APRIL 18, 2019 (REV. JUN. 11)

AHS Trojan Band

Cultivating a lifelong love of music

What Happens in Marching Season

Summer marching camp. Region music master classes. Flamingo-ing. Zero-hour and after-school rehearsals. Pep rallies. Football games. Marching competitions. Stadium rehearsal. UIL Marching Contest.

Family potluck. End-of-flamingo-ing party. Parent show-off + ice cream!

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BAND PARENT 103

May 17, 2019

6 p.m. (MMS Spring Concert @ AISD PAC)

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FRESHMEN WINDS

Jul. 26, 2019

8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
AHS Band Hall

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FAMILY POTLUCK

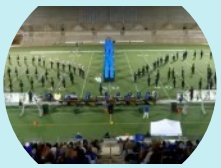
Jul. 29, 2019

6 p.m. (before kids leave for flamingo-ing)

Summer Marching (all)
July 29 - August 16

School Rehearsals (winds & perc.)

M	5-7:30 p.m.
W	7:10-8:40 a.m.
Th	7:10-8:40 a.m.
F	7:10-8:40 a.m.



Competitions

Sep. 24	Jamboree
Sep. 28	BOA-Austin
Oct. 5	Vista Ridge
Oct. 19	BOA-Waco
Oct. 22	UIL
Nov. 2	US Bands

What Makes the Band Program Go Around?

Directors. Parent Volunteers. Student Leaders. Band Members. Private Lesson Teachers. Community Members. Local Businesses. UIL. TMEA. Donations of Both Time and Money. Good Communication.

AndersonTrojanBand.com

Contact Information. Band Blasts. Online Store. Private Lesson Teachers. Volunteer SignUps.

Director Contact Info

- Director of Bands, Andrea Gonzalez: any questions about any area of the band or guard program
  - andrea.k.gonzalez@austinisd.org
- Associate Band Director, Frank Nedley: percussion, general questions
  - frank.nedley@austinisd.org
- Associate Band Director, Jeff Cleveland: instrument rentals
  - jeffrey.s.cleveland@austinisd.org

Private Lesson Teachers

- *"If you want to improve and grow, you need guidance." —local musician*
- One-on-one instruction allows students to learn their instruments faster and HAVE MORE FUN!

Parent Volunteers

- All parents are encouraged, invited, and welcomed to help out however & whenever you can
- Your support and generosity is vital to the band

ABBA: Anderson Band Booster Association

- ABBA serves both band and dance guard
- Coordinates parent support for the band/guard program
- Meets 6:30 p.m., 1st Monday of each month

SIGN UP FOR THE BAND BLAST!

Enter e-mail address in lower-right corner of band website

Click the "Sign Me Up!" button

Communication

E-mail

- ask a director
- ask a parent at TrojanBandParent@gmail.com

Facebook

- join the closed Facebook group "New AHS Trojan Band Families"

BAND app

- Trojan Band PARENTS
- Anderson Trojan Band 2019-2020 (kids are already in this one)

Remind101 app/text messages

- Text @trojan to 81010

Google calendar sync

- sync not required—you can check this any time on the band website

Summer Preparations

Gather supplies. Family time outside. Practice!

Supply checklists

- individual checklists as well as a master checklist are provided at the end of this handout and at andersontrojanband.com
- help your child gather all the items, and then turn them over so they can take responsibility (their section leaders will help them)

Take walks outside (in the mornings!)

- check out neighborhood parks on Google Maps to find ones closest to you
  - Great Hills Park, Yett Creek, Bull Creek, West Bull Creek Greenbelt (Jester area), Balcones District Park/Walnut Creek, St. Edwards Park
- during flamingo-ing, kids may be gone from 7:15 a.m.-10 p.m. . . . for Thursday games, they may be gone 6:30 a.m.-11 p.m. before being to school the next day by 9 a.m. . . . so enjoy some time together now!

Practice show music AND region etudes

- encourage your student to practice
- auditions for marching spots happen during the first week of camp

Upcoming Dates 2019

- May 17, 6 p.m.: (parent info session)
- June/July: band hall open 11a-2p, Weds.
- July 22: summer marching: perc. & guard
- **July 26: last date for physical exam (new)**
- July 26: summer marching: freshmen winds
- July 29: family picnic/start of flamingoing
- Aug. 3: Registration Day (9 a.m. freshmen)
- Aug. 16: 5:30 p.m. call time for kids/6 p.m. ice cream social for families
- Aug. 19: no school; 5-7:30 p.m. rehearsal
- Aug. 29: first football game
- Sep. 20: end of 1st six weeks' grading period

HOW TO STAY INFORMED

- Sign up for Band Blasts AND read each one all the way through
- BAND app AND Facebook group
- Google calendar at andersontrojanband.com
- Text @trojan to 81010 to receive Remind101 text alerts

HOW TO GET ANSWERS

- E-mail a Director or Parent Mentor (TrojanBandParent@gmail.com)
- Ask in the Facebook group (New AHS Trojan Band Families)
- Ask your student!

