

Parent & Guardian

# First Year Marching Band Survival Guide

El Dorado High School

Welcome to the award winning Cougar Music Program! The music program is lead by Levi Cambridge (lcambridge@eduhd.k12.ca.us) and is fully supported by parent volunteers.

## Band Camp

This year *Band Camp* will be divided in to three days:

Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 4 pm (new marchers only) and

Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup> 8 am – 2 pm

Band Camp is held at the El Dorado High School Band/Music Room (or as directed). This is a mandatory event for all band and color guard members. Students will be outside some of the time and should dress appropriately -shorts, t-shirt, tennis shoes (closed toe shoes). Remember to bring sunglasses, hats, sunscreen, water, bag lunch, and your musical instrument.

The purpose of band camp is for the leadership team and Mr. Cambridge to set the foundation for all our marching musicians. Members will; learn to march, be assigned to a section, meet the leadership team, participate in team building activities, begin learning the field show, be fitted for their uniforms and shoes.

## Parent & Guardian Informational Meetings

There will be a first time marcher's parent meeting **Thursday August 7 at 4:00 pm** in the Band/Music Room. Also there will be a parent informational meeting as part of this year's fall picnic on **Saturday August 30 16 at 2:30 pm** location to be announced.

## Uniforms

Band members will be fitted in blue Marching Uniforms and black tuxedos for boys or black shirts and palazzo pants for girls for the concert season. These uniforms are kept at school and distributed to the students prior to each performance.

Color guard members will be fitted for a uniform appropriate for their activity, usually a process throughout the year.

Each student is required to purchase a Cougar Music T-Shirt; a uniform garment bag, and black marching shoes. In addition, each student will pay a uniform cleaning fee. You may also order t-shirts and sweatshirts for family members.

At the August 30<sup>th</sup> parent meeting you will be given a Uniform Order Form. It is EXTREMELY important that the form be returned by the deadline. The fees are due when the form is submitted, however, the fee may be paid over a 5 month time period, and a payment schedule can be set up with the treasurer. A scholarship may be available on a needs basis, and worked off during the rest of the year with extra fundraising efforts.

## **Direct Costs**

Direct Costs are usually around \$140.00 initially, then around \$80.00 annually. This includes uniforms (see above) and the meals served by our Music Boosters (Band Aides) during away performances.

## **Fundraising**

Fundraising has become a necessity so that the band is able to participate in competitions, honor bands, field trips and to pay for instrument repair and uniform maintenance. We look forward to every band family to help raise \$100 in fundraising monies by October 15<sup>th</sup>. This can be accomplished by participating in fall fundraising activities such as the sticker for donation drive. Or your family can simply donate it as a tax write off.

## **Band Practice, Competitions and Performances**

- Evening Marching Rehearsal:  
Tuesday nights 6 pm-9 pm on the football field beginning August 19, ending November 4.
- Fall Picnic August 30. location TBA
  - Potluck picnic. This is an annual FAMILY event. Look for a flyer containing pertinent information.
- Field Show and/or Parade Competitions:
  - The band will be competing in both parade (reviews) and field show competitions. These are activities in which schools from around the state gather at a school site to compete. The various categories are based on band and/or school size. There are judges who score them based on overall visual effect, musical effect and marching. Awards are then presented at the end of the competition based on the various divisions.
  - Transportation to competitions is by school bus and all students are **REQUIRED** to ride the bus to the competitions. You may take your child home directly after the competitions; however, you need to sign them out with the Head Chaperone prior to leaving the event. Parents planning to attend the competitions should be aware that there are entry fees charged to watch the events. Before each event you will receive additional information in Mr. Cambridge's weekly bulletin as well as emails from the Band Aide President.
- Football games: The band plays and marches at home varsity football games.
- Performances: In addition to the competitions there will be several additional performances, such as the fall winter and spring concerts. See Mr. Cambridge's weekly bulletin as well as the web site for additional information.

- End of the year trip: This is an “extra” performance.
  - In the past the trip has alternated each year between a trip to Disneyland (last year) and a trip to a Heritage Festival (such as San Diego, this year)
  - The band will select a destination and establish fundraising goals in order to pay for the trip. Watch for additional information.

