



Information for New Pride Members and Parents

Things you need to know

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E-NEWS

- Go to www.brokenarrowpride.com bottom of home page and sign up for weekly updates and newsletter. This is very important weekly information!

PRIDE CAMP

- 2014 Full Pride Camp start date is Monday, July 28. We will keep you posted. Very important time for pride, they are learning a lot. Schedules are posted on the Pride website www.brokenarrowpride.com. There are 3 different schedules, color guard, percussion, and pride. Color guard schedule will be sent from color guard instructors via email.
- There is a uniform for camp (white tee shirts and any shorts or pants). Directors will give them this information.
- Color guards practice uniform will be chosen by color guard directors and distributed later in the summer. Girls will be sized for this uniform.
- Daily they will need: Large bottle water/jug of water, sack lunch (no soft drinks), good sunscreen, and daily transportation to and from (they cannot be late). Good comfortable lace-up shoes are a must.
- Can't stress enough to limit or postpone other activities during camp. The students will be exhausted and need their rest.
- **Prompt arrival is a must.** At least 15-30 minutes before start, so they can get their instruments, bathroom, etc. and be on field or starting location at start time.
- Family & friends are welcome to watch at camp from outside the camp area; however, please do not distract students. You may watch from in the stadium if on the football field, or outside the fence if practicing in the practice area. The last few minutes are usually announcements and are very interesting to hear. Color guard practices are usually in band room or gym area.
- Have dentist appointments, doctor checkups, and school organized before season starts. Your student will have minimal time for these things until season is over.
- Have tune-ups and repairs of your instruments done during the summer.
- Spot tryouts happen shortly after camp starts. Some students will have to share a spot making them a "shadow".

PRIDE REHEARSALS

- Thursday nights are usually the best time to watch. The stadium opens up to spectators at 8:30 pm. **Please do not enter stadium until this time.** We need to respect directors' time with the kids. It will help you identify where your students are on the field during performances. It lets your student know how much you care and support them. You can meet other parents, and you can learn a lot by listening to announcements given at the end of practice.
 - Please be quiet and not distracting. The directors need the students' attention at this time.

CLOTHING & GEAR

- 2014-2015 Pride Uniform is primarily provided by the school, but accessory items are initially purchased via the student's Student Account.
 - Full marching uniform, top & bottom(Provided by school)
 - Shako(Provided by school)
 - Gloves(purchased by student)
 - Socks(purchased by student)
 - Tradition T-shirt (they wear under uniform) (purchased by student)
 - Ball cap(purchased by student)
 - Shoes(purchased by student)
 - Show shirt(purchased by student)
- Students will need sliders and possibly insulated underwear to wear under their uniform. These are at your own expense.
- Shako and shoes are the student's responsibility to store between performances and must be brought to all performances. Please keep shako in plastic bag in shako box.
- Extra items such as gloves (\$4 pair) and ball cap (\$10) can be purchased before events in band room. You must have these items for each performance.
- Pride letterman jacket (optional) can be purchased at establishments such as Yvonne's Embroidery, 7844 S Elm Place, BA, (131st and Elm) 451-1902. Cost is usually around \$200. This is the only jacket that can be worn with band uniform.
- Color Guard Uniform that is paid for with Color Guard fees consists of:
 - Uniform that will be worn for out-of-state competitions, usually get these before St. Louis trip.
- Color Guard Football Uniform/Color Guard Jacket. Purchased at the student's expense.
- Color Guard members may need special undergarments for uniforms. These items are at your own expense.
- Color Guard usually wears flip flops or slip on shoes to stadium from practice area.

LOCAL COMPETITIONS

- Students will want to purchase a patch and pin for the event for their Pride Jacket's.
- Event t-shirts available at each competition for sale.
- Bring a camera. Professional pictures will be available, but they can get expensive.
- You will spend hours in a chair, bring ibuprofen.
- Contest are outside, dress in layers. Pride shirt or show shirt is what most parents wear to the competitions. Remember, these are available at Band Parent meetings for sale.
- Students will need pocket money for drinks, snacks and souvenirs.
- After the Finale Ceremony of an In State Competition, you can go onto the field to congratulate your student. It's a great way to get pictures. At some events, the winner of the competition performs again at the end.
- There are times at every event that you can see your child. However, much of the time, students will not be able to call you, text you, or visit with you because they are busy.
- On purchasing tickets for events, there are usually the options of all day ticket pricing or preliminary tickets and finals tickets. Every event is different. It really doesn't matter where your tickets are usually there are pride parents and friends very close by. You will need cash for these tickets, some of the events you cannot use credit or debit card.
- BAPBA does do group tickets for OBA finals for reserved seating. They will announce closer to event when these go on sale and cost. Other in-state competitions do not have reserved seating.

