

PLHS VANGUARD BAND CAMP 2021

Due to the ever changing nature of COVID 19 (and construction on campus), we realize that information about camp took a little longer than normal to be finalized. Thank you for your patience. Here is some information about what to expect for this year's Band Camp.

What is Band Camp?

Band Camp is where all members of the Point Loma High School Vanguard are invited to build a strong foundation of performance fundamentals for one week prior to the start of the school year. During the week, students will have the opportunity to learn and practice marching skills, rehearse musical selections to be performed at football games and halftime shows, and most importantly, students will have the opportunity to create lasting memories with 100+ other friends.

Is Band Camp Required?

Due to COVID precautions, we understand reservations that some families may have regarding participation in Band camp for the 2021 marching season; for this purpose, Band Camp is **strongly** recommended for all students who intend on performing in the PLHS Vanguard, but is not required.

When is Band Camp?

Band Camp will take place August 23-27, from 9am to 2pm each day. Students will have the opportunity to take a lunch break each day.

Where is Camp held?

We will be rehearsing on the sound end of campus on the softball ball field (which is directly behind the music hall). While the school and Clove st. parking lot are under construction, we ask that students enter campus at either of the gates located on Chatsworth Blvd and walk to the softball field. Signs directing students to the softball field will be posted during camp week.

I can't make every rehearsal during camp, what should I do?

Make every effort to come to rehearsal when you can. We will make some videos of the skills learned for students who miss or need to review.

I'm a 9th/10th grader and I have a registration day scheduled, what should I do?

It is important for students to go to their registration day, and that should be a priority. We recommend that students show up to registration as early as possible with all forms filled out—this will allow students to get through registration quickly, and then they could join us on the softball field for rehearsal.

I'm not sure if I want to do Marching Band yet, can I still attend?

Yes, come and I try it out. Band Camp is a great time to find out how incredible an experience marching band can be. Be advised, it's a lot of work, but it's also a lot of fun!

I don't play a traditional band instrument but I want to be involved, can I still attend?

Yes!!! There are multiple options for you in Vanguard. If you're willing to participate, we'll find the right spot in the group for you. The only requirement for participation in Vanguard is that you are enrolled in both a traditional music class during the day (Band, Orchestra, Dance Guard, Choir, Guitar) and 7th period Marching Band (for PE credit).

What should I bring to Band Camp?

Instrument or guard equipment: if you do not have one yet, we will do our best to provide you with one during camp.

Comfortable clothes for marching outside: we recommend light-colored, breathable fabrics, a hat, and sunglasses. Sunscreen is also strongly recommended.

Closed-toed shoes: for the marching portion of camp, students must have shoes that are comfortable and efficient for working on marching skills. Sandals or bare feet may cause injury during marching, and are not permitted. We recommend a light-colored athletic shoe with laces for maximum comfort.

Large reusable water bottle: **water is crucial to comfort/health during camp.**

Binder/pencil (For musicians): you will receive music during camp, which should be stored in a binder. The pencil is for marking up music in rehearsals.

A mask: SDUSD requires that all persons on campus must wear a mask while indoors regardless of vaccination status. While most of our rehearsals will take place outside, there will be times where we will move inside.

Lunch or money for lunch: Students will have the opportunity for a lunch break each day. In order to maximize this break time, we recommend that students bring their own lunch; however, there is a limited selection of restaurants/grocery store within walking distance of campus.

Does it cost anything for me to attend?

No, Camp is free to attend for students in PLHS Vanguard.

What can I expect regarding COVID 19 precautions?

We will be operating under the California Department of Public Health's guidance for playing wind instruments. At this time, that means that all band rehearsals will take place outdoors, with necessary social distancing between each performer. Students who do not play wind instruments may be able to rehearse indoors with a mask with necessary social distancing between each performer.

All students and staff are required to complete the ClearPass Questionnaire with honest and accurate answers prior to entering campus every day. The ClearPass Questionnaire may be accessed [here](#). Students must use their district provided email address in order to initially sign up for an account and to continue to log in. Students who used ClearPass at SDUSD schools last year do not need to create a new account.

At this time, we ask that only students and staff are allowed on campus during rehearsal. There will be parent volunteers from the boosters outside school entrances at the end of each rehearsal to help answer questions that you may have.

It is incredibly important that any students with a confirmed exposure to COVID 19, or those exhibiting COVID 19 symptoms refrain from attending rehearsals until they have been cleared by the student's physician or school nurse.