



SCHS Band Camp Guide and FAQ's



Band camp at Stewarts Creek High School is unlike anything you might see on television or the movies, or even the stereotypical stories you might hear about marching in the hot sun for 18 hours a day. Band camp at Stewarts Creek High School is time to have fun, meet new friends and to learn about the protocols that are designed to help you have a successful experience as a member of the Stewarts Creek High School Band and as a member of the school community at large. Band

camp at Stewarts Creek High School is very important, as many things learned during the week will be used for the rest of the school year. Rehearsals are always open and we invite everyone to see all the great work being done by the students.

As with all things preparation and communication is the key. The following guide should help you arrive to band camp prepared, and more importantly, ready to thrive as a high student at Stewarts Creek High School.

What do I need to bring?

Mandatory Items:

- A good breakfast before you arrive
- Your Instrument (yes, there have been a few that have forgotten this before . . .)
- Water Bottle/Cooler
- Lunch (in a cooler, will discuss more below)
- Ear Plugs (for indoor rehearsals)
- Pencils (At least two kept in your case)
- T-shirt (light colored, tank tops and sleeveless shirts are ok)
- Shorts (comfortable, board shorts are ok, Jeans or long pants are generally too hot and NOT recommended)
- Socks and Tennis Shoes (NO SANDALS, FLIP-FLOPS, or other shoes inappropriate for marching)
- Sunglasses and Hat
- Sunscreen (lots)
- Blistex/Carmex/Burt's/Chap-Stik, etc.

Why do I need these things?

Breakfast: We have seen far too many students become ill and must sit out the first day of band camp because they did not eat a proper breakfast. You must eat a good breakfast. Donuts and other sugary foods are not a good breakfast.

Sunscreen: Sunburn is a given at band camp. Even if you never wear sunscreen, you need it at band camp because you will get tan, and possibly burnt.

Water: This one is obvious. You will sweat a lot at band camp. During breaks, you will need to fill up with water. Important note: Do not bring water bottles filled with carbonated sodas or sugar drinks, it will just make things worse.

Clothes: Wear comfortable school appropriate tops and shorts every day to band camp. There's no big explanation. Be comfortable and take care of yourself!

Blistex/Carmex/Burt's/Chap-Stick: Trust us . . . you will want to take care of your lips.

Sunglasses: These keep the UV light from your eyes and make the glare bearable, since you must look up, sometimes into the sun.

Lunch and Dinner: Lunch is the relaxation time of the day. Bring a cooler with your favorite food. A microwave is available, but space is limited. Parents may drop off lunch food during the designated lunch period. Make sure you pack a good healthy meal. It's always better to have more food than to be hungry, and trust me; you will be hungry after a block of work. Do not drink carbonated soda, eat greasy foods, or eat a lot of candy or sweets. Dinner is provided by the SCHS Band for students on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

As a matter of safety, students are not permitted to leave campus for lunch and dinner.

What should I expect?

Expect to learn how to work smart, not work hard. Expect to have fun. Expect a suntan or sunburn, with tan lines from your shirt and socks. Expect to learn this year's show and expect to be proud of the work you will put into making the Stewarts Creek High School Band one of the best bands around! There is nothing to fear about the camp experience. Returning members look forward to camp as one of the highlights of their summer. The staff and upper-classmen work hard to provide a nurturing environment for first time members of the band. We are excited about this year's season and we look forward to getting to know all our new members and seeing our returning members.

What can I do at camp to make it a better experience?

Show up: There have been a few cases of people who forgot or didn't realize that there was a band camp, or that band camp was required. The hours of rehearsals that take place during this week span will equate to 10 weeks of regular rehearsals. It is imperative that members attend ALL rehearsals with no interruptions. The school and community expect the best possible musical product on the field at every performance. Clearly, this is a monumental task. It becomes next to impossible to achieve if members must attend to other business during rehearsal time.

