



Buzz & Beat

Band Camp 2026 & Beyond!

Band camps are quickly approaching! It truly takes a village to run marching band camp and the season. Volunteers are crucial to the success of the DeWitt Marching Band. Below you will find information on how to prepare and what to bring to band camp, volunteer opportunities and a fun event to celebrate the students' hard work!

Band Camp Schedule & Information

July 20 - 24: Pre-Camp*- *detailed schedule found by clicking the activity on the [BoosterHub calendar](#)*

July 26 - July 31: Band Camp- *see below for more details*

August 3 - 6: Post Camp*- *detailed schedule found by clicking the activity on the [BoosterHub calendar](#)*

August 3 - 7 : Guard Camp*

***No meals provided. Students bring lunch, snacks and water.**



Full Band Camp: July 26 - July 31

Sunday: 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm – Parents Meeting at 3:00 pm

Monday: 8:00 am - 9:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:00 am - 9:00 pm

Wednesday: 8:00 am - 9:00 pm

Thursday: 8:00 am - end of tailgate performance

Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Snacks & dinners provide

Prepare Your Student for the Rigors of Camp

Camp days are long, hot, and exhausting. Students, please prepare accordingly!

- Eat a good breakfast and pack nutritious lunches Monday through Thursday. No delivered lunches - campus is closed.
- A mid-morning snack (Monday - Friday) and dinner (Sunday - Thursday) will be provided.
- Pack/wear sunscreen, bug spray, hats, and large water canteens, pencil/highlighter.
- Print and bring music (flip folio for music is nice to have).
- Athletic shoes or drills (no flip flops).



Band Camp Registration- July 26 from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

This first day of camp is for parents and their students. Parents, please plan to spend about an hour registering your student at Herbison Woods Elementary followed by a short parents' meeting at 3:00 pm.

Activities include:

- Order: drillmasters-aka *band shoes* (\$50) and gloves (\$14)
- Purchase Thursday tailgate tickets (\$6 each) and other band supplies
- Pay band fees and accessory charges (any remaining balance, drillmasters, school instrument fee, etc)*
- Pick up supply pre-orders from Meyer Music and/or purchase lyres and flip folders, mouthpieces, reeds, straps, greases, creams, oils, thumb cushions, mouthpiece patches, straps, harnesses, silk swabs, etc.
- Sign all 2026 marching band forms and waivers
- Sign up to volunteer

* Credit card or check accepted. If you need to know your outstanding balance prior to registration, please contact the treasurer at treasurer@dewittbands.org.



Band Family Tailgate and Presentation

When: Thursday evening (dinner @ 5:00pm)

Where: Marching band practice field

Cost: \$6/person for dinner (hot dogs, chips, pasta salad, drinks and dessert)

What: Come celebrate and see what our students have learned! After the students eat, they will perform. Feel free to bring a blanket or chairs.

Volunteers/Supplies Needed for Camp!

We need many hands to help during camp week (and throughout the fall) in order to have a successful marching band season. Current band camp needs include:

- Providing support at the practice field as a field parent - be available at the field tent during rehearsal blocks; help with hydration and keep an eye on student needs; assist with minor first aid; serve as a supportive, reassuring presence for students (bring a lawn or camp chair so you can stay comfortable during your shift)
- Assisting with prepping and serving dinner/snacks- set up the lunchroom for dinner; prep and organize the buffet line; serve meals to students; restock and/or keep things running smoothly during dinner; clean up after the meal
- Donating drinks and desserts
- Assisting with uniform fitting - set up the uniform fitting space in preparation for student fittings, help students try on and get fitted for shoes, gloves, gauntlets, jackets, bibbers, and headwear (no sewing skills are necessary),

A further listing of all our volunteer opportunities during band camp and throughout the fall is located at the end of this newsletter. You can also visit the BoosterHub website: [Volunteer Opportunities](#).

DeWitt Public Schools requires a volunteer form to be completed every year. Click the [ICHAT](#) link for complete.