### **Parent Volunteers**

Every parent and guardian with a student in the Cougar Music Program is automatically a member of the music boosters, the Band Aides. Band Aides is a non-profit, parent support for the El Dorado Cougar Music Program. The Band Aide Board meetings take place once each month in the Vista Room (adjacent to the Band Room). A schedule will follow, as all parents are welcome to attend.

Parent volunteers help and support Mr. Cambridge in many ways that allow the award-winning music programs to perform, travel and compete. The main objective is to support the band financially with fundraising. In addition, you can sign up to help with the following:

- Sewing - hemming pants, jacket sleeves, choir dresses, & repairing uniforms
- Chaperoning — we need chaperones to help with all of the activities that accompany moving 70+ band students, choir students or jazz students.
- Uniforms — assisting with the distribution of uniforms
- Snack Bar — working at the visitor’s side snack bar at all home football games. Two shifts are available: 5pm to 8 pm or 8pm to the end of the varsity game.
- Spring Fundraiser – Help with collection of donations, auction items, ticket takers and food and drink distribution
- Pit Crew – loads and transports percussion equipment for all field shows including football games. In addition, the pit crew is responsible for setting up the equipment as part of the field competitions.
- Helping any way you can – All and any help is appreciated!

Our most important role, as parents, is cheering on our wonderful Cougar Music Program at home football games, competitions, and parades which demonstrate our support, love, and pride.

### **Terminology**

Call Time - is the time when music students report to the school or location of the event.

Step Off Time – is the time the music students are fully dressed, ready and in position

## Contact Information

- Mr. Cambridge prepares a weekly bulletin that is distributed to each student.
- Contact him directly by email-the best way- (lcambridge@eduhd.k12.ca.us ) or phone 622-3634, ext.1196.
- Email notifications sent via Band Aides president
- Music Program website <http://www.edhscougarmusic.org>
- Band Aides Officers:
  - President – Gary Aguilar 622-6804 [aguilag@arc.losrios.edu](mailto:aguilag@arc.losrios.edu)
  - Vice President - Terry Aguilar 621-3049 [dunebuggy43@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dunebuggy43@sbcglobal.net)
  - Treasurer - Annette Moore - 647-2005 [gamfam7@comcast.net](mailto:gamfam7@comcast.net)
  - Secretary- Michele Raley-642-2853 [mraley@pon.net](mailto:mraley@pon.net)
- Band Aides Chair Heads
  - Uniforms- Sue Rees -622-6220 [sue459main@att.net](mailto:sue459main@att.net) and Nina Abbott-626-9184 [safari@innercite.com](mailto:safari@innercite.com)
  - Fundraising- Bruce Raley-642-2853 [braley@pon.net](mailto:braley@pon.net)
    - SCRIP & ink cartridge recycle- Cindy Van Order-622-6522 [cvanor1018@aol.com](mailto:cvanor1018@aol.com)
    - Sticker donation sales- Gary Aguilar 622-6804 [aguilag@arc.losrios.edu](mailto:aguilag@arc.losrios.edu)
    - Recycle program – Ken Greenwood 647-2456 [krg@d-web.com](mailto:krg@d-web.com)
  - Pit Crew- Terry Aguilar-621-3049 [dunebuggy43@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dunebuggy43@sbcglobal.net)
  - Head Chaperone- Denise Lambert 344-1431 [denise.lambert@wildblue.net](mailto:denise.lambert@wildblue.net)
  - Snack Bar & Food Coordinator- Julie Aguilar-621-3049 [doggyhouse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:doggyhouse@sbcglobal.net)
  - Color Guard lead parent- Annette Moore - 647-2005 [gamfam7@comcast.net](mailto:gamfam7@comcast.net)
  - Newsletter- Cindy Van Order-622-6522 [cvanor1018@aol.com](mailto:cvanor1018@aol.com)
  - Website – Vesla Greenwood [vesla@internet49.com](mailto:vesla@internet49.com)

# 2008-2009 EDHS Music

## Fall

### July

7/31-8/03/08 Drum Majors at USA camp.

