



The Redwood Marching Band & Color Guard Santa Cruz Band Review

Saturday, October 20th
Santa Cruz, California

Dear Marching Band & Color Guard Parents and Students,

The Santa Cruz Band Review is almost here! This is one of our most challenging competitions and we are excited to be bringing our largest marching band ever! 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: We suggest that friends and family park at the Boardwalk or Depot Park and walk up the parade route for viewing. They can view at the "free play" section on Beach Street, or at the "competition zone" on Center Street. The regular charge for all-day parking in Boardwalk parking lots is \$12.00 per car. Depot Park (at the intersection of Pacific & Center St.) has a limited number of spots at a cost of \$5.00 for an all-day permit.

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, and your Redwood Music Department
(408) 867-3042 ext. 151

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Santa Cruz Band Review Pre-Arrival Information

Please take the time to review and understand the following information. Your support helps to ensure that we will have a successful Saturday.

Please be sure that your student arrives at Redwood **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, JEWELRY, WATCHES, ETC. WHILE IN UNIFORM ****

Full uniform is as follows:

MUSICIANS

1. **REDWOOD BAND UNIFORM.** Wear athletic shorts and a dark-colored T-shirt underneath (not overly baggy).
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 marching helmet!
5. A complete change of clothes (don't forget shoes!) for free time and money for lunch.

COLOR GUARD

1. **COLOR GUARD TIGHTS, PANTS AND TUNIC.**
2. **BLACK SOCKS.**
3. **BLACK COLOR GUARD SHOES.**
4. **COLOR GUARD TANK.** (to be worn under your tunic) * IF THEY ARRIVE BY THIS EVENT
5. **COLOR GUARD JACKET.** (Check one out on the morning of the parade if you do not own one)
6. **HAIR** should be arranged with two French braids and held back with gel or hairspray (no fly-aways!!!). *If you cannot get this done at home, arrive 15 minutes early in the morning with your hairbrush and your hair clean and combed down.*
7. A complete change of clothes (don't forget shoes!) for free time and money for lunch (or bag lunch).

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 play 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 and enjoy the Boardwalk in the afternoon.
- Please double check that your student remembers to bring extra 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 shoes storage (**DO NOT bring the shoe box that the marching shoes came in...save/keep this at home!**)

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Santa Cruz Band Review Schedule

Saturday, October 20, 2012

- 5:15 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 member who is unable to prepare your hair correctly at home, please arrive at 5:00 with your hair brush and hair ties.
- 6:00 AM Load buses and truck.
- 6:15 AM Leave for Santa Cruz.
- 7:00 AM Arrive in Santa Cruz and unload.
- 7:40 AM Parade Preparation & Warm-up.
- 9:05 AM Report to formation.
- 9:20 AM Inspection. (An adjudicator examines the band at attention and scores us for uniformity of appearance and stillness.)
- 9:40 AM **Redwood competes in performance. – Percussion competes at 9:48 AM.**
- 10:45 AM Load instruments and equipment, change clothes, students get Boardwalk passes.
- c. 12:00 PM Lunch and Boardwalk time.
- 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 music room 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.

Chaperones

We cannot take this trip if we do not have enough chaperones. This is not a hard job, but we need to have plenty of help. Please volunteer if you can. We are unable to do any of the great things that we do without *your* help!

We will have 4 buses and will need at least 4 to 6 chaperons per bus. Other chaperones may drive their own cars and follow us, but will be responsible for their own parking. We will need at least 22 chaperones for the size of our band this year. It is our hope that all parents will take turns helping us out at each of these competitions.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and consideration!

If you are able to chaperone and have not yet done so, please contact our lead chaperon coordinator this year:

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