New for 2019-2020

Physical exam now required for band!

UIL Requirement

- The exam must be performed between April 15 and July 31
- Can be done by pediatrician or walk-in clinics
- Take the UIL form to the physical
- Send the completed form with your child on their first day of summer camp
- If not submitted, your child cannot participate!

Carpooling

Things to Know

- percussion should carpool with percussion
- in addition to percussion, low brass also stays later to unload after games and competitions

Timing Considerations

- plan to deposit your carload of kids at the band hall no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of rehearsal
- they will need at least 10-15 minutes after returning to the band hall from a game/ contest before they are ready to leave

Tips

- carpool with people in your immediate neighborhood
- keep in touch with each other easily using GroupMe or something similar
- make sure everyone puts everyone else's number in their Contacts—adults AND kids

Parking Lot Etiquette

- Please note that there is a one-way direction of traffic through the teachers' parking lot

- When picking up after games and competitions, please wait in a parking space (or along Cima Serena) so the drive is clear for the truck and trailer to enter and unload

Donations and Sponsorships

ABBA is a non-profit 501(c)(3).

- some employers match donations—please check—donations are tax-deductible
- your small business (or large one!) could be listed on our website, in concert programs, or even on the side of our Anderson Trojan Band trailer

What to Wear & Bring

- Everything on the summer marching checklist
- Lots of healthy snacks; lunch (or $$$—set a budget)
- Blue water cooler (received on Jul. 26)
- Marching AND concert instrument

Tips

Personal items

- No cotton clothes. Use a visor instead of a hat. Bring a fresh shirt & shorts to change into at lunch. Have a washcloth and spray-on deodorant. Do not leave dirty clothes in your locker! Keep everything together in a string backpack.
- Bring a bleach pen if prone to bites. A cooling towel can help with overheating.

Hydration

- Fill cooler with 1/2 water, 1/2 Gatorade or Pedialyte (anything with electrolytes). Try adding frozen fruit. Wash the cooler WITH SOAP every evening.
- Make big ice cubes using yogurt or butter containers.
- Some kids like to use a Camelbak.

Food

- NO DAIRY at breakfast!
- Good: protein; bananas, eggs, toaster waffles, fruit, granola bars w/protein, nuts, trail mix.

Summer Marching

Get to know each other. Learn/ remember how to march. Assign marching placements. Prepare the opener. Masterclasses on region etudes.

Guard and Percussion

- July 22, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.—1st day of camp

Section Leaders

- July 24-25—leadership camp

Freshmen Winds

- July 26, 8 a.m.-11 a.m.—freshmen winds only + section leaders

Everyone!

- July 29, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Daily Schedule Overview, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- 8 a.m. - noon: spent outside working on movements and learning the show
- noon - 1:30 p.m.: lunch—kids are free to go wherever they like
- 1:30 - 5 p.m.: kids are indoors working on the region music, practicing marching on the auditorium stage, and generally polishing their musicianship skills

Flamingo-ing

- July 29 - August 11, 6-10ish p.m.

Last Week of Camp

Time Change

- 8 a.m. - noon, Mon.-Fri. (12-16 Aug.)
- 1-3 p.m. Monday—pictures
- Monday evening—pool party!
- **5:30 p.m., Friday, August 16**, for the **6 p.m. ice cream social** —demonstration for parents & siblings

Flamingo-ing!

The Trojan Band's largest fundraiser is done entirely by the kids and is completed before classes begin. It is both a **fundraiser** and a **team-building activity**.

Each section goes into the community to request and collect donations that go 100% to the band program.

They plant flamingos, serenade homeowners, laugh, get silly, talk about the show and the show music . . . and they lay the groundwork for a support network that helps them through their entire high school experience.

Working together, they get to relax in a way that can't happen during marching camp or classes.

They will come home tired and probably head straight for the shower. But they are making friends and memories that will last through high school and beyond.

It's not uncommon that graduated seniors about to head off to college still come back to drive for flamingo-ing.