Be on time: Students are responsible for being on time for all classes, rehearsals, and performances. Generally, call time is 15 minutes prior to rehearsal. If there is an emergency, please call the band room phone number at 615-904-6771 ext. 31600 and leave a message and a phone number. Email works great to – stewarts creekband@gmail.com.

Behave: Just get in line, stay in step, do whatever is asked of you.

Manage Yourself: Take care of business before rehearsal. Communicate if there is a problem. Being in high school means learning to be self-reliant. Everyone is here to help you have a great experience. Do not make any assumptions when it comes to what is expected. ALWAYS talk to the directors if you are having a problem or are struggling.

Keep cool: Both literally and physically. First make sure you are not overheating (the intent is not to make anyone sick), but also keep a calm mind. So, you can't hit the line the first time you try it? If you keep trying, and listen to constructive feedback, you WILL eventually get it. Our staff and upper classmen are here to help you.

What are the main things to remember from this FAQ?

- Respect the directors, staff, and upper classmen. They have done this before and know what they're talking about.
- Eat breakfast EVERY DAY.
- Wear comfortable clothes, shorts and tennis shoes.
- Bring your INSTRUMENT. ALWAYS HAVE A PENCIL. ALWAYS HAVE YOUR MUSIC FOLDER.
- Wear sunscreen and sunglasses.
- Get to know people.
- If you're not sure about something, just ask!



Stewarts Creek High School Band 2021-2022 Student Supply List



Items Needed for Band Camp

- LARGE WATER COOLER BOTTLE/SPORTS BOTTLE for drink breaks outside (needed for all outdoor rehearsals)
- HAT, SUNGLASSES, SUNSCREEN
- NECK COOLER (for placing in ice water) to wear around the neck
- EAR PLUGS (for inside rehearsals – will be needed all year)
- TENNIS/ATHLETIC SHOES ONLY (NO FLIP FLOPS, SANDALS, CROCS, CHACOS, OR SLIDES PERMITTED)
- Case of bottled water (minimum of 24 bottles per case) – Please put student name on the outside of the case
- Khaki/Tan shorts (knee length) or Pants – Worn for the Tuesday night performance and other performances
- Bug Spray (optional)
- Instrument/Equipment
- Pencils (keep at least two in your case at all times)
- Flip folder/Lyre (all winds only) – purchased at a music store or online

Attire (needed throughout the year)

- Winds & Percussion Members: Khaki/Tan colored shorts (knee length) or Khaki Tan Pants worn with collared shirt on game days and at select performances.
- Winds/Percussion Members: Pack of plain black crew (mid-calf) socks
- Ladies in Concert Ensembles: Black closed-toe dress shoes, black stockings
- Gentlemen in Concert Ensembles: Black dress shoes (you can wear your marching band shoes provided they are cleaned)
- Ladies Percussion Ensemble: Black blouse and black dress pants or similar black attire
- Ladies & Gentlemen in Jazz Band: Business Attire (dress shirt, tie/bow-tie, dress pants, blouse, skirt, etc.)

Instrument and Equipment Cleaning Supplies and Accessories (needed throughout the year)

- Winds & Percussion Members: Mass Metal Polish (Can be purchased at Gil's Ace Hardware in Smyrna or Amazon) and Q-Tips
- Wind Players: Oils, reeds, cork grease, etc.
- Percussion Members: Windex and White Electrical Tape
- Color Guard Members: Black electrical tape
- Wind Players: Oils, reeds, cork grease, etc.

Personal Hygiene Items (Items needed throughout the year)

It is highly recommended that students have a small bag of personal hygiene items (soap, deodorant, razors, shave cream, powders, etc.) that can be kept in their band locker at all times. Often students will have a limited amount of time between rehearsals and performances and will not have time to leave campus to get ready.



