



**Congratulations** on your decision to join the Waconia HS Marching Band!

While it is a big commitment, we are confident that it will be some of the most rewarding memories of high school and we are so excited for the 2018 season to begin!

**Dates/Calendar:**

We work very hard to perform at a high level, and one of the most important pieces of that is commitment to all rehearsals and performances. Obviously we know emergencies and special circumstances occur, but in general, we hope all students are at all WMB events. A calendar of all WMB rehearsals, performances and trip dates is available at [waconiabands.com](http://waconiabands.com), by clicking on the “Calendar” tab at the top. Please know that while we have tried to put as much on the calendar as we can up to this point, we are still waiting on parade acceptance letters and facility scheduling for rehearsal spaces, so these dates and times are still subject to change.

**San Diego/Los Angeles Tour:**

One of the highlights of our summer season each year is our end-of-the-season tour. This year is a “Big Trip” year, and our destination is San Diego and Los Angeles! While we know that the cost of this trip is higher than most years, we are working on an exceptional itinerary that we think will make this trip one of the most memorable EVER! For your planning purposes, we will be starting in San Diego, and then spending our last couple days in Los Angeles, with our major performance of the tour being the Huntington Beach Parade on the Fourth of July! We are working with a new travel agent this year, which has caused our planning process to take extra time, but we are so happy to be working with Gateway Tours!

**Cost:**

We are working very hard to keep the cost of the season down, as we know that our trip is relatively more expensive, and so we are trying to save money anywhere we can. For now, here are our season cost estimates:

Marching Band Tuition: \$400 - \$500

Trip to San Diego and Los Angeles (includes most meals, transportation and hotels): \$1150 - \$1250

Drumline/Colorguard Fee (for supplies, costumes etc.): \$35

Waconia Public Schools Activity Fee: \$200 (All Students)

***While we are using a new travel agency, all payments still come to/through the Waconia Band Boosters.***

**Using Student Accounts (Available on Charms)**

If you want to use your Band Student Account to pay for part or all of your payments, just email Mr. Pohland and let him know. You do need to make a payment for the balance of a payment before the full payment can be

processed (IE. If your account has \$274 dollars, you will need to make a payment of \$126 so your total is \$400 before the payment can be processed)

### **Scholarships**

We do not want cost to be the prohibitive factor in your student participating in Marching Band. However, we know that the cost is high. Obviously, one option is to have your student not participate in our end of the season Trip. We strongly encourage you to participate in our fundraisers throughout the year (Kwik Trip and Scrip are ONGOING fundraisers that you can ALWAYS DO!) We DO have some scholarship money available, and will do our best to honor requests. The Scholarship Form can be filled out here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/Jo5PiJDWYHcNEs2n1>

### **Band Camp**

There are rumors out there about Band Camp, but for now, here is what you need to know. Band Camp away from home is a significant cost, and so we are looking at other options to save that money with the higher cost of our trip to San Diego and Los Angeles.

#### **Here are a few things to take note of:**

1. There are three pieces to this packet that **must be turned in by Friday, February 16th**:
  - a. Commitment Form
  - b. Registration at MyGateway - Information regarding this can be found on the following page (required for ALL people going on the California Trip)
  - c. Initial payment of \$400.
  
2. You may make your initial payment in one of two different ways:
  - a. Charms (there is an additional fee to pay with a credit card)
    - i. Go to [charmsoffice.com](http://charmsoffice.com)
    - ii. Log in: Username: WaconiaHSBand, Password: Student ID
    - iii. Password problems? Please email Mr. Pohland ([jpohland@isd110.org](mailto:jpohland@isd110.org))
  - b. Check/cash turned into the WHS or WMS Band office. Checks made out to Waconia Band Boosters
  
3. We must have all three of these items by **Friday, February 16th** in order for you to be able to go on the trip to California. If on-time payment is a concern, or if you would like to apply for scholarship, please talk to Mr. Pohland ([jpohland@isd110.org](mailto:jpohland@isd110.org)).
  
4. Again, failure to complete **ALL THREE** of these items by **Friday, February 16th** may result in your removal from the California Trip. You can still be in Marching Band!

Again, congratulations on your decision to join the Black and Gold, and thank you for working hard to get these items in on time!

