

2025–2026 Dublin Jerome Marching Band

April 4, 2025

Dear Students and Parents,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Dublin Jerome High School Marching Band!

Please read the contents of this packet carefully and make note of all dates.

For the complete schedule of all rehearsals and events including color guard and percussion rehearsals, please check your student's calendar on CutTime.

Required Forms and Fees

All of the required band camp forms are attached to this announcement. The due date for all forms and fees is Monday, May 19 at the First Marching Band Rehearsal. Please make note of the forms that require notarization and/or physician's signature. These forms must be on file before a student will be allowed to stay at Band Camp or travel with us to Disney.

Ear Protection

We strongly recommend that all students use good quality ear plugs for indoor rehearsals. We recommend the Earaser brand or something equivalent. These can be purchased online, in the store at Rettig Music, or online at Amazon or similar retailers.

Health Concerns

Any health concerns should be clearly disclosed on "Form 2340C_FI: District-Sponsored Overnight Trips Medical Permission Form". Please note that a physical is no longer required for participation in marching band!

Summer Uniforms

All new marching band members will need to purchase a summer band uniform. Summer band uniforms may be purchased at Embroidery Design Group anytime between now and the end of June:

Embroidery Design Group
2564 Billingsley Road
Columbus, OH 43235
614-798-8152
www.embroiderydesigngroup.com

The uniform consists of the green polo shirt, khaki shorts, and green hat. The cost for the entire summer uniform will be ~\$60. We will use the uniforms for the first time at the Dublin July 4th Parade. In addition to the shirt, shorts, and hat, each student will need to provide their own brown belt, white ankle socks, and white tennis shoes of their choosing for the summer uniform.

New Member Camp (Winds and Percussion) Monday-Thursday, July 21-24, 8:30am-12:30pm

New Member Camp rehearsals will focus on marching fundamentals. These rehearsals are for new members and leadership only, but veteran members are welcome to attend.

Color Guard Camp Monday-Thursday, July 21-24, 5:00-8:00pm

Our Color Guard Camp rehearsals will focus on fundamentals. These rehearsals are for all Color Guard members.

Pre-Band Camp Rehearsals Monday-Thursday, July 28-31 Winds and Percussion: 8:30am-12:30pm Color Guard: 5:00-8:00pm

Pre-Band Camp rehearsals will focus on the music for our 2025 competition show as well as marching fundamentals.

Uniform Fittings
Monday, July 28 and Tuesday, July 29, 5:00–7:00pm

These evenings are to find the proper fit for your students' competition uniform, which is different from our summer uniform. You will also be able to purchase gloves and spiritwear. We will be using Rettig Music again this year for our band and guard shoes, which will be handed out after Band Camp.

Band Camp Meeting – Parents and Students
Monday, July 28, 7:00pm

We will have a meeting for all members and their parents in the Dublin Jerome Center for Performing Arts to discuss the details of Band Camp. Please see the detailed information about Band Camp included in this packet.

Marching Band Fees

Band Camp – \$525 (paid to Dublin Music Boosters)

Special Events – \$75 (paid to Dublin Music Boosters)

- This fee is to provide meals for the students throughout the season prior to competitions.
- The cost of food has gone up significantly. We are asking for a few more dollars to cover the cost of feeding your students. Thank you!

Uniform Depreciation – \$30 (paid to Dublin Music Boosters)

Credit Card Processing – \$20 (paid to Dublin Music Boosters)

Dublin City School Pay-To-Participate – \$40 (paid through PaySchools)

- This will not be part of the fees within the link in the announcement

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions. Go Celts!

Micah Abrams, Director of Bands

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Band Camp 2025

Dates

Sunday, August 3 through Saturday, August 9, 2025

Location

Camp Swoneky
605 Middleboro Rd.
Oregonia, OH 45054
(513) 932-1794

Directions

Follow I-270 south from Dublin to I-71 south toward Cincinnati. Travel 65 miles on I-71 to exit 36, Wilmington Rd. Turn right at the end of the ramp onto Wilmington Rd. and take the next right onto Middleboro Road. The entrance to Camp Swoneky is less than 1 mile ahead on the right.

