

PHILOSOPHY

The Blacksburg Community Band, Inc. is intended to provide a community member an outlet to maintain or rekindle their interest in music regardless of age or ability. We contribute to the musical environment of Blacksburg and the surrounding areas by providing live performance for the community. The Blacksburg Community Band, Inc. provides an opportunity for musical expression and growth among the membership. As well as, an opportunity for musicians to maintain and improve their proficiency.

Members are all volunteers and are not paid for services or reimbursed for travel expenses. It is expected that members of any group of musicians performing will represent Blacksburg Community in a responsible manner.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The Blacksburg Community Band, Inc. is open to any resident of Blacksburg and the surrounding area who wishes to participate. The band requires no dues, fees, or audition for participation. The Director and section leaders may help place new members within a section through a short seating interview. Seating within a section can be adjusted as needed. Potential members who have played an instrument for less than two years please speak with the Music Director about placement within your section.

ATTENDANCE

Members are encouraged to attend as many rehearsals and concerts as possible. It is recommended that band members attend three of the four rehearsals preceding a concert. To allow the conductor to plan upcoming concert selections, members should inform the conductor and their section leader of the concerts that they can attend.

CONCERT ATTIRE

Dress for concerts is set by the Director and Board and should match the formality of the event. Attire for the concerts is communicated to the band through the weekly announcements and during rehearsals prior to the events.

REHEARSALS

The Blacksburg Community Band, Inc. normally rehearses every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 in the band room at the Blacksburg High School during the academic year. Rehearsals during the summer will occur at a different location. Rehearsals are not held the week of Thanksgiving and any night that the school building is closed for normal holidays, breaks, or inclement weather. As the band is a guest of the high school, it is expected that both the rehearsal facility and equipment in the facility are treated with care.

Please arrive early enough to be ready to start playing at 7:30.

MUSIC

The Blacksburg Community Band, Inc. owns most of the music that is used. Folders with copies of the current music will be provided to all band members. These folders may be taken home between rehearsals with some restrictions.

1. Each folder must be signed out from the band librarian.
2. Each folder must be returned for the next rehearsal or concert (whichever comes first) regardless of whether or not the individual can come. Folders may be given to another band member. If you have a folder and cannot attend the next rehearsal or concert contact the Librarian, President, or Conductor.
3. Folders and music must be protected to insure that it is not lost or damaged.

SOURCES OF BAND INFORMATION

Information on upcoming band concerts and directions can be found on the band's website located at www.blacksburgcommunityband.org.

- Officers and their contact information can be found under the Band Business section of the Members tab.
- Upcoming concert information and directions to common concerts is located on the Schedule and Music tab.

The Band's governing documents can be found in the Members section of the Band's web page.

Information is also shared through a band Google group. Emails sent to the group contain information about upcoming rehearsals and concerts, as well as, other general band and related information. If you do not receive an email from the band within the first week of joining the band please contact your section leader or the Band President.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/BlacksburgCommunityBand>

YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/BburgCommunityBand?feature=watch>

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/BburgCommBand>

Webpage:

<http://www.blacksburgcommunityband.org>