Stewarts Creek High School Band 2021-2022 Family Financial Contribution



New Member	\$500	(\$350 Class Fee + \$150 New Member Fee)
Payment No. 1 to SCHS Band	\$150	Due July 30 – Last Friday of the month
Payment No. 2 to SCHS Band	\$150	Due August 27 – Last Friday of the month
Payment No. 3 to SCHS Band	\$100	Due September 24 – Last Friday of the month
Payment No. 4 to SCHS Band	\$100	Due October 29 – Last Friday of the month

Returning Member	\$350	(\$350 Class Fee)
Payment No. 1 to SCHS Band	\$150	Due July 30 – Last Friday of the month
Payment No. 2 to SCHS Band	\$100	Due August 27 – Last Friday of the month
Payment No. 3 to SCHS Band	\$50	Due September 24 – Last Friday of the month
Payment No. 4 to SCHS Band	\$50	Due October 29 – Last Friday of the month

Color Guard	\$500	(\$350 class fee+\$150 Uniform Fee)
Payment No. 1 to SCHS Band	\$150	Due July 30 – Last Friday of the month
Payment No. 2 to SCHS Band	\$150	Due August 27 – Last Friday of the month
Payment No. 3 to SCHS Band	\$100	Due September 24 – Last Friday of the month
Payment No. 4 to SCHS Band	\$100	Due October 29 – Last Friday of the month

Additional Fees		These fees apply to some students
School Owned Instruments	\$50	Instrument cleaning and preventative maintenance
Replacement Under Uniform	\$25	Rate per item (shirt and shorts)
Replacement Concert Attire Set	\$75	Rate per concert attire set for ladies and gentlemen
Wind Ensemble White Tuxedo Shirt	\$25	Rate for white tuxedo shirt/bow-tie for wind ensemble gentlemen
Instrument Tutoring	\$25	Rate for one-on-one tutoring and instruction for 30 minutes
RCS All-County Honor Band	\$25	Registration fee for RCS All-County Band for selected students
Mid-State Ensemble Auditions	\$10	Audition fee per entry for Mid-State Ensembles
Mid-State Ensemble Registration	\$45	Registration fee for Mid-State Ensemble for selected students
All-State Ensemble Registration	\$65	Registration fee for All-State Ensemble for selected students

No student will ever be denied the opportunity to participate in the SCHS Band program because of a family's inability to meet their financial contribution.

We have very flexible and creative ways of handling this. The key is to communicate with the band directors as soon as possible. Please email the band office at: stewarts creekband@gmail.com

Checks, Cash, Money Order, and Credit/Debit Cards can be accepted. There are additional payment options for families that need to make smaller monthly payments. Please contact us if you would like to setup an alternative payment plan/schedule.

Optional Fundraising Opportunities

To help offset the costs associated with this band program, we have optional fundraisers set aside to help students and families. Please see the additional pages in the SCHS Band registration packet for additional opportunities for fundraising.

SCHS Band FY 2021 Expenses

Line Item	Category	Amount
1000	Transportation	\$2,500.00
1001	Classroom Equipment	\$500.00
1002	Construction & Maintenance	\$500.00
1003	Contract Labor	\$17,000.00
1004	Honor Bands	\$3,500.00
1005	Instrument & Equipment Repair	\$1,000.00
1006	MTSBOA & Concert Performance Assessment	\$1,000.00
1007	Music	\$5,000.00
1008	Marching Season	\$8,000.00
1009	Uniforms	\$18,000.00
1010	Office Equipment and Supplies	\$500.00
1011	Professional Development	\$1,000.00
1012	Student Awards	\$2,000.00
1013	Student Food and Beverage	\$500.00
1014	Discretionary Expenditures	\$1,000.00
Total		\$62,000.00



Smart Card, Shop with Scrip, and Contest Sponsorship Fundraisers 2021-2022

These are optional fundraisers that families can participate in lieu of/in addition to making a financial contribution out-of-pocket.