OUT OF STATE COMPETITIONS

- Due to Copyright Restrictions, there is NO videotaping at contest but DVD's may be purchased. They will check your bags at check in.
- Students will want to purchase a patch and pin for the event for their Pride Jackets.
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- Bring a Camera. Professional pictures will be available, but they can get expensive.
- If planning on attending the Super Regional in either St. Louis or Atlanta, it is highly recommended to make your hotel reservations early if you want to stay near the event. You can always cancel later if you need too, but you might not be able to get a room if you wait too long. These are large inside stadiums. Also, be prepared to share hotels with other bands. The hotels close to the stadiums which event is held will be very busy. You can make reservations through the BOA website for hotels (www.musicforall.org). Or you can make reservations on your own.
- Tickets for St. Louis Super Regional or Grand National Championships can be pre purchased directly from Bands of America (BOA). There are separate tickets for preliminaries and finals. We will find out when we perform prior so you can decide what you want to attend concerning prelims. Finals are the only tickets that you might want to buy tickets before hand. The higher up you sit, the better the view of all the bands. You can always buy your tickets for both of these events when you arrive. There are usually Pride parents and friends close by wherever your tickets are. Prices for tickets are located on BOA website (www.musicforall.org).

HELPFUL TIPS

- Sign up for e-news on www.brokenarrowpride.com. This will give you updates on things that happen throughout the year. Sign up is on the homepage.
- Parents will be asked to provide cases of water for the pride for all contests. We want them to stay hydrated. So we ask that parents pick up a few cases of waters, and bring to the band room. It will be used for all away trips we go on. Usually bringing to a band parent meeting would be a great time.
- Attend Band Parent Meetings, 2nd Tuesday of each month August – May, held in the band room at the high school. You will get an update from directors and information about upcoming events, fundraisers and etc.
- Attend the football games. Pride will perform at halftime for home games and before the games at away games.
- At home football games, around 6:35 go to the top of the stadium and watch the pride and tradition march over from the practice area, this is a great photo opportunity. It is a wonderful sight to see. You don't want to miss it.
- Volunteer at events: this is a great way to meet other parents and learn about things. They don't mind to answer your questions and if they don't know the answer, they can find out who does.
- There is a Pride Banquet in the spring of each year; each Pride student will get a ticket to the banquet as long as their account has been paid in full. Anyone can attend the banquet, so tickets for parents, grandparents, and friends will be available at Band Parent meetings. Some choose to dress up for the event and some come casual, it is totally up to you. Date, time and location will be determined closer to event, usually February-April.
- Auditions for All-State and All-District Bands are right at the end of Pride Season. Make room for practice time and get extra private lessons if needed. Your kid's band director can give you a list of instructors.
- Most band concerts are replayed on BATV Cox Cable Channel 20. Schedule can be found at www.baschools.org.

- Private lessons are a huge plus and for some a must for your student to compete at this level. List of instructors is available from your band director.
- BABPA has a mentoring program to help new parents. If you are interested in becoming a mentor to new pride parents or you are a new parent and would like a mentor, contact **Rhonda Gerrior** at bapridementors@gmail.com. This is to help new parents transition into Pride and get them as much information as possible.

PAYMENT PLAN FOR PRIDE

- A payment plan for Pride is provided in the membership contract. Contracts are distributed during the May rehearsals.
- Some parents pay the account in full, if you are planning on doing that, the earlier the better.
- Fundraisers will be available all year, look for information. This information usually goes out on e-news.
- **Stadium clean up** is a paid event. After each home football game and special events that pride sponsors, we are responsible for cleaning up the stadium. **Contact Kevin & Sue Bertrand – stadium@cox.net**
- **Expo Square Events** is a paid event. This is an opportunity to work at Expo-Square in concessions, Tulsa State Fair or during some of expo's special events and earn money for your student account. **Contact Rod Eulenfeld - bapridework@hotmail.com**

WAYS TO VOLUNTEER FOR PRIDE & HOW TO SIGN-UP

- Work concessions – Kirkland field, Tiger field, football games and soccer games.
Chad Barnett - baconcessions@gmail.com
- Work events that are major fundraisers for the pride. Those events include:
 - Drums of Summer (July)
 - BA Invitational Band Competition (October)
 - **Contact Joe Kesterson – baspecialevents@gmail.com**
- Wash Uniforms (After all games and competitions.) **This takes a lot of people! AND, it is so important! Contact Cheri Thomas –bauniform@gmail.com**
- Sew Uniforms (Mending and hemming.) Uniform Manager also deals with shoes and shakos! Contact **Cheri Thomas – bauniform@gmail.com**
- Flag Sewing (Iron, cut and sew fabric.) There are sewing machines at the HS, but if you have one that is great too! Contact **Lisa Good – lsgood@baschools.org**
- Chaperoning football games (home and away games)
Contact Aaron & Cindy Kimbrough – bafunctions@gmail.com
- Feeding Band & Cleaning Up before football games. (This is crucial due to chaperones having to leave for away games due to time schedule). **Contact Aaron & Cindy Kimbrough – bafunctions@gmail.com**
- Operations Crew (help get equipment on/off the field, repairs, loading/unloading the truck, etc.)
Contact Craig Good – baprideoperations@gmail.com
- Chaperone away contest (People are selected by total number of volunteer hours).
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