



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 camps lined up for our Percussionists, Color Guard Members, and one for our full ensemble!

➤ 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

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 crucial week to learn marching techniques, understand coordinate sheets, learn the actual field show routine, and work on ensemble concepts. 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 15 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!** The meeting 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, and Color Guard*)

Craig Winter (*Percussion Instructor*)

(*Field Show Drill Design, Visual Effect*)

(*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. **Marching instrument** - At the high school level, we have many students who play one instrument for marching season and another for the concert season. Some even play a third for jazz ensemble! If your instrument requires reeds, make sure that you have plenty (2 or more). Also, make sure your instrument is in working order.
2. **Your Field Show Music** - Have your music with you and marked up (sharps, flats, dynamics, fingerings, valve combinations, etc.) These are great signs that you have been practicing. Keep up the great work! *This year...movements. 1, 2, and 3 should be memorized BEFORE CAMP.*
3. **Pencil and/or colored writing utensil** - Have a pencil with you to mark your music and something colored to write on your coordinate sheets. We will not have time to wait for every student to borrow a pencil, mark his or her music, and then hand it off. **Bring writing utensils!** Also, we have lots of music and so much going on that if you do not mark your music in rehearsal and sectional, then you will most likely forget the changes or additions in your practicing or next rehearsal.
4. **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.**
5. **Sunscreen** - Hopefully the weather will be nice for us as we are going to be outside quite a bit-meaning lots and lots!
6. **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 play **ON TIME..**
7. **Breakfast** - Make sure your student has had a good breakfast before he/she arrives. We will not have time for eating while the clinics are going on each day.
8. **WATER** - 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. A 1-LITER CONTAINER should be the minimum. A 1-GALLON CONTAINER WORKS THE BEST! *No sports drinks will be allowed on the new turf.*
9. **Music Lyre and Flip folder with 25 plastic windows in it** - If you do not have a music lyre or a flip folder for your marching instrument, you may purchase one at any music store. This will hold your student's pep band music. *I suggest taking your instrument with you to when purchasing your lyre because not all lyres are standard. It is time consuming to have to run back and forth to the store if it does not fit your instrument.* If it will create a financial hardship to purchase a music lyre or flip folder with 25 windows, please contact me at the number listed below. I do have a few extra flip folders to check out to students as needed. Due to the large number of pep band pieces that we have, even with checking out a flip folder, your student may need

to purchase some extra clear plastic windows. **During performances, our field show pieces are memorized.** Pep music is played in the stands and does not need to be memorized.

- 10. Extra reeds, cork grease, valve oil, slide grease, etc.** - Make sure that your student has all of the necessities with his or her instrument. I do carry some spare Rico reeds for emergencies if a student breaks their last reed, but I need to charge for those items. I also have some other extra necessity items if needed.
- 11. Instrument in working order** - Please take care of any repairs that need to be made prior to our marching clinic. Due to the amount of playing and rehearsal each day during camp, we cannot afford to go a day without a working instrument. Please call the repairman ahead of time to set up a drop-off and pick-up time.
- 12. 1-inch binder of your choice and sheet protectors** - Please bring a 1-inch binder to put all of your field show drill charts (pictures) and music in for camp. Sheet protectors are required for all students. Please make sure that you bring some colored writing utensils in it and have your name permanently and clearly marked. We will be using these every day. You will be charged for replacement drill chart packets.
- 13. 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.*