

Welcome to the Marching Greyhounds

Who we are/What we do – Uniform Moms

The uniform team is here to help your student look their best for all performances. We will fit each student into a uniform and assist with the maintenance of all uniforms during the marching season. Uniforms are washed after each performance (if time allows) by a group of volunteers. All uniforms are kept in the trailer during the season.

Responsibilities and Costs

Parents are responsible for the initial hemming of their own student's pants if it is needed. A list of students that need to have pants hemmed will be included in the Marching Band updates. Dates for "Hem & Trim" will be announced in the updates and online. These are days when you can come to the school and hem. All uniforms get hemmed at school. Sewing supplies and assistance will be provided. You don't have to be a sewing expert to do this. If you do not wish to take on this task the uniform team will be available to do this for you for a charge of \$20. Hemming will need to be completed quickly as there usually is little time between completing the fittings and the first football game performance. Uniforms are hemmed by hand – no machines are allowed.

The Carmel uniform is well known not only across the state of Indiana but across the nation. The Carmel "C" is a coveted souvenir at the Bands of America Grand National Championship.

While there is no uniform rental fee, each uniform bag is inventoried at the end of the marching season. Any missing items are billed to the student's account. The cost of each item is subject to change but is approximately:

- Plume - \$20
- Shako (hat) - \$60
- Jacket - \$155
- Bib pants - \$75
- Gauntlets - \$35
- "C" - \$15
- Rhinestone - \$70

The uniform team will instruct the students on how to take care of the uniform including the proper re-hanging of it between performances.

So you are aware of the guidelines of the Carmel uniform, here are some of the basic expectations:

- Students should eat before the uniform is worn
- Shoes should be clean and polished
- No hugging other students while in uniform.

Performance day – What should your student bring to school?

- Band shoes (also see below)
- Solid black crew or knee length socks
- Black compression/bike shorts (undergarment)
- Black "Under Armor" or similar wicking shirt (undergarment)

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Parents/students are to provide their own socks, shorts and shirts. You may want to consider both long and short sleeves for summer and winter temperatures. These can be purchased at most stores, including WalMart, Kohls's, Dick's Sporting Goods, etc. Many of the students have a small bag (duffle, drawstring, back pack) to keep these items to bring to school. **LABEL EVERYTHING**, even your shoes. Athletic tape is a good way to mark your items.

Hair

No hair is allowed hanging out of the Shako. All hair must fit inside the Shako. The girls use lots of hair ties, bobby pins and hair spray. All hair supplies are the responsibility of the kids. The uniform moms will not supply hair supplies. For the guys, many of them are willing to do the same to their hair. Or, a skull cap is another option. Under Armor does make one in different sizes.

Uniform Washing

Uniforms are washed after each performance if time allows. We have a great group of parents that are dedicated to washing and maintaining the uniforms. This is another great volunteer opportunity. Each year we need 19-21 people after each show to help with this undertaking. With this number of volunteers, each person would have 10-12 uniforms to manage. The washing is very easy. No special handling. Let us know if you are interested in helping with this, even if it is only occasionally. See Uniform section of the Carmel Bands web site for washing instructions.

Band shoes

Shoes are provided to new incoming band members as part of the band fees. These are yours to keep. Shoes will be ordered after the initial uniform fittings are complete. The student will be responsible for bringing them to each performance. Shoes can be ordered for returning members (or if feet grow) at any time. Just let us know. These additional pairs will be billed to the students band account. This cost is subject to change but is approximately \$35.

Parade Shirt

The uniform team will provide the parade shirt for each student. The shirt will be worn during parades and at the following events:

- School Days of football games
- Parades
- Year Book Picture
- Other days as per the directors

If you have any uniform questions call either Sarah Chattin (370-6071) or Mary Tauber (965-1155).