Smart Cards – July 17 – September 24 (Last Friday of September)

- Smart Cards sell for \$20.00 each and the band receives a 50% profit (\$10.00 each card).
- A family selling 10 cards will earn \$100.00 for the SCHS Band to help offset the SCHS Band Budget.
- More cards may be checked out once money has been turned in.
- All money and unsold cards must be turned in by September 24.
- Turn in money and cards to the band office (black box).
- Make checks payable to SCHS Band.

Contest Sponsorships - July 17 – September 24 (Last Friday of September)

- The SCHS Band is hosting the state marching band contests in October and November.
- See contest sponsorship form in registration packet.
- Any business or individual can be a contest sponsor. There are 3 levels available.
- All money and forms must be turned in by September 24.
- 80% of the total goes to the SCHS Band to offset the budget and the remaining 20% goes towards band contest expenses.

Shop with Scrip – Year Round

- Shop with Scrip is a fundraising program that gives the SCHS Band program a rebate for gift cards (physical and digital) you purchase before making a purchase at your favorite retailer.
- You purchase cards (digital or physical) online or through the Shop with Scrip App anytime.
- 80% of the total rebate goes towards the SCHS Band to offset the budget and the remaining 20% goes towards band and booster club operating expenses.
- Setting up an account is easy. Click this QR Code:
- Use Enrollment Code: 7DAB2F2659428
- Make sure to list your child's name!

**Friends and Family members can also setup their own Show with Scrip Account – Just make sure they have the enrollment code and they list your child's name!





Help Support the Stewarts Creek High School Band Through Your Everyday Kroger, Publix, and Amazon Purchases

Enroll in [Kroger Community Rewards](#) to support the Stewarts Creek High School Band

- This program is FREE! Kroger will donate a percentage of all purchases made to the SCHS Band each quarter
- Scan this QR Code to enroll. If you are already enrolled in Kroger Rewards, double check to make sure your account is still linked to support the SCHS Music Boosters.



Enroll in [Publix Partners](#) to support the Stewarts Creek High School Band

- This program is FREE! Publix will donate a percentage of all purchases made to the SCHS Band each quarter
- Scan this QR Code to enroll. Once logged onto your account (or create one) find the Publix Partners tab and then find the organization (Stewarts Creek HS Band) and then enroll. If you are already enrolled as a Publix Partner, double check to make sure your account is still linked to support the SCHS Band.



Enroll in [Amazon Smile](#) to support the Stewarts Creek High School Band

- This program is FREE! Amazon will donate a percentage of all purchases made to the SCHS Band each quarter
- Scan this QR Code to start shopping from the Amazon Smile portal. Setup your Amazon account to credit a percentage of your purchases towards the SCHS Band. Use this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/> every time you shop at Amazon.
- Think about this when shopping for birthdays and holidays!



Help support the SCHS Band with purchases you're planning to make each month.
Every little bit adds up and helps the SCHS Band!



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Stewarts Creek High School Band Contest Sponsorship Form

The Stewarts Creek High School Band is excited to serve as the hosts for the Tennessee Division I and II State Marching Band Championships which will take place on the Stewarts Creek Campus on Saturday, October 30, 2021 (Division I) and Saturday November 6, 2021 (Division II).

Over 40 high school bands will participate over the course of these two weekends from across the State of Tennessee. In addition, spectator attendance is estimated at over 4,000 between both weekends.

We are currently seeking sponsorships to help make the contest a success. Listed below are the current sponsorship opportunities available to business and stakeholders in our area. To reserve one of these sponsorship opportunities, please fill out this form or email the band office at stewartsband@gmail.com for more information.

Check One:

- Contest Sponsor Bronze Level \$50.00
Your company name and logo will be featured on our band and contest website. Your company name will also be recognized via our public address announcer prior to the awards ceremonies as a supporter of the Stewarts Creek High School Band and contest sponsor.
- Contest Sponsor Silver Level \$100.00
All Bronze Level benefits plus an acknowledgement of sponsorship in our official contest program.
- Contest Sponsor Gold Level \$200.00
All Bronze and Silver Level benefits plus a full-size add in our official program.