Arrival

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors should arrive between 1:00pm and 2:30pm on Sunday, August 3. Students must check-in at Chamberlain Hall before going into their cabins. The first rehearsal will begin at 3:00pm in Chamberlain Hall.

Seniors should plan on reporting to Jerome at 12:00pm on Saturday, August 2 to travel down to camp for set-up.

Departure

Camp will conclude with a performance on Saturday, August 9 at 10:00am. Parents are encouraged to attend. Students will be released to parents after the performance and cabin check-out (approximately 11:00am).

Purpose

Band camp is the most important week of the marching band season.

We will be putting forth a concentrated effort to perfect marching skills, learn drill, and rehearse and memorize music for the upcoming fall season. Sectional instructors will be provided for each section of the band.

Daily Schedule

7:30 am	Stretching and PT
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Playing and/or Marching Rehearsal
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Sectionals and Music Memorization
3:00 pm	Free Time for those with music checked-off
5:00 pm	Dinner
6:00 pm	Marching Rehearsal
9:00 pm	Evening Activity or Free Time
10:30 pm	Curfew
11:00 pm	Lights out

GENERAL RULES FOR BAND CAMP

- All members will abide by the Dublin Jerome High School Code of Conduct and subsequent consequences at all times.
- Ohio Revised Code prohibits harassment, personal degradation, hazing or initiation of any kind. Consequences will be notification of school administration.
- All marching band students must attend band camp in its entirety in order to be assigned a regular marching position. Students who do not attend camp will be assigned alternate responsibilities. If a spot opens during the season, alternates will be permitted to perform once they have sufficiently learned the music and drill.
- Use or possession of any controlled substance is strictly prohibited and will result in IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM CAMP. Parents will be called and asked to pick up their child. School administration will be notified and serious school disciplinary action will be taken.
- Use of profanity will not be permitted at any time.
- Students are expected to use polite, respectful behavior at all times. Insubordination will not be tolerated. Students are to show respect and common courtesy to directors, adult supervisors, and peers at all times. Consequences will be at the discretion of the director and may result in school disciplinary action.
- All students are expected to wear tennis shoes and socks for all marching rehearsals. Bare feet are strictly prohibited.
- School dress code applies to all rehearsals. Jeans are not appropriate at hot weather rehearsals.
- Students are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and leaving all areas cleaner than they were found.
- All curfews will be strictly enforced.
- Students are not allowed in any cabin other than their own. All students must use the restroom facilities directly adjacent to their room.
- Band camp is a closed activity. No visitors or alumni are permitted.
- All members are expected to participate in all band camp activities.
- No cooking appliances or refrigerators are allowed in the cabins.
- Cell phones may only be used for Marching Band-specific purposes during rehearsal.

BAND CAMP CHECKLIST

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- ☐ comfortable, light-colored shorts and shirts
 - ☐ sweatshirt and sweatpants for chilly mornings
 - ☐ plenty of underwear
 - ☐ sleepwear
 - ☐ 12 pairs of athletic socks (at least!)
 - ☐ 2 pairs of comfortable lace-up shoes for marching (no sandals for marching!)
 - ☐ summer uniform (shirt, shorts, hat, brown belt, white socks, and white shoes)
 - ☐ a hat to shade your face
 - ☐ fanny pack or small wearable tote to hold cell phone and chips
 - ☐ sunglasses
 - ☐ swimsuit
 - ☐ rain jacket
 - ☐ large water bottle/jug with your name on all pieces.
 - ☐ large plastic bag for dirty laundry

 - ☐ twin-sized sheets and blanket or sleeping bag
 - ☐ pillow and pillow case
 - ☐ toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo and soap, shower shoes
 - ☐ towels (for swimming and bathing) and washcloths
 - ☐ deodorant
 - ☐ prescription medication in its original container.
 - ☐ sunscreen (at least no. 40)
 - ☐ insect repellent
 - ☐ umbrella
 - ☐ flashlight

 - ☐ a footlocker or suitcase with a lock
 - ☐ your instrument in good playing condition
 - ☐ your marching band binder
 - ☐ folding music stand with your name on both pieces
 - ☐ all needed accessories for your instrument
 - ☐ games for free time
 - ☐ \$10-\$20 spending money. The concession stand will be open at free time.