



# *The Amherst Marching Comets*

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## CONGRATS ON BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE 2023 MARCHING COMETS

I have listed on the back of this sheet a tentative rehearsal/performance schedule so that you may plan ahead. Conflicts should be kept to a minimum...if at all! Because we have such little time to rehearse to give you more of a summer, what remains is very important. During the two and a half weeks of band camp, attendance is **mandatory** and counted toward participation. If there is a conflict that already exists, please notify us in writing when you turn in your deposit so we can work out details.

There is a required **“PAY-TO-PARTICIPATE” \$300 fee for all extracurricular activities at Amherst. This payment must be made to the high school secretary in charge of collecting the fee.** If you have a balance from a previous year's PTP Fee, you will not be permitted to sign up for the following season.

**Because it is a trip year, your NON-Refundable deposit for the Florida trip will reserve your spot on our field.** This deposit is also a commitment to our drill writers, show designers, and staff so they may begin designing our performances. **It is very important that if you make this commitment, you keep it.** Several weeks/months go into planning the choreography of our shows. It is impossible to start from scratch when a few people quit right before camp which then results in costly changes or holes (empty spaces) in the drill for the entire season. We will also budget the Florida Trip costs based on those turning in deposits.

Your overall financial obligation after PTP will be dependent upon your membership status with the band. There is an **\$85.00** fee for Band Camp. Most of the cost covers meals during the first week of camp. It also covers a marching band uniform T-Shirt and then a small portion of what is left is earmarked for 3rd quarter treats. The last required fee will be **\$30.00** for any new/returning members that will need to purchase marching band shoes. All fees, other than PTP, will be due to the **BAND BOOSTERS** during band camp. **PTP fees should be made to the Board of Education. Band Camp and Florida fees should be paid directly to the Amherst Band Boosters.**

**Please be aware that next year's band will be touring Florida between March 22nd-28th, 2024.** We are collecting deposits this spring for the trip (which will then double as your membership deposit). A pay schedule will then begin in September with smaller payments to be made each month up to departure until your balance is paid off. **In 2022, the cost was \$925 for the week and next year's budget should be finalized** by the start of the school year if not sooner. If there is a financial issue, don't hesitate to talk to Mr. Barbaro to work things out. It is customary for all Marching Comets to attend the trip as it is a performance of a lifetime!

### **Payment #1: A \$100 Non Refundable Florida Deposit that is due by Friday, May 12th**

Make a check payable to the Amherst Band Boosters - Payment plan to follow.

### **Payment #2: A \$85 Band Camp Fee that is due by Wednesday, July 26th**

Make a check payable to the Amherst Band Boosters

### **Where: Deliver fees for Disney/Camp DIRECTLY to Mr. Barbaro or Mr. Ciulla**

PTP Fees must go to the Front Office at Steele. Please do not turn PTP into Directors

Once again, thanks for joining the Amherst Marching Comets for the fall of 2023. Any questions, please call Mr. Barbaro at 988-1487. **Please visit [www.marchingcomets.com](http://www.marchingcomets.com) for further information.**