



## Normal West High School Bands

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## 2017 Marching Band Rookie Camp Information

**Tuesday, June 6 through Thursday, June 8 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**

Would you like to be a part of an outstanding group of people? If so, then the Normal West Marching Band is for you! The Normal West Marching Band has been a State Finalist, State Champion, Bands of America Regional Champion, and Grand National Semi-Finalist! The band has appeared on television as a part of Bowl Game Parades and Festivities, and it has performed in front of thousands of people in professional football domes, college stadiums, theme parks, and high school stadiums!

We are very excited that you are joining the Normal West Band Program this fall! We hope that you will consider marching band as an option. You are invited to attend the Marching Band Rookie Camp in June. Rookie Camp is a great way to determine if you would like to march in the upcoming year. We will spend the week learning the techniques of marching as well as working on musical skills. Our hope is that you will get to know the band directors, staff, and other students in your section. We also hope to give you the necessary skills to help you adjust to high school band and feel comfortable in summer band rehearsals. Please report to the band room between 8:30 and 9:00 AM on the first day to check in and receive your music packet and name badge. A Drum Major or Section Leader will be there to assist you! If you need a school instrument, we will issue one that morning. We encourage you to come the first day and give it a try!



**THINGS YOU WILL NEED FOR ROOKIE CAMP:** Your instrument (make sure you have reeds, mouthpiece, valve oil, drum sticks, etc.) Sunscreen, a hat, and gym shoes are a must! Other items to bring: water bottle, pencil, and a three ring binder for music. (The older members have said that the plastic page holders work well to help music from getting ruined in all types of weather conditions!)

At the conclusion of Rookie Camp, we will ask you to make a decision about marching band and sign a commitment form. This will enable us to have the show written for the exact number of marchers. After Rookie Camp, new members join the rest of the Marching Band for summer rehearsals. The complete Summer/Fall Schedule is available on the band website. Attendance expectations are outlined on the commitment form.

The Normal West Band Web Site ([www.nwbands.org](http://www.nwbands.org)) is a great source of information. The following items are included: trip itineraries, fundraising/fee information, and event pictures/videos. The website also contains the rehearsal and performance schedule for the upcoming marching season (including summer band rehearsals and band sponsored "fun" events!) We ask that you browse the information on the website and become acclimated with the band program. Also, be sure to check us out on social media - @normalwestbands on Twitter and Instagram. If you have questions, feel free to contact the band directors using the information listed above.

Many athletes have successfully participated in the marching band. We take a look at both schedules and work out the conflicts so that you can participate in all of the things you love to do! If you would like to march but are unable to attend Rookie camp, please send us an email so we know when to expect you in the summer. We hope you will consider joining the Normal West Marching Band, and we look forward to seeing you in June!

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