



# The Redwood Marching Band & Color Guard Santa Cruz Band Review

Saturday, October 18  
Santa Cruz, California

Dear Marching Band & Color Guard Parents and Students,

The Santa Cruz Band Review is almost here! In preparation, **please be sure to check your student's uniform and be sure that it fits well. Hair on competition day should be neat and sit off of the uniform collar for all musicians (color guard, please refer to instructions from Ms. Conway), and shoes must be spotless.**

*Please send your student with a healthy snack (**nut-free, please!!!**) for the bus ride and money for lunch if they do not bring one. Students may also want to pack a snack and water for the bus ride home.*

Also, please keep track of our schedule so we **do not have students late in the morning**, or waiting for a long time to be picked up when we return to Redwood! *One tip that has helped many of our students has been to 1) set more than one alarm to wake you up in the morning and 2) partner up with another friend in band/color guard and designate each other as "wake up buddies." One wake up buddy will call the other at a designated time to make sure both are awake and getting ready to report on time!*

If you plan on supporting us at the competition, the following information may be of use to you:

**PARENT & FRIEND PARKING:** Parent and friends are to park in the Beach Street Parking Lot (not the same as the Buses/Equipment vehicles). The regular charge for all-day parking in Boardwalk parking lots is \$12.00 per car.

***If you will need to get your hair done at school, please be sure to bring your own hair brush, hair gel and hair ties!***

If you have concerns or questions, be sure to clear them up and get the answers as soon as possible.

Looking forward to a great day in Santa Cruz!

Mr. Jow, Mr. Gould, Ms. Conway, Mrs. Hunter and your Redwood Music Department

**\*\* \*\* \* THIS PAGE IS VERY IMPORTANT \* \*\* \*\* \*\***

## **Santa Cruz Band Review Pre-Arrival Information**

**→ → → Don't forget your Redwood blue "M" notes T-shirts! ← ← ←**

Report time: **no later than 5:30 AM, correctly dressed in uniform except for marching shoes (wear your day sneakers to report, marching shoes in your labeled plastic bag). \*\* NO MAKEUP, NAIL POLISH, JEWELRY, WATCHES, ETC. WHILE IN UNIFORM \*\***

### **MUSICIANS**

1. **REDWOOD BAND UNIFORM.** Wear athletic shorts and your Redwood "M" notes T-shirt underneath.
2. **BLACK MARCHING SHOES AND ALL-BLACK SOCKS.** These shoes need to be used only for band performances, otherwise it will be impossible to keep them looking sharp and clean. PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE ALL-BLACK CREW-LENGTH SOCKS.
3. **REDWOOD BAND SHAKOS (HATS)** will be distributed on the morning of the parade.
4. All students with long **hair** must have their hair "glued" to their heads so that it will fit into the top of their shako!
5. A complete change of clothes (don't forget shoes!) for free time and money for lunch.

### **COLOR GUARD**

1. **COLOR GUARD DRESS (girls) / SHIRT (guys) and PANTS (all)**
2. **BLACK COLOR GUARD SHOES**
3. **Optional: SOCKS** (must be nude or black sock LINERS- like those you wear with ballet flats, absolutely unseen when worn)
4. **COLOR GUARD OR BAND JACKET.** (We are still waiting on our order, so don't worry if you don't have yours yet. If you have both jackets please bring one to share!)
5. **HAIR** in a high bun using the sock bun (no fly-aways!!!). *If you cannot get this done at home, arrive 15 minutes earlier in the morning with your hairbrush, gel, clean & combed out hair.*
6. **DIDDY BAG** (including water bottle, hair supplies, snack, change of clothes including your blue Redwood "M" notes shirt, day shoes, etc.)

**Please be sure to have all items prepared and ready when you arrive.** We do several final preparations as a group in the morning, so when students arrive late or improperly prepared, it delays us significantly as we have to fix individuals and go over everything once again. *Students should have the following things in hand when they arrive:*

- **GARMENT BAG** with a tag with your student's name in the front slot (*do not forget your assigned uniform hanger*)
- **BACKPACK** or plastic bag with 1) a change of **day shoes and socks**, 2) other **play clothes**, 3) a healthy, clean and nut-free **snack** for the bus ride, 4) enough **food for lunch or money** (may be given to chaperone for safe-keeping until the post-parade free time) to purchase lunch before the awards ceremony.
- Double check that you have packed **day shoes**...walking around during free time in marching shoes is not fun (nor are they fun to give extra cleaning)!
- a **PLASTIC BAG with STUDENT NAME** for shoe storage (**DO NOT bring the shoe box that the marching shoes came in...save/keep this at home!**)

## Redwood Marching Band & Color Guard Santa Cruz Band Review Schedule

- 5:30 AM Report DARK AND EARLY!!! ☺  
Arrive at Redwood completely and properly dressed in uniform (except shoes) with instruments and equipment in good working order.  
\*\* If you are a color guard or band member who is unable to prepare your hair correctly at home, please arrive at 5:15 **with your own hair brush and hair ties.**
- 6:15 AM Load buses and truck.
- 6:30 AM Leave for Santa Cruz.
- 7:15 AM Arrive in Santa Cruz and unload.
- 8:00 AM Parade Preparation & Warm-up.
- 9:25 AM Report to formation.
- 9:35 AM Inspection. (An adjudicator examines the band at attention and scores us for uniformity of appearance and stillness.)
- 9:45 AM **Redwood competes in performance. – Percussion competes at 9:57 AM.**
- 10:30 AM Load instruments and equipment, change clothes, students get Boardwalk passes.
- c. 11:30 - Lunch and Boardwalk time.
- 12:00 PM
- 4:30 PM Report to awards ceremony at the Beach Boardwalk Stage.  
*Following the middle school awards, Redwood will meet behind the stage to take a group picture. Following this, we will leave together to load our buses.*
- c. 5:45 PM Load buses, depart for Redwood. Students should call home with a “20 minutes until pickup” notice when we turn into school.  
*Upon returning, students will be required to help unload and return equipment to the music room.*
- c. 7:00 PM Arrive at Redwood. Everyone helps unload the truck and meets in the MPR for dismissal.

**Families please note - if you have scheduled and cleared early release from Santa Cruz for another commitment with Mr. Jow, both parent and student must see Mr. Jow after we are changed before any student may be legally released.**

**For student safety, no students will be released to parents who have not made prior agreement (at least 3 days before the event) with Mr. Jow.**