# My Gateway – Registering

To secure your place on the 2018 Waconia HS Marching Band tour to Southern California, each passenger must be registered on the “My Gateway” online registration system by **February 16, 2018**.

All Questions May Be Directed to Gateway Tours at:  
Phone: 800-331-857  
Direct: 763-271-2578

## How to register on My Gateway:

- Go to [www.musicfestivals.com](http://www.musicfestivals.com).
- Click on the “My Gateway Login” button.
- At the bottom of the page click the link under “Need to sign up for a tour?”
- Enter the Pass Phrase for your tour: **WHSCAL2018**  
Under “User Registration” a parent or student over 18 will need to enter their name, preferred email address\* and a password of your choosing to create a “User Profile.” If you are also a “Passenger” traveling on the tour, be sure to check the appropriate box. *\*Please note: Important tour information will be communicated to you via this email address.*
- Under “Tour Terms and Conditions” you must check all 3 boxes and agree to the terms and conditions to continue.
- If you signed up as a “Passenger” you will be prompted to complete a passenger profile.
- Register your student and/ or other passengers for whom you are paying/registering by choosing “Add Passenger” on your “User Profile” page.  
**Note:** In passenger profile, options under “Role” are: Adult Passenger, Chaperone, Minor Passenger, Staff and Student. Select “Student” for performing ensemble passengers and “Minor Passenger” for non-performing children traveling with family/group.
- Please complete all the information as accurately as possible. At this point, students should select “quad occupancy” and adults should select “quad, triple, double or single occupancy.”

## Through the My Gateway online registration system you can:

- Sign up for your group’s tour by completing a user registration and passenger profile.
- Purchase travel insurance (payments must be made by check. See details on your profile.)
- View tour information. (itinerary, inclusions, deadlines, etc.)
- View messages posted to your user profile from your group leader or Gateway staff.



# Waconia High School Bands

## Marching Band Commitment Form '18

### Student Information - Please print.

Waconia Schools Identification Number

E-mail address

First Name

Last Name

Year of H.S. Graduation

Home Address

Birth date

City, State, Zip

T-Shirt Size (Adult Sizes):

S  M  L  XL  XXL

Home Phone

Cell Phone

### Parent/Guardian Information - Please print.

Mother's First Name

Mother's Last Name

Father's First Name

Father's Last Name

Mother's home phone

Mother's cell phone

Father's home phone

Father's cell phone

Check if address same as above

Check if address is same as above

Mother's home address

Father's home address

City, State, Zip

City, State, Zip

Mother's email address

Father's email address

I/We would like to volunteer in the following areas:

- Chaperones  Color Guard  Props  Uniforms  Corporate Sponsorship
- Fundraisers  Nurse/First Aid  Band Boosters

### Marching Band Fees and Refund Policy

February 15, 2018.....	\$400 (THIS IS NON REFUNDABLE)
March 5, 2018.....	\$400
May 10, 2017.....	\$400
June 1, 2017.....	Balance due not to exceed \$500
Drum line/Color Guard ONLY.....	\$30, Paid by May 27th

### ALL CANCELATIONS

**BEFORE** May 15th, 2018- \$400 NON REFUNDABLE Commitment Fee will be kept refunding other balance paid. **AFTER** May 25th, 100% of monies paid will be kept, no refunds.

### Schedule and Mandatory Parent Meeting

Marching Band schedule is available to downloadable or sync to your calendar at [waconiabands.org](http://waconiabands.org)

A **MANDATORY** parent meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 30th, 2018. Please put this on your calendar now.

### Payment and Participation Agreement

By signing this form, you are agreeing to participate in the Waconia Marching Band entire season. As a student member of this performing ensemble, it will be your responsibility to attend all scheduled camps, rehearsals, parades, and performances. A schedule of these is available on the band website. Please understand this is an extra-curricular activity. Your monetary support is necessary for the success of the program. In addition to participation, you are agreeing to pay the fees associated with this activity, which are outlined above, and fully understand the refund and cancellation policy. All fees (marching band AND concert band) must be paid in full by June 1, 2018. Failure to comply with payment schedule will result in student not being allowed to participate in performances until fees/debts (and prior debts) are paid in full.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Student Signature

Date

Student Printed Name

Please return form to Mr. Pohland/Mr. Snyder/Ms. Wilmes with first payment