



# Frequently Asked Questions

## New Members and Parents

### Who is eligible?

The Calgary Round-Up Band is open to students in **grades 7 through 9**. No prior experience is necessary to join, only a passion for music or movement and a **willingness to learn new things!**

### How do I join?

Visit the [JOIN](#) page on our website at [www.roundupband.org](http://www.roundupband.org) to find registration information. If you're unsure about if the Round-Up Band is right for you, we're offering **free rehearsals for your first month**, so come give it a try for a couple nights, and the instructors at rehearsal can help you with registering in person.

### What is the season for the band?

Our season typically runs from **September to the end of Stampede week in July**, with some exceptions depending on the tour for that given year. Tour information is always given out as early as possible in the year.

### What is the commitment like?

The time commitment for the majority of the school year is every **Wednesday night from 6:15 to 9:15 PM**, and one weekend per month. Weekend rehearsals are usually Saturday and Sunday from 8:45 AM to 5:00 PM. In July, the time commitment increases as this is where most performances take place. It is our policy that **school music functions and school exams take precedence** over Calgary Round-Up Band activities.

### Do I have to provide my own instrument/equipment?

The Calgary Round-Up Band provides some instruments such as **tubas, baritones, marching french horns, percussion instruments and Colour Guard equipment** because they are unique to marching bands. All other instruments are to be provided by the member, whether they are **personally owned or rented** from their school board or another institution.

### What is a field show?

A field show is a high-energy performance that portrays a story or theme through **music, movement, and choreography**. Each year a different theme is chosen to provide audiences and members alike with a unique performance experience. For more information, check out the [BLOG](#) section of our website, [roundupband.org](http://roundupband.org), to find an in-depth explanation of field shows in our post "[What is a field show?](#)".

### Where are rehearsals? What are they like?

Rehearsals will be taking place at the **Grandstand Building on Stampede Park** until at least January 2022. Rehearsals involve music and marching instruction from our highly trained staff. Students should show up with **their instrument, athletic clothes/shoes, a water bottle, and a backpack**.

### Who are the staff members?

The majority of Round-Up staff members are current or former members of the Calgary marching community. Many of our instructors are university educated professionals, with many holding **Bachelor's and/or Master's degrees in Music or the Performing Arts**. They work directly with band members to provide high-quality instruction and a memorable band experience. Members benefit greatly from a **low student to instructor ratio**.

### How much does it cost?

The membership fees for the year are **\$1200**. There are payment options, including upfront payment and monthly plans. We also offer **several fundraisers to subsidize fees**, and cost is pro-rated depending on when you join in the year. While most private music lesson rates will exceed \$40-\$60/h, our fees amount to just **\$3/h for an entire year of education**.

*Please contact us if you have any questions.*

### **Calgary Round-Up Band**

3- 2451 Dieppe Ave SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T3E 7K1  
T 403.259.3120 [info@roundupband.org](mailto:info@roundupband.org)