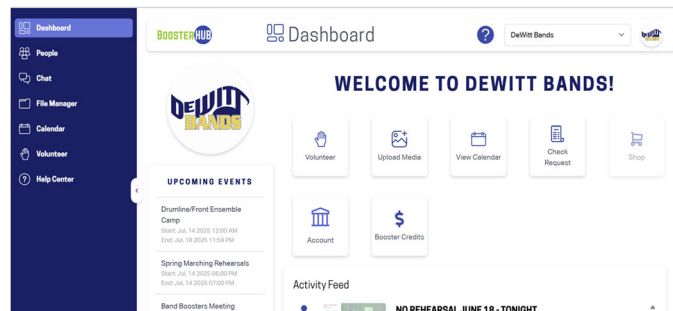
News and Notifications

BoosterHub Website

Use this updated DeWitt Bands platform to find the calendar of events, pay registration fees, order spirit wear, sign-up for volunteer opportunities & more!

Go to dewittbands.org for registration information!

Information is also shared on our Facebook page: DeWitt Bands - Panther Pride!



Farewell to our Class of 2026 Seniors

We wish them all the best as they head off to accomplish their dreams!

James Amama

Alexander Andries

Sophia Angelo

Timothy Austin

Abigail Bernosky

Madison Bohrer

Jacob Calewarts

Emily Castro-Curtis

Isiah Guerrero

Callen Hakes

Noah Halstead

Jason Hardenbergh

Adolie Holt

Colin Irrer

Santino Jacobson

Sophie Jenkins-Siegeford

Brady Krason

Braylon

Lenneman

Joshua Lutz

Shae McDonnell

Pia Sanares

Dominic Smith

Jacob Smith

Isabella Taber

Ella Terrill

Brock Thaler

Christine Troy

Samantha

Williams

Kaylor Wohlscheid



Volunteer Opportunities

Who Can Be a Band Booster?

If your student is in band, you are a band booster! This group works diligently to coordinate fundraisers, host competitions, build props and more. There are always coordinator positions available.

The following positions are waiting for you!

- Communications Co-Chair/Shadow
- Uniforms Co-Chair/Shadow
- Invitational Co-Chair/Shadow
- Craft Show Co-Chair/Shadow
- Apple Pies Co-Chair/Shadow

Band Booster meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm in the DHS band room. Check the [BoosterHub calendar](#) for more information.

The DeWitt Band Boosters is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports instrumental music programs in DeWitt Public Schools for grades 6-12. It accepts and appreciates any financial gifts.

Not ready to do it alone? Ask a friend! Many coordinator/chair positions can be filled with two (or more) people.

If that's still too much, volunteer for events or sign up to donate items. The [Volunteer Opportunities](#) section of our BoosterHub website highlights the many events and volunteer opportunities we have coming up over the next few months!

Please email president@dewittbands.org or come to the next booster meeting to get more information and ask questions.

ICHAT Requirement for Volunteers

[Form](#) is found on the DeWitt Public School website under the human resources tab.



Upcoming Events

July 20, 7 pm: Band Booster Meeting- *HWE Library*

Aug 8 - 9: Annual Scrap Metal Drive

Aug 10, 6 pm: Monday Night Rehearsals Begin

Aug 10, 7 pm: Band Booster Meeting- *HWE Library*

Aug 15, 9:15 am: Ox Roast Parade

Sept 1, 4 pm: Percussion Rehearsals Begin

Sept 2, 4 pm: Wind and Guard Rehearsals Begin

Sept 14, 7 pm: Band Booster Meeting

Sept 22, 5 pm: Culver's Share Night hosted by DeWitt Brass

Sept 26: MCBA Competition #1- Lakeland HS

Oct 3: MCBA Competition #2- Grand Blanc HS

Oct 10: DeWitt Marching Band Invitational

Oct 12, 7 pm: Band Booster Meeting

Oct 24: MCBA Competition #3- Plymouth Canton HS

Oct 31: MCBA Preliminaries Hosted by DeWitt HS

Nov 7: MCBA State Finals- Ford Field

Nov 9, 7 pm: Band Booster Meeting

Nov 12 - 14: BOA Grand Nationals- Indianapolis

Nov 14: Craft Show

Nov 20: Apple Pie Making