Submit all ads/artwork for website and contest program to stewartsband@gmail.com

Business/Stakeholder Name (as it should be listed for website/program):

Contact Name: _____ Contact Phone: (____) _____

Contact Email: _____ SCHS Band Member: _____

All checks should be made payable to SCHS Music Boosters. Ads should be sent via email to stewartsband@gmail.com.

DEADLINE FOR SPONSORSHIP FORMS, MONEY, AND ARTWORK (IF APPLICABLE) IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021.



All Stewarts Creek High School Band Members and Families
Please Save These Dates!!

Our Largest Event Fundraisers

43rd Annual Tennessee Division I State Marching Band Championship

- Friday, October 29, 2021 – Setup (this is also a home football game)
- Saturday, October 30, 2021 – Contest
- Sunday, October 31, 2021 – Clean-Up

40th Annual Tennessee Division II State Marching Band Championship

- Friday, November 5, 2021 – Setup (this is a possible playoff game home/away)
- Saturday, November 6, 2021 – Contest
- Sunday, November 7, 2021 – Clean-Up

This is a required event for SCHS Band Students. More information about this event will take place at a special meeting for parents in September. Sign-Ups for student and parent shifts will be sent through email in September.

How can parents and students help now?

See the contest sponsorship form in the band registration packet!



Stewarts Creek High School Band 2021-2022 Marching Season Rehearsal and Performance Calendar



Click this QR Code to synch your mobile device calendar with the SCHS Band Calendar:



All events will take place at SCHS unless indicated on the schedule. Gig sheets for performance events will typically be emailed and texted out closer to the event. A calendar of rehearsals and performances for concert season will be sent out after fall break.

July

- 19-23 Color Guard Camp – 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM | Percussion Camp – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- 22 New Member Camp (Woodwinds and Brass) – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- 26-30 Band Camp (**All members**): M & W – 7:45 AM-5:00 PM | T & TH – 7:45 AM – 8:00 PM | F 7:45 AM-5:00 PM
- 30 Band Camp Community Performance and BBQ – Dinner at 5:00 PM. Performance at 6:00 PM.

August

- 5 Freshmen Orientation Performance (All Members) – Call Time 5:00 PM. 7:30 PM end time.
- 6 RCS two-hour day for students
- 9 RCS First day of school for students.

After School Rehearsals (ASR) take place every Tuesday and Thursday starting the week of August 10 from 4:15 PM until 6:30 PM unless indicated otherwise

- 19 Special Stadium Dress Rehearsal – 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- 20 Home Football Game Performance – vs. Smyrna
- 27 Away Football Game Performance – vs. East Nashville High School (Tentative)

September

- 3 Home Football Game – vs. Oakland High School (Middle School Band Night – Tentative)
- 6 Labor Day – No School
- 10 Away Football Game – vs. Franklin High School
- 16 RCS Early Dismissal – No ASR
- 17 Away Football Game – vs. Blackman High School
- 24 Home Football Game – vs. LaVergne High School (Homecoming)

October

- 1 Away Football Game – vs. Rockvale High School | End of Q1
- 4-8 RCS Fall Break – No School
- 15 Home Football Game – vs. Siegel High School (Senior Night)
- 22 Away Football Game – vs. Wilson Central High School
- 29 Home Football Game – vs. Riverdale High School (end of regular season football)
- 30 43rd Annual TN Division I State Marching Band Championships hosted by SCHS Band

November

- 5 Possible Football Play-off Game (Playoff's games will take place each Friday in November until team elimination)
- 6 40th Annual TN Division II State Marching Band Championships hosted by SCHS Band
- 24-26 RCS Thanksgiving Break – No School

December

- 5 Town of Smyrna Christmas Parade - Call Time and Performance Times TBA



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Stewarts Creek High School Band One-to-One Instrumental Tutoring

Instrument tutors can give students the skills and abilities to succeed not only through music but through their entire school life by offering assistance and individual learning plans. Instrument tutors improve confidence, improve practice habits, and can help students prepare for college by offering advanced musical material.

