

Triton Central Marching Tigers 2019

Commitment Contract and Band Fee Information

The fall marching season is right around the corner, and we are already well into the planning and design phase. In order to properly plan for a successful season, we must know the exact number of participants. The purpose of this form is to better communicate the expectations and responsibilities of all Marching Tiger members AND parents. This applies to winds, percussion, and guard.

The marching band has many rehearsals outside of the school day that make participation co-curricular. This means that you will be graded and receive credit for all activities involved with the marching band. All members receive one full credit for the fall semester as well as one full P.E. credit. You can see a calendar with all rehearsals and performances posted on the band website at www.TritonCentralBands.com. This is updated often and always available. We try our very best to make you aware of all the activities involved now, but of course some things come up that we have no control over. We will always communicate this with you immediately to give you as much advanced notice as possible.

Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is essential in allowing the Triton Central Marching Tigers reach its potential for the season. When one person is missing, it really does affect the rest of the group. Attendance at all of band camp is especially crucial. This is when we do the majority of learning our half-time show. Missing one day of band camp is equivalent to missing almost two weeks of school. Please understand how important each individual's role is for the whole group. It is the students' AND parents' responsibility to make sure you can make it to and from all rehearsals. Many parents carpool to help out with these. Parents are also strongly encouraged to be a part of the marching band through many ways of participation including, but not limited to: prop design and building, uniform mending, pit crew, making/serving meals, etc. Parents can and should be just as involved as the students. We also have booster meetings for all band parents on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the High School Band Room.

Students are not allowed to "try it out" for a few rehearsals or weeks. Doing so is detrimental to the entire ensemble. It is completely understandable that entering into a new organization with very high expectations will be overwhelming at times, especially in the beginning. Nervousness, fatigue, frustration, and all of the other emotions that come along with entering into a challenging activity are normal reactions. All of our returning students had the same feelings, and nearly all of them will tell you that they felt much different at the end of their first marching season. For many, it becomes their favorite part of the year.

One of the ways of helping with the budget for the season is by requiring all members to pay a Band Fee. Each member is required to pay \$400 by July 8, 2019. (If you have two or more children in marching band, then the fee is \$300 per child.) We have already started the planning process, and a large part of the marching band budget is spent before band camp starts. This fee is non-refundable. Just like last year, we are offering a credits for dollars program to help with fees. You can work concessions over the summer and earn one credit for each hour worked. One credit is equivalent to \$5.

\$400 Band Fee helps with (but does not cover) the following costs:

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| T-shirt and Hoodie | Marching Shoes |
| Transportation | Music |
| Drill (Marching charts) | Uniform Maintenance |
| Equipment | Contest Fees |

We have read through the information about marching band and understand the commitment each student must make to the Triton Central Marching Tigers. By signing below, we are making this commitment for _____ to participate the entire marching season. We understand this means arrangements will be made immediately for him/her to have a permanent part in the fall marching show. We agree to do everything possible for him/her to be at every rehearsal and performance. We understand the importance of attendance at all events and will notify Mr. Shepherd as far in advance as possible of any unavoidable conflicts. We also commit to paying the \$400 band fee by July 8, 2019, or will work concessions to help with the fee and pay the difference by July 8, 2019. We understand this fee is non-refundable.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Tentative Important Dates 2019 Marching Season

Always check www.TritonCentralBands.com/Calendar for the most up to date info!

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| June Camp | June 11-14 |
| Fairland Fish Fry Parade | June 15 |
| Mandatory Parent Meeting | July 8 |
| Guard/Percussion only Camp | July 9-12 |
| Band Camp | July 15-26 |

Fall Rehearsals tentatively set for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 6-9 pm and Friday mornings 6:30-8:45 am.

(We will usually rehearse on eLearning Days, Parent/Teacher Conferences, etc.)

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| Hope Heritage Days Parade | September 29 |
| Fall Break Rehearsals | October 15-18 |

Contests every Saturday from September 7-November 9