



Tahoma Senior Bands and Guard

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Tahoma Technique & Field Show Clinics

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I trust that this letter finds you doing well! Summer hopefully is a restful time for your students and an opportunity for enjoying warm weather! This letter includes all of the details and information associated with the fall season. It includes details regarding schedule, competitions and instructors!

We have a great technique camp for our Color Guard Members and one for our full ensemble!

↳ Color Guard Technique Camp

- Monday-Friday, August 6-10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Focus: Fundamental Modern Dance; Flag Technique; Rifle and Saber Technique
 - Cost: Included as part of field show season participation fee
- *(This year's camp has been postponed and we will send out a notice when it is rescheduled.)*

↳ Full Field Show Ensemble Camp (All Winds, Percussion & Color Guard)

- Monday, August 13 – Friday, August 17
- 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (*schedule includes lunch and snack breaks*)

Individual Week Breakdown/Details

Color Guard Technique Camp: Our 7th annual Technique Camp is free! It will help novice members learn aspects of modern dance combined with flag/prop technique. Those who are more experienced will continue to refine their fundamental skills in these areas **and** work on Rifle and Sabre Techniques. **(Postponed)**

Full Field Show Camp: All wind, percussion and color guard members are **required** to attend this camp in preparation for the fall field show season. The time on the field and time with the entire field show staff is limited; therefore, this is a very crucial week to learn marching techniques, learn how to read coordinate sheets, learn the actual field show routine and work on ensemble concepts all broken down. In addition to the preparation aspects, we work on team building and getting to know each other.

Important Camp Events

The Tahoma Field Show Camp also gives parents an opportunity to learn about our program and how they can get involved. **Join us on Wednesday, August 15th at 7:00 p.m. for our introductory Band/Percussion/Guard Field Show Season Parent meeting! It is very important that we have at least one parent at this meeting!** *This will be held at Tahoma High School in the band room.* The director will share details for the season and parents will be encouraged to volunteer for events and get involved with multiple areas of need during the fall to make it a successful start to our year. We start the sign-ups for voluntary parent groups to help with creative concepts and lots of other areas for the duration of the season! We need your involvement. You may even have contacts that can help out our band as well! Come get involved in supporting our young artists success!

Meet the Staff!

This year's marching clinic has a great program lined up! We have professionals from around the Northwest coming to work as clinicians and instructors in specialized areas. Clinicians are professional musicians/instructors who work in specialized areas. Some students will also receive individual assistance from these professionals throughout the week to help increase immediate success. I am also excited to welcome back a few Tahoma Alumni giving back to our Tahoma Future.

Clinicians/Instructors

Matthew Cole (*Director of Bands, Percussion & Color Guard*)

Craig Winter (*Percussion Instructor*)

(*Field Show Drill Design, Visual Effect*)

(*Temp. Color Guard Instructor*)

All students will have full ensemble rehearsal time and work with multiple leaders and assistants in memorizing the field show for this year. **Our theme for our 7th annual field show season this year is entitled "A Narnia Adventure."**

Tahoma Full Field Show Camp Details:

Who: Tahoma Woodwinds, Brass Players, Front Ensemble Percussionists, Drum Line, Color Guard, and Drum Majors.

When: Monday August 13 – Friday, August 17 Tahoma Field Show Camp

Times: Monday: 7:15 – 8:00 am Registration and Payments
8:00 am to 6:00 pm Camp (*lunch/snack break*)

Tuesday: 7:30 – 8:00 am Registration
8:00 am to 6:00 pm Camp (*lunch/snack break*)

Wednesday: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Camp (*lunch/snack break*)
7:00 pm *Field Show Season Parent Meeting @ THS

Thursday: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Camp (*lunch/snack break*)

Friday: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Camp (*lunch/snack break*)



Daily Camp Schedule:

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Body, Technique, Visual, Movement
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Learn New Drill Sets (<i>Goal is 12-15 per day</i>)
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch Break
12:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Sectional, Memorization, Full Rehearsal
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Snack Break/Free Time
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Review/Add Drill & Add Memorized Music

What to Bring to our Tahoma Technique & Field Show Clinics:

1. **Comfortable athletic shoes**-these should fit the student's feet and be tied. We will be working on increasing our lung efficiency. The music and show will move fast and we have to be ready for it! **Do not bring anything with heels, any type of sandals, or flip flops. If you do, you will be running and marching in bare feet.**
2. **Sunscreen**-Hopefully the weather will be nice for us as we are going to be outside quite a bit-meaning lots and lots!
3. **A sack lunch or money for lunch** -The students will have 30 minutes of social time to have lunch and hang out with their friends. They may go off campus for lunch if they choose, but should remain with a group and need to be ready to start **ON TIME**.
4. **Breakfast** - Make sure your student has had a good breakfast before he/she arrives. We want everyone to be at their best to learn and to perform.
5. **WATER or sports drink**-There will be breaks over the course of the day for the students to run to the bathroom and get drinks of water, but it will be most efficient for them to bring a water bottle with their name on it each day. They may have this with them both outside and in the rehearsal rooms. **THE LARGER THE WATER BOTTLE THE BETTER (1 LITER WORKS THE BEST)**
6. **1-inch binder of your choice**-Please bring a 1-inch binder to put all of your field show drill charts (pictures) and music in for camp. I strongly recommend page protectors in the event that it happens to rain on us during the season. Please make sure that you bring some colored writing utensils and have your name permanently and clearly marked. We will be using these every day...you will be charged for replacement drill chart packets.
7. **A Deck of Playing Cards**-Please bring a deck of playing cards. Bring the most unique deck that you have...it does not matter what they are as long as they remain appropriate! We will use them as field place holders/markers as we are learning our sets on the field! *Most interested in the design on the back side for you to identify your own deck!*