By the time it's all done, the kids will have raised in the neighborhood of $55,000-$60,000 for the band's operating expenses.

What to Know

- **Begins Monday, July 29—students leave with their section directly from the family potluck —and ends Sunday, August 11**
- **Students are asked to go ~3-4 times a week**
- **Flamingo-ing began about 25 years ago, and people in the community sometimes call the Director if they haven't been flamingoed yet**
- ***Parent drivers are needed and appreciated!* Great way to get to know some of the kids, see them in action, and get comfortable with the experience**
- **This may be the first time that you watch your kid go off with other kids and no adults. Don't worry! There are plenty of adults out there for help if needed, and we've never had a dangerous incident**

Registration Day: Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019

Turn in hard-copy forms. Get fitted for uniform tailoring. Have questions answered by directors or parents.

SCHEDULE

9-10 a.m.: freshmen
10-11 a.m.: sophomores
11 a.m.-noon: juniors and seniors

Hard-copy forms to bring

- physical, dated April 15, 2019 or later
- medical history
- handbook agreement
- catering selections for football games (can also be done online with a credit card)

Payments (check or cash)

- fair share
- catering for football games (can also be done w/a credit card online)
- instrument fees
- marching pictures
  - panoramic pic of the entire band, ~$25
  - individual pics, usually $25-35
- price of any additional t-shirts/polos for parents & siblings

Students

- fill out student information in CHARMS
- fitting for marching uniform
- fitting for concert uniform
- receive blue polo (part of summer uniform)

Volunteering

Great way to learn about the band program! Provide treats during summer marching. Feed students. Chaperone. Pit crew. Fundraising and sponsorships. Help kids with uniform inspections.

You can absolutely do a little of everything or choose to stick with a single area. Nearly all our volunteering is managed with SignUp Genius.

Summer Marching Camp

- ice rags
- Popsicle fairy
- flamingo-ing (drivers needed!)
- ice cream social

Football & Marching Competition Season

- brag buttons, marchers of the week
- set up catering on game days
- man the uniform room to log out loaner items, iron shorts (they do their own ironing!), and whatever the section leaders need
- chaperone (ride buses to and from games and competitions—this gets you in at no charge!)
- pit crew—help with loading & unloading equipment and instruments on the trailer

Year-round Support

- sponsorships
- donations (Anderson City Limits raffle items, food for various events, etc.)
- uniform inventory
- mulch delivery fundraiser (spring)
- serve on the ABBA Board or attend meetings to offer input

Marching Season Dates

Football Game Schedule

- Aug. 29, Thursday (McCallum @ House Park)
- *Sep. 6, Friday (Rouse @ Leander)*
- *Sep. 13, Friday (Del Valle @ Veteran's Stadium)*
- Sep. 19, Thursday (Hays @ Nelson Field)
- *Oct. 4, Friday (Bowie @ Burger Stadium)*
- Oct. 10, Thursday (Akins @ House Park)
- *Oct. 18, Friday (Austin @ House Park)*
- Oct. 24, Thursday (Lehman @ Nelson Field)
- *Nov. 1, Friday (Westlake @ Chaparral Stadium)*
- Nov. 8, Friday (Lake Travis @ House Park)

**away games in italics*

Marching Contests/Exhibitions

- Sep. 24, Tu., AISD Jamboree (Burger Stdm.)
- Sep. 28, Sat., BOA-Austin
- Oct. 5, Sat., Vista Ridge
- Oct. 14, Mon., stadium rehearsal (9a-1p)
- Oct. 19, Sat., BOA-Waco
- Oct. 22, Tu., UIL (probably Burger Stdm.)
- Nov. 2, Sat., US Bands (Round Rock)

Other Fall Dates 2019

- Jul. 29, Mon.—family potluck and flamingo-ing kick-off
- Aug. 12, Mon.—1-3 p.m. pictures
- Aug. 12, Mon. evening—pool party to celebrate end of flamingo-ing (location TBD)
- Aug. 16, Fri.—ice cream social and end of summer marching; panoramic pics delivered
- Nov. 16, Sat.—Region Orchestra auditions
- *Nov. 21-23, Th.-Sat.—Region Orchestra clinic and concert for those who qualified*
- Nov. 28 & 30, Th. and Sat.—Region Band auditions
- *Dec. 6-7, Fri-Sat.—Region Band clinic & concert for those who qualified*
- Dec. 12, Th.—Winter Concert @ AISD PAC

CULTIVATE FLEXIBILITY AND STAY INFORMED!

