

L.D. BELL HIGH SCHOOL
BLUE RAIDER MARCHING BAND

JUNE CAMP 2015



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3.....8:30 – 4:30
THURSDAY, JUNE 4.....8:30 – 4:30

June Training Camp is held at L.D. Bell Band High School. It is for all members of the Band Program (Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion, and Color Guard). We will learn some of the music for the fall marching show and learn the audition drill for marching spot auditions during the first week of July/ August Camp. We will practice **8:30 - 11:30 am & 1:30 - 4:30 pm**. Lunch is on your own from 11:30 - 1:30. You can bring food, return home, or go out to eat. Also, there will be a “Social” on Wednesday, June 3rd from 7 -8 pm and a Band Parent Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Bring:

- ✓ Marching Instrument (Bass Clarinets, Low Saxes, Horns, Baritones, and Sousaphones will be distributed in June at the LD Bell Band Hall)
- ✓ Flag and any other material specific to Color Guard
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Water Bottle, labeled with your name
- ✓ Lunch or meal money
- ✓ B.E.R.P - REQUIRED FOR ALL BRASS

Wear:

- ✓ Comfortable clothing (shorts, white t-shirt)
- ✓ Black dancewear for Guard
- ✓ Sneakers - no flip flops or sandals. Athletic shoes are essential to proper technique.

JULY/AUGUST CAMP 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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23	24 No AM Rehearsal 1 st Day of Classes	25 7:00 am Rehearsal	26	27 7:00 am Rehearsal	28 7:00 am Rehearsal Football: Bell vs. Keller Central 5:15pm	29 Make Up Rehearsal Pennington 7:30 – 10:30 am
<p>This is a sample calendar of what July/ August Camp will look like. For the most accurate and updated calendar, please visit www.ldbellband.org and to view the online Google Calendar.</p>						

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Important Fall Dates: 2015 – 2016 L.D. Bell Band Calendar to be released soon

Date	Event	Location	Times
Sept. 12 th	HEB Drumline Contest (Drumline/Pit)	Pennington Field	All Day
Oct. 3 rd	HEB Marching Contest	Pennington Field	All Day
Oct. 10 th	BOA Regional - Arlington	UTA	All Day
Oct. 20 th	UIL Region V Marching Contest	Pennington Field	TBD
Dec. 7 th	All Region Phase I Auditions (Brass/Perc.)	TBD	After school – 10 pm
Dec. 10 th	All Region Phase I Auditions (Woodwinds)	TBD	After school – 10 pm
Dec. 12 th	All Region Phase II Auditions	TBD	8 am – 5 pm

L. D. Bell Blue Raider Band

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WELCOME

Welcome to the L. D. Bell Band program. You and your student are about to begin a very exciting three years. It's hard to explain the mystique of this organization but as you start coming to events you'll find parents and students from past years with the same excitement that you will be experiencing.

There is a great history of success with this wonderful band. Repeat Texas State Champions in 2000 & 2004, the Silver Medal in 2002, 2006, 2008 & 2010, numerous regional BOA championships, top 5 national rankings in 2001, 2003, and each year from 2005 through 2011, the prestigious Sudler Shield in 2005, and the 2007 BOA Grand National Champion—how can these achievements ever be topped? Yes, winning is fun, but let's not forget what is truly important—hard work, discipline, endurance, being gracious no matter what the placement, developing musical appreciation and skills, and forging new friendships. These are far more important than any championship. You'll find that these are the qualities our directors continue to stress every day while demanding the high standards necessary to enable our students to reach their fullest potential. It is our job as parents to reinforce these ideals to our children. Please remember it's just as important for parents to show great sportsmanship and character as it is for our band to do so. Let's continue to be a part of this "first class operation" as we have been known to be in the past.

It can be overwhelming for parents at the beginning of the year and this handbook has been compiled to help orient you to the many different aspects of the band. Many parents have contributed to this information—each sending a thought or idea from their experiences as a sophomore band parent. This information is not intended to replace your attendance at band parent meetings. You will receive a calendar that you need to keep close at hand. Sophomore band members have a tendency to "forget" to relate information to their parents. Feel free to email any officer or director for help and remember to come to the meetings to get the latest information about each event.

So come and join the fun. You will see changes in your child that you only dreamed would happen someday. At first your band member may act like they don't want you any place near them, but trust all of us "old parents"—they will begin to look for you and cherish your attendance. Bring your family and friends to contests and concerts and just see if your child doesn't get a sense of pride in all of the hard work they have done. Then you can really begin to sit back and enjoy

..."The music and the motion of the L. D. Bell Blue Raider Band".

