



Frequently Asked Questions

New Members and Parents

Who is eligible?

The Calgary Round-Up Band is open to students in grades 7 through 9. One year of playing experience on your instrument is recommended, but no marching experience is required. No prior experience is necessary to join the Colour Guard. Instrumentalists must be enrolled in their school's music program, if such a program exists, in order to be considered for membership.

How do I join?

Membership in the Calgary Round-Up Band can be secured by mailing the enclosed **registration form** and a **\$300.00 registration deposit** to:

Calgary Round-Up Band
#3, 2451 Dieppe Avenue SW
Calgary, Alberta
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You can also bring your registration form and deposit to our *Parent Information Meeting*. For more information on this meeting please see the Parent Information Meeting form included in this package.

What is the season for the band?

Our season runs from September to the **end** of July, or after our last performance, sometimes in September.

What is the commitment like?

The time commitment for the majority of the school year is every Thursday night from 6:45 to 9:00 PM, and one weekend per month. Weekend rehearsals are usually Saturday and Sunday from 8:45 AM to 5:00 PM. After the school year ends, the time commitment increases to almost daily throughout most of July. Sectionals are held once or twice a year depending on need. 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 other institution.

What is a field show?

The field show is the main rehearsal focus throughout the year. It 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.

What are rehearsals like?

Early in the season we focus on learning basic marching techniques, as well as the equipment work and music that will be used through the year. Time is spent in small sectionals with like instruments, allowing individualized instruction and assistance in learning the year's material. Rehearsals later in the year focus on developing the field show to get ready for the performance season.

Who are the staff members?

The majority of Round-Up staff members are current or former members of the Bands of Calgary. Some of our instructors are ATA certified teachers and may hold 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.

What exactly is "Hell Week"? Is any hazing permitted?

Hell Week is a block of rehearsal time that occurs after school is dismissed in June, where daily rehearsals are held from 8:45 AM until 5:00 PM. Hazing is strictly forbidden. Throughout the year we incorporate fun team-building activities to facilitate the integration of new members into the group.

Please contact us at the information below if you have any questions.

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