



CYO Emerald Knights Summer Marching Band and Guard 2018 Season Information

It's time to prepare for another summer of marching and fun with the CYO Emerald Knights Marching Band and Guard of Kenosha!

Overview

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Emerald Knights Band and Guard is a non-profit organization that provides a summer marching band opportunity for students in the Kenosha, Racine and Northern Illinois communities. The CYO Emerald Knights Band and Guard prides itself on being an affordable, close-knit organization for students who wish to perform in many events throughout the summer. The band performs at parades and special events throughout Wisconsin and Illinois between the middle of June and early August.

Membership

Membership is open to all public, private and home school students entering 6th grade through age 21. Younger color guard members may be eligible with the approval of the color guard instructor and the director. We welcome students from all schools in the Kenosha, Racine and Northern Illinois area. Previous marching experience is not necessary and previous CYO Band membership is not required. Students from all religious and cultural backgrounds are welcome.

Instructors

JR Buzzell, a Kenosha native, is this summer's CYO Emerald Knights Marching Band and Guard director. Kate Easton and Krystal Hayes will also be returning this season to the CYO Emerald Knights!

Band Rehearsals

Band camp will be held June 9th, and 10th from 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm. This is required as the students will learn critical marching band components. After that rehearsals will be twice weekly (see attached schedule) from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. All rehearsals and performances will begin and end at the CYO Band room in the basement of St. Joseph Catholic Academy Upper Campus (St. Joseph High School – 2401 - 69th St.).

Performances

Performances will primarily be parades during weekends in June and July. Additional performances will consist of our 4th of July parade tour, Kingfish performance, Ice Cream Social in July and other events throughout the summer. The current schedule of all rehearsals and tentative performances is attached. All events not currently on the schedule will be announced via email and at rehearsals. Schedule is subject to change.

Attendance Expectations

It is expected that EVERY student will participate in all rehearsals, travel, parades and other performances. Any absences must be communicated to Mr. Buzzell *as soon as they are known*, preferably before the season begins. Excessive or unannounced absences may be grounds for dismissal from the ensemble. Our ensemble success depends on the full attendance and participation of all members.



Registration Fees and Policies

Standard Membership - We understand that budgets are tight. For the third year in a row, membership fees will NOT increase and the CYO Emerald Knights will remain the most affordable summer marching band in the Kenosha area. Standard membership fee for all brass, woodwind, percussion and color guard members is **\$275.00**, which covers staff, travel, uniform, activities, insurance, and a host of other needs. Other marching bands in the area can cost \$1,200 or more and are much more rigorous and time consuming.

Deposit (Commitment Fee) - The Commitment Fee is **\$50.00**, which *does* act against your total fees. This Fee/deposit is non-refundable and is due along with your registration materials at or before **May 25th, 2018**.

Equipment Fee - Our equipment fee helps to maintain and replace instruments and equipment. This is a **\$25.00** fee for all drum line, color guard, and wind players that use our marching instruments. Both the membership fee and equipment fee (if applicable) are due on or before **May 25th, 2018**. Students using their own woodwind or brass instrument do not pay this fee.

CYO Band Student Account Money - To make use of funds in your student's *CYO Band student account* for any of the above fees, please contact John or Janice Schmidbauer, CYO Band Treasurers, at jschmid8@gmail.com and indicate such when submitting your registration materials. Student Account money is only available to students who have earned money through participation in CYO Band fundraisers.

Registration Paperwork – Three main pieces of paperwork need to be filled out and submitted before your registration is complete. The *Emerald Knights Summer Contract 2018* must be filled out completely and signed by both the student and at least one parent. The *Emerald Knights 2018 Activity and Travel Waiver* gives the CYO Band permission to supervise and provide travel arrangements for all related activities. The *Medical Information Form* is REQUIRED and must be filled out completely before **May 25th, 2018**. Students will not be allowed to participate in marching activities without this form on file.

Uniforms and Apparel

Students are expected to arrive at all rehearsals and performances with the appropriate attire. All students must arrive to all rehearsals wearing clothing appropriate for the weather and *closed-toe athletic shoes*. Sandals or flip-flops are not appropriate for any member of the ensemble. For performances, all CYO Emerald Knights Marching Band members will be fitted for a marching uniform (uniform jacket, pants and hat) at no additional cost. Color Guard members will be fitted for an appropriate outfit after the first rehearsal. All members will also be issued a CYO Band t-shirt for wearing underneath the uniform and for informal performances. All members are required to provide their own black shorts (gym/athletic mesh shorts or other light-weight material), black socks (NOT navy blue or white) and black marching shoes. If you do not own a pair of black marching shoes, some “used” pairs will be available for purchase (sizes are limited). If you have marching shoes that no longer fit (and are in good condition), you may trade them in and receive a properly fitting pair.

Parent Involvement

Parents, we need your talents, too – not just your students’! The CYO Band “Security Team” works with Mr Buzzell and the other instructors throughout the season to provide supervision and support at rehearsals and performances. Some duties that the Security Team takes care of include sewing/uniform maintenance, transportation, fundraising, food, and chaperoning events. We will also be looking for



carpool drivers for events directly in and around Kenosha. Unlike other summer ensembles of our type, we maintain a lot of adult supervision over our members. In fact, we prefer to travel with one (1) chaperone for every five (5) students. The CYO Band Security Team parents are a great group of people to work with and we can always use new people and ideas. Please consider assisting us. The more parents that help out, the lighter the work will be for everyone in the band.

We are anticipating another fantastic summer and we hope you can be a part of it! To officially sign up, please fill out the *Emerald Knights Summer Contract* that is included and return it with the \$50 deposit as soon as possible! **Before May 25th, 2018!** You can submit your paperwork to the All Saints or St Joseph's office in an envelope marked CYO, drop it off during one of the CYO Boosters meetings (see facebook), or scan and email the documents to cyomusic@gmail.com. Payment can be accepted with check/cash or the Paypal link on our website.

Thank you and we look forward to working with all of you in the CYO Emerald Knights Marching Band and Guard of 2018!

For more information, please contact:

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2018 Rehearsals

Band camp

Sat, June 9th 12-5pm

Sun, June 10th 12-5pm

Regular rehearsals:

(Tu/Th through June)

Tues, June 12th 6-8pm

Thurs, June 14th 6-8pm

Tues, June 19th 6-8pm

Thurs, June 21st 6-8pm

Tues, June 26th 6-8pm

(switching to W, F though July)

Fri, June 29th 6-8pm

Wed July 4th (no rehearsal, just performances!)

Fri July 6th, 6-8pm

Wed July 11th, 6-8pm

Fri July 13th, 6-8pm

Wed July 18th, 6-8pm

Fri July 20th, 6-8pm

Wed July 25th, 6-8pm

Fri July 27th, 6-8pm (ice cream social)

Tentative Performance Schedule 2018

June 16th, Libertyville parade

June 24th, Geneva Swedish Days parade

June 30th, Manawa Rodeo parade

July 1st, Outdoor Mass, Kenosha parade

July 4th, Racine and Somers parades

July 15th Bristol parade

July 18th Hot Beef fundraiser?

July 21st Port Washington parade