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Open Rehearsal:

Sunday 1/8/17

12:30 - 3:30pm @ CHUMS

2017 Kick-Off Meeting:

Tuesday 2/28/17

7pm @ High School

Website: spbb.org/sosp

What is Sound of Sun Prairie?

It's Sun Prairie's Summer Marching Band!

Sound of Sun Prairie (SOSP) is a voluntary, co-curricular marching band supported by Sun Prairie Area School District and the Sun Prairie Band Boosters. It is composed of 8-12th grade students who have an interest in performing with percussion, wind instruments or color guard.

What is the purpose of the group?

The purpose of the Sound of Sun Prairie is to provide opportunities for students to learn to work cooperatively toward common goals, the power of positive attitudes, personal responsibility, self-motivation, individual sacrifice for the good of the group, and striving to work to the best of one's ability at all times.

SOSP is a student-centered organization that promotes personal growth and student leadership. The band's philosophy is based on the belief that learning to be successful in marching band involves the same process as learning to be successful in other endeavors and that understanding the process for success is the most important part of attaining success.

What is the Schedule?

Winter Season (January – February)

PERCUSSION & COLOR GUARD ONLY!

- *Students will meet a few Sunday afternoons*

Spring Season (March – May)

- SOSP meets most Saturdays beginning March 11th
- There are 2 overnight weekends in May
Students involved in other activities may miss portions of spring rehearsals

Summer Rehearsal Season (June)

- Beginning the Monday after graduation, SOSP rehearses every day (9am – 9pm) with 2 meal breaks until our performance season begins.
Once we begin the summer season, it's important there are no schedule conflicts

Performance Season (late June to July 15th)

- A typical performance day is: Rehearse in AM, off in afternoon, travel & perform in PM
- There are usually a couple overnight tours in the Wisconsin area
- 2017 will include a 1 week trip to Traverse City Michigan for the National Cherry Festival



How much does it cost?

8th & 12th Graders - \$700, 9th – 11th Graders - \$800

What does that include?

- Performance Uniform
- Equipment for percussion, color guard, and low brass players
- Meals & Snacks when traveling to performances & on tour
- Charter Buses for Traverse City Tour
- Show design & instruction

Fundraising Information

Sun Prairie Band Boosters (SPBB) offers a variety of fundraising programs which help ALL of our band programs. Students and their families have several opportunities to raise money towards paying the SOSP annual membership fee when participating the following summer.

Q: Why should my son/daughter do fundraising? Is it mandatory?

A: Fundraising is not mandatory - but it is strongly encouraged as it helps members offset the cost of SOSP and helps raise money for the entire band program. *Students and their families may also participate in fundraisers to help defray school-related band field trips and/or summer band camp tuition fees.*

Q: Where can I find more information?

A: Check the Band Booster Website – Fundraising Page:

<http://www.spbb.org/spbb-fundraisers>

Types of Fundraisers:

- Working concession stands at various UW sports and Madison area events (Aug – Feb)
- Selling Bucky Books (Sept & Oct)
- Fruit & cookie dough sales (November & February)

Q: Are there any other options besides fund raising?

A: We hope that financials are not a barrier for any student that wants to participate. We do have a limited number of need based scholarships available for participation in SOSP. *If you have questions or interest in this, please contact SOSP Director, Ian Melrose.*

Important Dates

Open Rehearsal: Sunday 1/8/17, 12:30pm-3:30pm @ **CHUMS**

2016 Kick-Off Meeting: Tuesday 2/28/17, 7:00pm – 8:00pm @ SPHS

SOSP Registration: Saturday 3/4/17, 9:00am – 11:00am @ SPHS

SOSP First Rehearsal: Saturday 3/11/17, 9am - 5:00pm @ SPHS (*lunch break noon - 1:30pm*)

TENTATIVE - For Color Guard & Percussion Only (Drumline & Front Ensemble):

Sunday 1/8/17, 12:30 – 3:30pm @ CHUMS (also SOSP Open Rehearsal)

January 29, 12:30 – 3:30pm, SPHS

February 12, 12:30 – 3:30pm, SPHS

February 26, 12:30 – 3:30pm, SPHS

March 5, 12:30 – 3:30pm, SPHS

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