



# SAGUARO SABERCAT MARCHING BAND

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Welcome to the 2018 SaberCat Marching Season!

My name is Mandi Broderick and I am the new Director of Bands at Saguaro High School. We have a great year planned ahead and I look forward to getting to know each of you and to help our band to reach new heights! Congratulations on choosing to be a part of our SaberCat Marching Band family. Participation in music is a recognized predictor and indicator of student success in and after high school. Over the next year, our goal is growth: Grow musically, mentally, and in the size of the ensemble. Our mission to help us achieve this is our goal for this year is PRIDE. Personal Responsibility In Developing Excellence. By establishing an expectation of excellence that starts at the individual level, we will be able to achieve our goal. Success is not determined by the awards we win or the ratings we receive. Success is determined by how we grow as an ensemble. I firmly believe that we will have a highly successful year just by what I have seen so far.

Communication is a strong factor in success. I am committed to sending information to families as complete as I am able and as frequently as is appropriate. In this packet, I have outlined several forms of communication that we will have available to you. I have also included my current forms of communication. For the summer, I have a Google Phone Number available (this is the number I reached out to everyone for contact information): 209.651.5369. If you did not receive a message from me that means I do not have accurate contact information for you. Please reach out to me via Google Phone or Email so I can get information from you.

Since this is a transition year, we are going through a lot of different people to get details solidified for band camp. While it was my hope to have all of these details worked out now, there are still some answers we're getting finalized. Please keep an eye on your email for another message when we will solidify those answers.

## **BAND CAMP**

Band Camp is the most important week of work that the marching band goes through the entire season. This is where we spend a lot of time and energy working on developing the musical, visual, and performing skills necessary for a successful season. It is also a vitally important week for the development of our band community. This is where we learn to work together as a team. We will be spending a lot of time together this upcoming fall and we begin to grow our band bond during this week. Drill placement is based on a student's attendance at Band Camp. If there is an unavoidable conflict with the schedule, it ***must*** be communicated with Mrs. Broderick *as soon as possible in writing*. Please remember, Marching Band is a graded class with extra commitments outside of class time.

Please go through all of this packet as a family. I will be sending out more information later regarding permission slips for band camp, contact information (from those I have not received it from), and health forms necessary for athletic activities. Please keep checking your email and our band website for these updates.

Please feel free to reach out to me via the methods outlined above if you have any questions. Please remember there will be more information coming in a later email.

Musically yours,  
Mandi Broderick  
Director of Bands  
Saguaro High School



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## **BAND CAMP SCHEDULE**

(all events take place at Saguaro - meet in Band Room)

Mon July 9th	11 AM - 1 PM	Student Leadership Meeting
Mon July 9th	1 PM - 3 PM	New Uniform Organization (Leadership & Veterans welcome to assist)
Thurs July 19th	8 AM - 12 PM	Percussion (Battery & Pit), Guard, & Leadership Camp
Thurs July 19th	1 PM - 4 PM	Rookie & Leadership Camp (any new members that have not marched) Marching Instrument Rental available at this time
Mon July 23rd	8 AM - 6 PM	
Tues July 24th	8 AM - 6 PM	
Wed July 25th	8 AM - 6 PM	
Thurs July 26th	8 AM - 8 PM	

## **Camp Daily Schedule**

- 7:00 Doors open - students should arrive no later than 7:45 in order to set up and block up
- 8:00 Block up and march out to field
  - Guard inside on stage - Basics with Mrs. Hurtado
  - Pit inside in Band Room - TBA
  - Marching ensemble outside on field for marching fundamentals - Movement rehearsals with Mr. Spiess
- 11:00 March inside and break for lunch (Students need to bring sack lunch - see note below regarding lunches)
- 12:00 Full Ensemble warm up in Band Room with Mrs. Broderick
  - Guard on Stage with Mrs. Hurtado
- 12:30 Sectionals break out
  - Guard on stage with Mrs. Hurtado
  - Pit in Band Room Ensemble Practice room or with Percussion - Ethan
  - Percussion in Band Room - Jenni
  - Brass in Orchestra Room (if another space available - low and high brass break out) - Skyler & John
  - Woodwinds in Choir Room - Roland
- 2:00 Break/Activity with Mrs. Broderick
- 2:30 Full Ensemble Rehearse in Band Room with Mrs. Broderick
  - Guard on Stage with Mrs. Hurtado
- 5:30 Full Ensemble with Guard in Band Room
- 6:00 Rehearsals end - Released for Dinner Monday through Wednesday. Thursday, dinner provided by Boosters and Senior night/Skit night/final camp activity (released at 8 PM)
- 7:00 **OPTIONAL TEAM BUILDING** (Monday through Wednesday, Thursday required until 8)
  - Monday - Movie night
  - Tuesday - Bunco night
  - Wednesday - TBA
  - Thursday (**REQUIRED**) - Dinner provided by boosters. Skit night and Senior night.

