

Independence Day Parade Rehearsals are almost here!



Rehearsals are from 7-9 pm. (Drumline and guard also do 4-6 pm).

- Wednesday, June 27
- Thursday, June 28
- Friday, June 29 (1st memory check night)
- Monday, July 2 (memory check makeups)

Be there for any rehearsal for which you are in town, even if you are not able to march the parades. Absences must be requested in writing (not email or phone). State specific dates and reason, (e.g., “Please excuse Tommy Trumpetplayer from rehearsal on June 28-29. We are traveling to Madagascar for his great-grandmother’s wedding.”)

For the **parades**, wear the summer uniform:

- Band polo (blue with gold accent)
- Black “Badger” shorts
- Black Drillmaster shoes
- Black quarter-length socks with no other colors. Please wear quarter-length—we found that the no-show, liner, and ped socks are causing people to get blisters. Don’t wear crew-length socks—you’ll stand out. Over-the-calf socks with shorts went out in the 70’s, so don’t even try it. Here’s a fun graphic provided by our uniform parents:



- Long hair should be contained with braids or a hair tie that doesn’t stick out.
- If you need a replacement shirt or shorts, buy them after rehearsal one night or come early on parade days. If you have outgrown your shoes, see Mr. Marusek on parade day.

Parade details:

Red, White, and Boom – Tuesday, July 3. Report at 3:45 pm, load at 4:00 pm. We will take 5 buses to the parade. Parade starts at 6 pm and we will return around 7:30 pm. You are welcome to stay downtown for the fireworks, but you must return the permission slip at the end of this document to the forms box by the end of rehearsal on July 2. Permission slips will not be accepted on the day of the parade. If you have speech class on this day, have no fear! Talk to Mr. Gregory the week before and he will set it up so you can come in early.

Gahanna Parade – Wednesday, July 4. Report at 9:30 am. We will march from the band room to Granville Street where the parade starts. Parade starts at 10:30 and moves down Granville Street and takes a right onto Stygler Rd. We will end the parade around 11:00 by turning left into the Royal Plaza (where Little Caesar's is – 87 N. Stygler Rd.) using the driveway just past Heartland Bank. We do not bus back to GLHS. Students will walk home or get a ride from the end of the parade route. For that reason, do not bring your case to the band room unless you plan on returning there on your own (the department will close by 12:30 that day and then will remain closed through the following week due to summer cleaning). Drumline and sousaphone players are expected to meet the truck back at GLHS to assist with unloading and storing that equipment.

Emergency Medical Forms have to be updated each year. Please download the one from the "News & Info" tab at gahannabands.org and bring it to the practices. You can type into it if you wish (that way I know I can read it...)

Flipfolders are needed by all instrumentalists, and 5 extra windows are suggested. **Lyres** need to be purchased by clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, mellophones, and trombones. I would encourage you to get these now if you don't have them. [Here](#) is a link to Rettig's site. If you order by Friday, June 29, they will deliver them to school and we will have them for Monday's rehearsal. Beat the rush at camp!

We need you to sign up for **Bigs and Littles**. Everyone must complete this form. You can only be a "Big" if you are an experienced member. All rookies will be "Littles." It's a fun tradition that we'll start using the first day of camp, so make sure to complete this form now. It's also the way we'll know what size t-shirt you need. Complete the form by clicking [here](#). Speaking of t-shirts...

Council is in the process of collecting **design ideas for our camp t-shirt**. Do you have a great idea for this year's shirt? Look below:

T Shirt Design Requirements

Please design a t-shirt that meets the following requirements and send it to the band council email, glhsbandcouncil@gmail.com, by **June 28th**.

- Shirt can have a maximum of 3 colors (not including shirt background)
- Shirt background preferably not white or light grey
- Back design is not necessary (though you can do one if you want)
- Must be a finalized design (not a sketch)
- Design must relate to the shows and trips this year



See you all soon!

As promised, here is the form for staying downtown. Please detach at the line....

Red, White, & Boom request to stay downtown

Please allow my musician, _____ to stay downtown at the end of the parade. They will be met at the buses (typically near the corner of Front St. and Nationwide Blvd.) by _____ (list either their parent/guardian or another set of parents. Students will not be released to girlfriends, boyfriends, or siblings.) They will be responsible for making sure their instrument gets back to Gahanna safely.

Parent/guardian signature: _____

This form due to the forms box by Monday, July 2 at 9:15 pm.