

WHAT TO BRING TO MARCHING BAND COMPETITIONS

About the Events

Competitions are very long days, and with the exception of one event, they are held at Hillsboro Stadium. The uniforms are trucked out to the site, as are a number of the very large instruments. Mr. Zander will provide direction on which instruments need to be brought by students. We are outside all day. And so is your gear! You will bring all your stuff in a duffle bag and live out of it all day, so here are tips for packing:

Tips:

- Put EVERYTHING you bring into a duffle bag with your name on it. Consider labeling your clothes as well – stuff looks the same late at night. All of your personal items need to fit in the bag and zip it closed. Things can get moved and easily lost inside the tents.
- Don't bring anything you don't want to possibly get wet or lost (like electronics or school books).
- Spectacle of Sound on Oct. 5 – we use the Hillsboro stadium locker rooms – still pack everything as noted below.
- Other events we keep gear in a tent, but it can still get very wet and cold.

Packing List: (LABEL EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KEEP !)

- ☐ Instrument (if you have smaller ones)
- ☐ Marching Shoes (**DO NOT LEAVE IN YOUR LOCKER** at school on Friday)
- ☐ 2 pair of mid-calf ALL BLACK socks
- ☐ Black t-shirt or dry-fit type undershirt – short or long sleeve (no tanks or sleeveless)
- ☐ Black or dark blue athletic shorts or leggings, yoga pant or similar style (not below the ankle)
- ☐ Warm cover clothes, such as sweats, for times when not in uniform
- ☐ Jacket/gloves/hat/ rain gear – be prepared for all kinds of weather!
- ☐ Healthy snacks and a sack lunch (one major meal is provided by SIMDE)
- ☐ Lip balm/chapstick
- ☐ Hair supplies to manage when in uniform (i.e., bobby pins, pony tail holders, head bands)

Optional Items to consider:

- ☐ Small hand towel – never know what you might need to dry off
- ☐ Plastic garbage bag – to wrap duffle in if necessary, or for very wet gear to be take home later
- ☐ Small zip locks baggies to keep your stuff dry and organized in your duffle bag
- ☐ If you bring homework – pack it in waterproof baggies
- ☐ Deck of cards – if there is down time
- ☐ Extra shoes and socks for afterwards
- ☐ Blankets and Hand Warmers
- ☐ A little cash for snacks at concessions