Weather can throw a wrench into the best-laid plans

Scheduling is often finalized only a few days before a competition or audition

Make sure to sign up for the Band Blast e-mails and join the BAND app

Checklist: Summer Marching

Items needed by beginning of camp

- [ ] white shirts, preferably not cotton
- [ ] comfortable shoes and socks
- [ ] shorts, preferably athletic
- [ ] visor or baseball cap
- [ ] sunglasses
- [ ] sunscreen, at least 50 SPF
- [ ] lip balm with SPF
- [ ] deodorant (spray-on recommended)

Checklist: Other Supplies

Items needed by beginning of camp

- [ ] lyre + flip folder with at least 20 pages
- [ ] music stand
- [ ] metronome and tuner
- [ ] black 3-ring binder (1-1/2")

Checklist: Summer Uniform

Items needed by August 12

- [ ] shorts **in the correct color and style**
- [ ] brown belt
- [ ] plain white sneakers
- [ ] white no-show socks

Checklist: Full Marching Uniform

Items needed by September 23

- [ ] athletic shorts that can be worn under the bibber without being visible
- [ ] leggings for cooler weather (optional)
- [ ] black crew socks
- bun items
  - [ ] hair gel or hairspray
  - [ ] ponytail holders
  - [ ] bobby pins
  - [ ] hairbrush

Checklist: Concert Uniform

Items needed by November 18

- **Boys**
  - [ ] long black dress socks
  - [ ] black dress shoes (Dinkles are fine)
- **Girls**
  - [ ] black dress shoes
  - [ ] leggings (optional)
  - [ ] black shrug (optional)

Master Checklist

For those who prefer to do all their shopping at once!

- [ ] white shirts, preferably not cotton
- [ ] shorts, preferably athletic, for summer band
- [ ] shorts **in the correct color and style** for the summer uniform
- [ ] athletic shorts that can be worn under the bibber without being visible
- [ ] brown belt

- [ ] leggings for cooler weather (optional)—can be used both under the bibber and under the concert dress for girls
- [ ] black shrug (optional) for girls' concert uniform

- [ ] comfortable shoes and socks for summer band
- [ ] plain white sneakers for summer uniform
- [ ] white no-show socks for summer uniform
- [ ] black crew socks for marching uniform

- [ ] long black dress socks (boys' concert uniform)
- [ ] black dress shoes for boys' concert uniform (Dinkles are fine)

- [ ] visor or baseball cap
- [ ] sunglasses
- [ ] sunscreen, at least 50 SPF
- [ ] lip balm with SPF
- [ ] deodorant (spray-on recommended)

Bun items for long hair:

- [ ] hair gel or hairspray
- [ ] ponytail holders
- [ ] bobby pins
- [ ] hairbrush

- [ ] lyre + flip folder with at least 20 pages
- [ ] music stand
- [ ] metronome and tuner
- [ ] black 3-ring binder (1-1/2")

Band During the School Year

Marching Rehearsal Schedules

Guard

- Monday: 5-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday: 5-7 p.m.
- Thursday: 7:10-8:40 a.m.
- Friday: 7:10-8:40 a.m.

"The true beauty of music is that it connects people. It carries a message, and the musicians are the messengers." —Roy Ayers

Winds & Percussion

- Monday: 5-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday: 7:10-8:40 a.m.
- Thursday: 7:10-8:40 a.m.
- Friday: 7:10-8:40 a.m.

Fall Semester

- Marching band
- Musical pit (theatre)
- Region Orchestra and Region Band auditions
- Full Orchestra begins when marching rehearsals end
- Winter Concert

Tips

- Game days can be LONG! Try finding a small ritual that helps (add a treat in your kid's lunch, or drive them to school the next day so they can sleep in a little).
- Encourage your child to do homework on the day it's assigned, if possible.
- Your kids may surprise you with taking responsibility; the section leaders are a great help for them
- Find a carpool!
- Private lessons will help your student have more fun with their instrument and have more fun in band

Spring Semester

- Before- or after-school sectionals begin the first week back from the holidays
- Jazz Band
- Indoor Drumline/Steel Band
- Winter Guard
- Full Orchestra continues to prepare for UIL (Monday & Friday mornings)
- Area auditions (January)
- Region Band clinic & concert (January)
- Continue preparing for Solo & Ensemble (usually end of February)
- Anderson Solo Competition
- Pre-UIL concert
- UIL Concert and Sightreading
- Spring Band Camp
- Anderson City Limits
- Band Banquet
- Spring Concert + Senior Recognition Night
- Graduation band