### August

**B** 8/7/08 Thurs. Freshman Marching Preview 10-4  
**B** 8/7/08 Tues. Freshman parent meeting 4 p.m. in Band Rm  
**B** 8/16/08 Sat. Field Show Practice 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**B** 8/28/08 Thur Open the Missouri Flat Bridge 10a.m.-12 p.m.  
**B** 8/30/08 Sat. Field Show Practice 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**B/C** 8/30/08 All Parents Meeting. 2:30 p.m. Location TBA  
**B/C** 8/30/08 Picnic 2:30 p.m. Location TBA

### September

**B** 9/12/08 Fri. Football Game vs. Union Mine  
**B** 9/13/08 San Jose State Band Day. (All Day Event)  
**B** 9/19/08 Fri. Football Game vs. Ponderosa (*Alumni Night*)  
**J** 9/20/08 Sat. Potential Jazz function with the Farm Bureau

### October

**C/J** 10/9/08 Thurs. Fall Concert at EDHS Band Rm or Amph.  
**B** 10/11/08 Sat. Oakmont Field Show  
**B** 10/17/08 Fri. Football Game vs. Lincoln  
**B** 10/18/08 Sat. Del Oro Review, Field, and Concert.  
**B** 10/24/08 Fri. Football Game vs. Colfax Homecoming Rally, "Parade," (*Home Coming*)

### November

**B** 11/1/08 Sat. Folsom Fall Festival  
**B** 11/7/08 Fri. Football Game vs. Mesa Verde  
**B/J** 11/8/08 Merced Review, Field, & Jazz  
11/11/08 Veteran's Day No School  
**B/J/C** 11/21/08 Tues. Honor Band Tapes Due  
11/24-28/08 Thanksgiving Recess No School  
**J** 11/28/08 Fri. Festival of Lights

### December

**V** 12/7/08 Sun. Christmas Parade  
**B/J/C** 12/9/08 Tues. Winter Concert in the Large Gym.  
Awards seniors receive corsages, Letters & Lyres are distributed to people who've completed a 3rd marching season or 3<sup>rd</sup> year of choir.  
**J** 12/13/08 Sat. CSUS Jazz Festival  
12/22/08-1/2/09 Winter Break

## Spring

### January

**A** 1/5, 8-10/09 Capital Section Honor Band  
1/19/09 Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School  
**A** 1/23-25/09 All Northern Honor Band in Stockton  
**J** 1/24/09 Sat. Folsom Jazz Festival  
**J TBA** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Preview Night

### February

**A** 2/5-8/09 Nor-Cal Honor Band in Humboldt  
2/13/09 Lincoln's Birth Day No School  
2/16/09 Washington's Birth Day No School  
**A** 2/19-22/09 All State Honor Band in Fresno  
**B/C/J** 2/26/09 Thurs. Pre-Festival Concert at EDHS/Lg Gym  
**B TBA** Oakmont Concert Band Festival

### March

**J TBA** Woodcreek Jazz Festival  
**DL/WG** 3/7/09 Sat. Armejo Winter guard Show  
**DL/WG** 3/20/09 Sat. Del Oro Winter guard Show  
**B** 3/24-25/09 Tues or Weds. Delta College Band Festival  
**DL/WG** 3/28/09 Sat. Elk Grove Winter guard Show  
**B** TBA Golden Empire Festival

### April

**DL/WG** 4/4/09 Sat. Championships Lincoln  
4/6-10/09 Spring Break No School  
**J/V TBA** A Taste of Main Street  
**J TBA** Jazz performing with Gold Trail  
**J TBA** Spring Awards Rally  
**B/J/C** TBA Heritage Festival Trip to San Diego  
**J** 4/23-25/09 Fri.-Sat. UNR Jazz Festival

### May

**B/J/C** 5/12/09 Tues. Spring Concert

### Other Events

**B 5 Home Varsity Football Games (6pm-10:45 pm)** Arrive at 6:00 p.m. get dressed in uniform and ready to play at 6:30 p.m.  
**B All Tuesday Night Rehearsals Aug 19-Nov. 4 6pm-9pm**  
Be ready to play at 6 p.m.  
**Barbershop rehearsals** every Wednesday during lunch.

### SAT

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### ACT

Take your ACT test(s) on 9/13/08, 12/13/08 (except Jazz Band), 6/13/09

"B" is for band, "J" is for Jazz, and "C" is for Choir  
\*\*\*Denotes a change to the original schedule