



The Redwood Middle School Marching Band & Auxiliary Units

Narrative

56th Presidential Inaugural Parade Application

The Redwood Middle School Marching Band, Color Guard and Auxiliary Units come from the small city of Saratoga, California in the Silicon Valley. The group is comprised of talented 6th, 7th and 8th graders who love music and the performing arts!

The Redwood Middle School Marching Band wear uniforms of classic black and white with the Redwood Music logo proudly displayed on both sides, and helmets with brilliant white feather plumes and dashes of sparkling silver. The Color Guard and Auxiliary uniforms reflect this elegant simplicity of colors, but enhance further the sparkle and flare of the group with sequin tops, colorful flags and flashy identification shields. While the group's uniforms are classic and simple, its musicians are anything but! The performers reflect the great diversities of ethnicity, culture, intellect and talents that are found in the Silicon Valley and the state of California. Many students can speak more than one language, participate in multiple and different cultural events, and are involved in many other school activities such as sports, drama, art, as well as other academic clubs established on campus.

The Redwood Middle School Marching Band, Color Guard and Auxiliary Units represent a strong music program of more than 300 students who are given opportunities to participate and perform in marching band, concert band, jazz band, string orchestra, choir, percussion ensembles, or multiple groups. All of these groups participate in local California music festivals, where their talents and excellence are acknowledged with high ratings and rankings. The marching band and guard compete annually at the Santa Cruz Band Review, the Foothill Band Review in Pleasanton, and participates in the San Jose Veterans' Day Parade and the Los Gatos Children's' Holiday Parade, consistently taking top honors and ratings. This past Spring, the Redwood Music groups performed and competed at the Heritage Music Festival in Anaheim, Southern California, bringing home six gold-rated plaques (one for each competing group), three adjudicator-awarded trophies, and the overall Festival sweepstakes trophy for the highest overall-scoring middle school!

Even while moving about the street, the Redwood Marching Band is known not only for its high level of achievement in marching, but especially in music. Audiences, adjudicators and other local band directors alike recognize Redwood and its young musicians for their lush instrumentation, dynamic sound, and high level of musical accomplishment. The Redwood Marching Band will perform "Torch of Liberty" March by Karl L. King, a famous American composer of marches often compared with Henry Fillmore and John Phillip Sousa, and arranged by James Swearingen, a longtime and noted composer of modern band repertoire.

Whether they are competing in a band review or performing for fun in a parade, the Redwood Marching Band, Color Guard and Auxiliary Units are guaranteed to be a memorable musical and visual contribution to the mix. They proudly entertain and honor any event at which they perform.