- Melinda & Ralph Manoushagian
L.D. Bell Band parents, 1991-2003

The L. D. Bell Band has its own website! Keep up to date with the most recent information by looking up www.ldbellband.org Bookmark and check it every day.

CALENDAR AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE - THE “ALL-IMPORTANT” PAPER

You will receive a brightly colored paper with the year’s calendar in June. On one side of the page there will be a general yearly calendar and the payment schedule on the reverse. This is meant for a general guide for dates throughout the school year. To keep current with the most accurate dates, please visit the online Google Calendar available on the band website. You can also sync it to your electronic calendar (iPhone, Android, Outlook Calendar, etc.) and always receive updated events, times and events.

JUNE TRAINING CAMP

Although the main purpose of Training Camp is to introduce incoming sophomores to marching techniques, the full band is required to attend. The older members are a tremendous help with the teaching process while building camaraderie with the new band members. The camp is held in the days immediately following school dismissal to prevent any disruptions in vacation plans.

SUMMER BAND

The last week of July going into first weeks of August begin our busy marching season. Attendance at this camp is mandatory so schedule vacations accordingly: The band will learn almost half of the show during this crucial time! Speak to the directors with any concerns, but plan to plan around these dates.

UIL rules dictate that a high school program cannot begin marching drill until August 1. As you can imagine, this puts important emphasis on this camp. The times vary, but get ready for 3 rehearsals a day (8+ hour days). Comfortable tennis shoes, light colored clothes, and a cap are the best type of attire. It also will be helpful to have a water jug, sunscreen, and sunglasses.

Some of the things happening during this camp include:

1. Marching tryouts
2. Learning show music and drill
3. Turning in fundraiser money
4. Purchasing gloves/shoes/uniform parts and uniform distribution
5. Photo in uniform for football program
6. Registration for school (the band members will have a pre-arranged time)
7. Learning “stand tunes” (music for football games and pep rallies)
8. Lots & lots of bonding between old and new band members.

WEEKLY MARCHING PRACTICES

Once school starts the practice schedule during marching season can be rather hectic. Early morning practices are held four mornings a week, split between the high school and Pennington Field – **check the website every day!** Parents, it will greatly aid your child to mark **your** calendar accordingly. Attendance is crucial. It is your responsibility to get your student to the correct location, however, buses are provided for those requiring a ride from Pennington back to Bell. Again, check the website for exact times and location. There is typically an afternoon sectional for each performance group scheduled per week.

DEMERITS

A demerit may be issued for a tardy, missing equipment or unfinished assignments. Each demerit consists of a 30-45 minute *'reflection period'* in which the issued student attends and participates in work that may benefit the band, community, or him/herself. The final activity is decided upon by a director. Do not let your student acquire multiple demerits, as it will affect his/her position in the band.

SPIRITWEAR

Spiritwear is available for parents and other family members. We have many different shirts, sweatshirts, caps, etc. available throughout the fall season. You will have opportunities to view the products for sale at band parent meetings, Pizza Feast and at some football games. It is a great way to show your support for the band.

PEP RALLIES

Pep rallies are held each Friday during the football season. Parents are invited to attend and have a special seating area on the gym floor. You can call the school office for the exact start time, but plan to arrive early especially if you are videotaping. Parking is available in the back parking lot.

UNIFORM CARE

Please read the "uniform care and cleaning" handout your student will receive (it will also be on the website). You are responsible for the upkeep of your student's marching uniform. In order to preserve the uniforms properly, they are to be washed in accordance with the instructions **each** week prior to the game.

Remove the cords and mirror prior to washing. As with the uniform jacket and pants, the gauntlets must also be washed weekly. Do not wash the uniform with other dark clothing since the dyes may bleed onto the white portions of the uniform. Please **do not wash the cords**. If they are dirty please return them to the uniform mom

You are also responsible for cleaning concert uniforms. The girls' uniforms may be gently machine washed according to the directions inside the uniform. The concert tuxes must be dry cleaned before returning them to the band. You are responsible for making sure the hems of skirts and pants are adjusted for your student.

Do not cut any portion of the school owned uniform. Proper care will help keep a good-looking band and not wear out uniforms too quickly.

COLOR GUARD

All young ladies selected to the color guard are members of the L.D. Bell High School Band program. This part of the band program is responsible for the enhancement and visual portrayal of our fall season productions. Selection is based on an audition in the spring with highly trained instructors providing choreography and equipment skill instruction specifically for this section of the band.

