I access it?** Charms is a members only website and is the *source of truth* for the band program. Every band student is provided access to Charms. Parents will use charms using their students info to make payments and manage their accounts, sign up for volunteer events, access previous MMNs, and view the calendar. You can view a tutorial here: <https://lakewoodranchbands.org/charms-basic-account-info-tutorial/> If you have questions or need help accessing charms, please contact the corresponding secretary.



# COSTS

## Tuition (includes refundable volunteer deposit)

### Musicians

Returning: \$1,125

New: \$1,190 (includes shoes & Nike shirt)

\*Percussion: Additional \$25 mallet fee

### Color Guard

Returning: \$1,135 (includes makeup)

New: \$1,285 (includes bag, shirt, gloves, makeup & jacket)

\*Additional *required* Winter Guard charge of \$500 assessed December 1, 2022

## Optional/Replacement Purchases:

### Musicians

Shoes: \$40

Nike Shirt: \$25

Jacket: \$60

### Color Guard

Bag: \$40

Bling Shirt: \$30

Gloves: \$20

Jacket: \$60

## Volunteer Deposit

The band fees include a \$150 assessment for volunteer hours *per family*. Any family that provides a minimum 20 hours of volunteer service to the marching band over the course of the season (including camps and show preparation during the summer) can request a refund of the volunteer assessment. The volunteer hours must be documented in the Charms system or by the volunteer coordinator. **The refund for completing the volunteer service hours must be requested by December 1, 2022.** If a family does not complete at least 20 hours of service or chooses not to request the refund, the amount will be donated to the LRBBA scholarship reserves for the benefit of band members in need of financial assistance.

## Sibling Discount

Tuition is reduced by \$150 for each additional child in the marching band, plus an additional \$150 discount for volunteer assessment since that is assessed on a per family basis.

## Payment Options:

### Option 1: Pay in full at registration

### Option 2: Payment Plan

\$150 Deposit: Due upon registration

\$250 + Optional (makeup, shoes, jacket, etc.): Due July 1st

\$250: Due August 1st

\$250: Due September 1st

\$225: Due October 1st