Most band rooms don't possess the capability of attending to students one-on-one to ensure proper understanding of the curriculum. By receiving one-on-one attention from an instrumental tutor, students can ask all the questions they need to until they understand the musical and technical concepts before moving on. A struggling student may feel embarrassed to ask questions if it seems he or she is the only one not understanding. Instrument specific tutoring grants students the freedom to ask questions as needed without feeling embarrassed in front of classmates. Students won't feel rushed and will receive explanations of concepts that work with their way of learning.

Here are 8 reasons school band students should enroll in instrument specific tutoring:

- 1. An instrumental tutor will work one-to-one with your child.** Tutors can notice and correct minor technique issues and bad habits before they become a problem that is harder to correct. Once students get used to playing a certain way, they tend to continue that way. The longer it takes to notice a problem the more ingrained the habit becomes, and bad habits are hard to break.
- 2. Students advance at a faster rate and with more comprehension.** This is due to the hands-on, individual attention they get. Group rehearsals are not the place to work on specific parts and the difficulties that go along with them. Individual practice time at home and time spent in instrument specific tutoring are the times for your child to work on getting their part perfected and improving their instrumental skills.
- 3. Working with an instrument tutor can reduce or even eliminate the frustration of learning to play an instrument.** Learning to play an instrument is a new and challenging experience for most students. The one-on-one time students get in instrument specific tutoring can make the difference between a frustrated student quitting band and a confident musician.
- 4. Together, the student and instrument specific tutor can delve into the many aspects of music that can be overlooked in a large group setting.** Developing artistic self-expression and generating a deeper understanding of music are best explored on an individual basis. This is also the best place to help the student set individual goals and find the path to achieving them. In a one-to-one setting, students can explore where their interest in music lies to help guide them on their educational and artistic path outside the classroom.
- 5. Students can be given in-depth, individual attention to help them navigate the specifics of their instrument.** This can be done at a level that can't be done in the band room. It helps students to develop better technique and a more professional tone.
- 7. Preparation for solo performances and auditions is more effective.** Although this is addressed once or twice a year in school bands and orchestras, a tutor can help students with the intricacies of their specific pieces and their own playing style.
- 8. Students who enroll in instrument specific tutoring are exposed to good role models.** The band room is a community where students can get to know other students, some of whom will be older and better musicians. These more experienced students, along with their tutor, give younger students a view of what they can accomplish if they stick with the band program.

Stewarts Creek High School Band Instrumental Tutoring Faculty

Playing in a school band or orchestra enriches the lives of the students involved. By taking enrolling in instrument specific tutoring, students are given the best chance of getting the most benefit out of the music programs in their schools.

Rates for one-to-one instrumental tutoring are \$25.00 for 30 minutes. SCHS Band Instrumental Tutoring Faculty are background checked and have degrees in music. Many instructors work with our feeder band programs at Stewarts Creek Middle School and Rock Springs Middle School.

Tutoring will be scheduled by the instructor and usually takes place during your child's band class or during your child's ICU period. Occasionally there may be times when lessons will need to take place after school.

Payment arrangements are setup by each instructor. Each instructor sets their tutoring schedule and communicates with parents and students on a weekly basis.

Enrollment in lessons can be cancelled at any time by giving adequate notice to the instructor and the band directors.

If you have any specific questions about the SCHS Band Instrument Tutoring Program, please feel free to contact us at stewartscreekband@gmail.com

2021-2022 SCHS Band Instrument Tutoring Faculty: (Click the QR Code to enroll)

Flute: Dr. Jessica Dunnavant
Clarinet: Jennifer Zimmerer
Saxophone: Jovan Quallo
Trumpet: Preston Bailey
Horn: Tara Johnson
Trombone: Matt Jefferson and Garen Webb
Euphonium and Tuba: Thomas Chesnut
Percussion: Keith Dudek