Auditions are open **first** to wind players who play instruments such as oboe and bassoon in concert season that are not used in marching band. Next, the unit is open to a limited number of wind players who play woodwind instruments of large sections (flute, clarinet). On a case-by-case basis, wind and percussionists playing other instruments will be allowed to audition. All members of the color guard are encouraged and expected to continue advancement on their primary instrument through such pursuits as private lessons, director listenings, and the All Region/State Band audition process. Finally, students from outside the band program, having demonstrated proper participation through attitude, technical achievement, and attendance during the guard audition process will, on a case-by-case basis, be permitted to join.

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL GAMES

Fridays in the fall trimester are pretty fast paced for the Bell Band. The students will be given a scheduled meeting time to be at the band hall - which may be VERY SOON after school ends (consider bringing items to school and staying there until call time). Warm-ups and inspections take place prior to boarding the buses for the game.

The buses leave the stadium as soon as possible after each game. Students need to have rides or a parent waiting. If you need to pick up your non-driving band member, you can wait in the band hall parking lot, but beware, there are many cars doing just the same thing. The football team, cheerleaders and the drill team all use this parking lot. Carpooling with other parents/students might be a good alternative to this problem.

BANDS OF AMERICA

Bands of America--BOA--is a premier national organization for high school music students. Based in Indiana, BOA hosts many excellent contests and symposiums. BOA is probably best known for marching contests held each fall. There are twenty-plus regional contests held around the US with several held in Texas. Houston, DFW and San-Antonio have all been winning locations for the Bell Band. Each year the directors choose locations to fit our busy fall schedule - most have been in Texas, but some may be in other states! You will know in advance so that you can plan accordingly. Some parents choose to follow the buses to these contests, while some parents make reservations and stay at a nearby hotel.

In some instances the band goes to the contest and returns in the same day. Each year the schedule varies due to performance times. There is a preliminary performance and, hopefully, inclusion in the finals. There's plenty of time to purchase T-shirts, patches, videos, etc. We usually get home very late but it's well worth the opportunity to see other high-caliber bands. These contests require lots of parental involvement. The band is fed various snacks and meals during the day. Donations of snack items/beverages will be needed as well as help to serve and clean up.

BOA sells patches at all of these events that can be purchased and sewn on to students' letter jackets. This is a good way to commemorate the event and many parents purchase these patches for their students. The BOA web site, www.musicforall.org, is full of information and will keep you logging on all year. You will be able to keep up-to-date on scores, news, etc.

THE HEB MARCHING CONTEST

We host our very own marching contest at Pennington Field! We are responsible for hiring judges and providing dozens of volunteers for many duties throughout the day. We need the help of every parent available at this crucial event. This contest raises funds for band operations. We hope to continue to attract many area high school bands to compete. Both the LD Bell and Trinity High School Marching bands perform in "exhibition" to entertain the attending bands - not for a score. This contest is based on operational systems used by BOA (described above) and UIL (described below).

THE HEB DRUMLINE CLINIC & CONTEST

We also host our very own drumline contest, also at Pennington Field! We are similarly responsible for hiring clinicians and judges, and providing dozens of volunteers for many duties throughout the day. We like to ask for the support of percussion band parents as well as any other band parents who would just like to support our percussion section! This contest raises funds for percussion and band operations. We hope to continue to attract many area high school drumlines to compete. Both the L.D. Bell and Trinity High School drumlines perform in exhibition at this contest – not for a score. This contest is based on a clinic format where each drumline receives immediate feedback following their performance from our panel of clinicians. Each group is also ranked against other groups in their division and trophies are awarded at the end of the night.

UIL—REGIONAL CONTEST IN ODD YEARS (2015, 2017 etc.)

THE ROAD TO STATE MARCHING CONTEST IN EVEN YEARS (2016, 2018 etc)

The University Interscholastic League--UIL--governs the state marching contests. The UIL has strict rules concerning the conduct and procedures necessary for advancement to the state competitions. You are probably aware of the fact that schools in the state of Texas are divided into classes based on student population. Bell High is "class 6A", the class for the largest schools. In order to make the state competition more manageable, class 4A and 6A schools have their marching competitions in even numbered years, i.e., 2016, and 2018. The 3A and 5A schools hold their marching competitions in odd numbered years.