*All Band Camp is Mandatory Attendance unless otherwise stated*



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## Band Camp Requirements

Band camp will be a strenuous activity that will focus on strengthening students both physically and musically. All students will need to bring the following items every day:

- A minimum of a gallon of water (multiple water bottles, camel pack, or jug of water acceptable). We will have Jugs to refill water with, but students will be outside in the mornings and will need to have a large amount of water to begin with. Breaks will be provided for shade and water.
- Sunscreen. Students should apply sunscreen before going outside, but provide a bottle to re-apply as they sweat throughout the rehearsal.
- School appropriate athletic clothing. We will be working a lot on movement and strength building. Please wear appropriate clothes for movement and activity, but meets the school dress code expectations.
- Tennis shoes or marching shoes. Marching shoes are a purchase required for all four years of marching band. Students that already have these are welcome to wear them for outside marching rehearsals. **SANDALS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING CAMP.** Any students wearing sandals of any kind will sit out and rehearsal will be counted as unexcused. I do not encourage Vans-style shoes or Converse style shoes. Shoes should be the equivalent of marathon style running shoes: arch support and correctly fitted. Loose shoes will fall off and tight shoes will cause blisters.
- Socks. This may sound silly, but students must wear socks with their shoes.
- A lyre and flip folder for your instrument (minimum of 20 windows for the flip folder). These items can be purchased at a local music store like Music and Arts or Milanos or online through shops like amazon, woodwind/brasswind, or others. Students will be receiving music throughout camp that will be needed for the season.
- Notebook. A writing notebook is necessary if there are things learned throughout camp that will assist to remember throughout the year.
- Pencil. Students will always need a pencil to mark music and drill.
- Hat and Sunglasses. This will assist greatly to avoid heat exhaustion.
- Deodorant. Please reapply throughout the day.
- Instrument. If you will be using a school instrument for the season, contracts and fees will be discussed the first day of camp. It is encouraged that if you are a returning member and available on the 19th from 1 - 4.

## The following items are NOT allowed during band camp:

- Soda or energy drinks (even with lunch). These items are full of sugar and can be dangerous to a student's health when working the way we will be during camp.
- Fast Food lunches. Please do not arrange to bring your student a lunch during break. Please have them pack a healthy, sustainable lunch in the morning to bring with them for lunch break. We will attempt to have coolers with ice to keep lunches cool. We encourage foods like salads, fruit, vegetables, protein, sandwiches, etc.
- Cell Phones! While students will be able to have their phones with them at camp, they are not permitted to use them during any rehearsal or sectional (with the exception of leadership using them for tools such as metronome or listening excerpts).



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## Top Ten Things to Remember About Band Camp:

10) Wear cool, comfortable, easy-to-move-in clothes. Wear tennis shoes with socks. DO NOT wear sandals or Vans-type shoes. ALL CLOTHING MUST COMPLY WITH THE SKYLINE SCHOOL DRESS CODE.

9) Hats and sunglasses are helpful in keeping cool outside. Small towels are good to put water on and put on your neck too!

8) Please wear sunblock and reapply on the breaks if necessary. We will be outside for 4 hours every day!

7) Stay hydrated. We have water and Gatorade available all of the time. Also remember to drink water in the evening before going to bed.

6) Bring a lyre and flip folder for your instrument.

5) Bring your instrument. Seriously.

4) Bring a pencil to all music rehearsals. Often times we must make cuts or changes to the music and you will need to mark these in the music.

3) Please bring deodorant and never be afraid to REAPPLY! This will allow you to keep the new friends you have met while at camp!

2) DON'T SKIP ANY MEALS. Don't forget to eat breakfast before coming to camp (even if you don't usually). You will be way too active at camp and need the energy.

1) Make the most out of the experience. A successful Band Camp will create a successful marching season. Our success depends on the level of commitment from individual band members.

## Marching Band Rehearsal Schedule

Once camp is over, we will continue to have rehearsals through the season to prepare for games and competitions.

### AM Rehearsals

5:45 AM Room Opens

6:15 - 7:15 Rehearsals outside (M, W, Th, F)

6:45 - 7:15 Rehearsals inside (Tuesdays)

### Monday Evening Rehearsals

5:00 - 6:00 Guard and Percussion Rehearsals

6:00 - 9:00 Full Ensemble Rehearsals outside

### Tuesday Afternoon Guard Sectionals (Tentative)

2:30 - 3:30 in Band Room with Mrs. Hurtado

### Friday Game Day Schedule

5:00 PM Call Time in Band room set up and ready (unless otherwise notified).

### Friday Non-Game Day

Rehearsals may be scheduled if there are away games that we do not attend. (Further information will be shared at the start of school).

## Game Schedule

Aug 17th	Poston Butte	Away Game
Aug 24th	Liberty	Home Game
Sept 7th	Desert Mountain	Away Game
Sept 14th	Chaparral	Home
Sept 21st	Arcadia	Homecoming
Sept 28th	Desert Edge	Home
Oct 5th	Marcos de Niza	Home
Oct 19th	Seton Catholic	Away
Oct 26th	Mesquite	Away

Post season is not yet available. It is highly likely that we will be attending the semi-finals and finals games. Dates shared as soon as they are know. Keep checking our website.