The road to the state contest begins with the regional marching competition. This is usually held on a weekday and we are fortunate to have these contests in our home field at Pennington or at nearby stadiums. The bands are given a rating of Division I, II, III, or IV. There are not 1st, 2nd, 3rd places, etc. All bands receiving a Division I then proceed to the Area competition.

Division I bands from 2 –3 regions will gather at the area competition. The location of the area contest can vary based on the geographical makeup of the bands. It is during this competition that the bands advancing to state will be decided. All bands perform one time and a select number of bands will perform again in finals. A predetermined number of bands (based on the number of bands receiving Division I ratings) will get to make the coveted trip to State.

You can already see that just a trip to state is very exciting and just to get to make the trip is an honor. We have always considered it a great accomplishment to get to board the buses. Any placement or championship is “icing on the cake”. You can get lots of information and see pictures and ratings on the UIL web site. The address is www.uil.utexas.edu

There are also patches available at UIL to commemorate contests. You may purchase the patches at the events or they may be found at online stores after the event. Although you usually have to pay for shipping with the online stores you could save money if you are buying several patches. So just be aware that there are options.

BUS TRIPS

The band takes several bus trips through the year. Charter buses are used for “big” trips while school buses are used for Friday night football games and local contests. These bus trips are great fun for the band. Bus assignments are made by the directors, or may be done on a “first-come, first-serve” basis.

Band members are usually permitted to bring small coolers, snacks, videos, CD’s, blankets, and pillows on the longer bus trips. Quite often band parents donate snacks and drinks for the trips in addition to items that students bring. You will be notified if spending money is needed for additional meals for longer trips. You will receive itineraries with times, locations, and phone numbers for longer bus trips.

INTERNET ETIQUETTE

There are an abundance of newsgroups and bulletin boards frequented by band students and parents. These sites are a great way to hear about what bands are doing around the country. One of the most popular is the Music for All website. Though entertaining, these places are littered with posts that reflect poorly on individuals and organizations. It’s obvious that many people either don’t realize or don’t care that their personal thoughts, when subjective or inflammatory, reflect on their entire group.

Occasionally we’ve had incidents where someone from Bell posted something they thought innocent, but it upset others when taken a certain way and it drew criticism. Even when not intended, this is embarrassing. If something is posted that is critical of another group or reflects negatively on our band it must be addressed by the directors. The safest way to avoid criticism or scrutiny is NOT to post. However, if you choose to post comments remember that you are speaking on behalf of the whole Bell Band and we want to continue our first-class reputation. This goes for students and parents.

MARCH-A-THON

The march-a-thon has been one of the most successful fundraisers the band has ever undertaken. Each fall the band—and the parents—take to the streets in a daylong “parade.” The route varies each year but is generally six miles in length. During the march we stop at designated areas and perform. (We’ll even take special requests—for a fee!) The band is given rest stops and has a nice lunch break.

Each band member will be asked to solicit pledges. All money raised by the student can be turned in to cover his/her band fees. We strongly urge band members to actively solicit pledges for this reason. Many students have raised the entire cost of their band fees by using this fundraiser.

Many parents are needed to make this fundraiser successful. Some of the jobs include making and serving hot dogs or sandwiches, having water and snacks available at each rest stop and walking behind the band with our donation buckets. It sounds like a lot of work, but you will find that this is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents while getting your exercise for the weekend.

PIZZA FEAST / SILENT AUCTION

This event is our second major fundraiser. You have probably already attended as the parent of a junior high band member, and enjoyed the food and music. However, as a high school band parent your help will be invaluable.

This dinner is completely planned and served by band parents. Careful planning through the years has made the event extremely efficient, but many people are needed to set up, serve, bake goods, tear down, etc. A portion of the income goes back to the junior high band programs based on the number of tickets they sell.

The work on the silent auction begins in the summer. Donations are crucial to this event and the support of **everyone** in securing them is greatly needed. There are several committees that need a lot of parent volunteers. The total income from the silent auction benefits the Bell Band program.

CONCERT SEASON

Concert season is a time when significant musical training takes place. Each band’s performance rating during the UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest serves as an assessment tool for evaluating the entire band program’s development from year to year. This spring project is of the highest significance as it relates to the musical development of our students and the design of our curriculum.

Wind and Percussion members will audition for placement in one of four bands. Each of the four band’s curriculum is designed to further develop our student’s musical skill and participation expectations. Auditions are held in late spring and band selections are announced in May to facilitate the construction of the students’ class schedule for the next school year. Sectional participation held before and/or after school is a necessary and required curricular activity to ensure the success for each ensemble that participates in the UIL Concert & Sightreading Contest.

Three concerts are presented at the high school and are open to the public. A winter concert is presented in December, a Pre-UIL concert in March and a spring concert held in April or May. These are wonderful, well-attended concerts and you will hear challenging music. This is a great time to invite the grandparents, aunts and uncles and let them hear “what else the Bell Bands can do”.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons are offered for every instrument, pending instructor availability. Our instructors are professional players or advanced-level university students who are contracted through the HEB ISD. The rate for all private lessons is set by the school district and is slightly under \$20 per session. Students with the benefits of private lessons have a history of becoming top players in the program, and sometimes become private lesson instructors themselves while in college.

ALL-REGION, AREA & STATE TRYOUTS

Individual band members are strongly encouraged to tryout. Pre-selected tryout music is available to all students during summer band. Region Concert Band tryouts are held in early December in two phases. The students passing the first round (consisting of two phases) of tryouts will perform with the all-region band. If a student passes the second round they attain area status and therefore are eligible to compete for the all-state band. This competition is usually held in early January.

Band members who become All-State musicians are highly praised and honored. These students assemble in San Antonio in February to perform at the Texas Music Educators Association convention. The bands and orchestras made up of these wonderful musicians represent the top 1% of the high school band members in the state of Texas. Advancing to All-State is the highest individual honor a high school musician can achieve.

ENSEMBLE CONTEST and SOLO CONTEST

These contests are sponsored by the HEB school district. These contests give the band student and director a good idea of how each student is progressing musically. Ensemble contest is usually held in February. Solo contest is held in May. Your child will be given plenty of time to prepare a solo or ensemble performance. All band members are strongly encouraged to participate.

JAZZ BAND

Jazz Band meets during the second trimester. Admission to this fun group is based on tryout performances. A concert is held in February. Be sure to mark your calendar for this extraordinary performance. Additional concerts may be added as appropriate. Participation in this ensemble provides an introduction to the style of Jazz performance.

“NIGHT OF DRUMMING” PERCUSSION SHOW

A special “Night of Drumming” is held each spring featuring percussionists from the entire L.D. Bell Cluster. This is a fun and entertaining evening where the students perform music that they have learned for Solo & Ensemble Contest and new pieces that they put together for the show. Some students write and perform their own work. This show is usually well attended so buy your tickets early.

UIL CONCERT & SIGHTREADING CONTEST

The UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest is held in April. The concert bands travel to local high schools where they perform and are critiqued and graded by UIL judges. Each band performs their concert music followed by the sight-reading portion of the contest. If you have never been to the contest, you will stand in amazement during sight-reading. The band is given music they (or the directors) have never seen or heard and have approximately 8 – 10 minutes to talk their way through the piece. They then receive a “one-time-shot” at their performance. Many do not understand that UIL concert contests are open to the public. Even though performance times are sometimes inconvenient, it will be worth your time to hear and applaud for our bands.

BAND BANQUET

A band banquet is held each spring near the end of the school year. This special evening brings the band together one last time to review the year and wish the seniors a fond farewell. A DJ provides music for dancing.

The location varies from year to year but it is usually held at a nearby hotel banquet facility or convention center and is considered a formal evening. Have your band member visit with older students on dress attire if you are uncertain on such details. Some students bring dates, but many prefer to come with their group of friends. All band fees must be current in order to participate and the price is included in the band fees. Any guest not in band will have to pay for a ticket (usually around \$40).

BAND YEARBOOK

A band yearbook is compiled each year by parent volunteers to capture the band’s activities in much greater detail than allowed in the high school yearbook. The cost of the publication is included in student fees for the year.

GRADUATION

Sophomores and juniors will be expected to perform for this ceremony. It is the L.D. Bell Band Department’s responsibility to provide musical service for not only our graduating seniors but also our school and community. Transportation will be provided. It is not necessary for parents to attend unless they desire.

SPRING TRYOUTS

Late April and early May are very busy times for all band members. Auditions for concert bands, drum major positions, color guard membership, and battery and pit assignments are all held during this time. Selection of the brass and woodwind captains, student instructors, and band officers also take place. Your band member will be able to get information from the directors if they choose to audition for any of these positions.

THANK YOU!!

(from the directors)

This band would not exist without the tremendous support and generous time given by our wonderful band parents. The directors thank every parent for understanding and embracing what is necessary in order for us all to experience success.