



“PASSION DEMANDS EFFORT”

... it's a phrase heard often when you're a Marching Tornado, and it's 110 percent accurate!

The hard work put in every week at rehearsal comes back to our members multiplied in the form of enhanced musicianship, pride in accomplishing amazing performances, and friendships forged within an Anoka Band family that lasts long after high school is over.

"I love SPAT camp because it is a great opportunity for kids to get to know each other and learn our show. It is a lot of hard work but it tests our resilience as a team!"

- Devah Gohl
Class of 2024

More FAQs!

SPAT Camp:

Bring a lunch, snack and water from home each day.

I'M ALLERGIC TO/I'M VEGAN/etc.

Please notify ABPA Hospitality or any Parent Liaison of any specific dietary needs. We can accommodate you!

WHAT IF MONEY IS TIGHT RIGHT NOW?

If, for any reason, a family needs help purchasing required gear, please reach out to your Parent Liaison, an ABPA Board Member, or Mr. Hauser. There are funds specifically allocated for such needs.

Still have questions?

Please contact your Parent Liaison or email the ABPA at:
parents@anokabandparents.com



REHEARSALS *and* SPAT CAMP!

"SPAT camp may not be the most enjoyable thing at every moment, but by the end of the week everyone on that field is a completely different person. Its a time where everyone is learning the same show and becoming one big family."

- Keegan May
Class of 2024



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REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

WEEKLY REHEARSALS

Weekday evening rehearsals will start mid May and will continue until the end of June. There will be no rehearsal during the Italy trip (June 12 - 21.) Rehearsals will resume July 24th. Expect longer weekday practices starting in July. A more detailed schedule will be released at a later time. This is an ever changing schedule due to the different needs during this time. Mr. Hauser will communicate with Parents/Students to keep them informed of revisions to the schedule.

Please see the Marching Band Rehearsal calendar on the Anoka Band Parent website:

www.AnokaBandParents.com

for start and end times.

SPAT Camp August 7-11

One very important exception to the usual rehearsal schedule is band camp, a.k.a. SPAT Camp. This Monday through Friday intensive week of learning and perfecting field show music and drill is mandatory for all band members to attend.

On Saturday following SPAT Camp there will be a party for the kids at one of the band members homes. All members are encouraged to attend.

WHAT DO I NEED FOR REHEARSAL/ SPAT CAMP?



We cannot stress enough the importance of sunscreen and bug spray. It makes for a very miserable SPAT Camp experience to become badly sunburned or eaten alive by bugs on Day 1. Don't forget to protect ear tops, hair parts, and the areas above the shirt collar.

FAQs!

WHAT'S A DOT BOOK?

As band members learn music and drill for the field show, this small spiral book is their cheat sheet until it's all memorized. Inside, band members record where his/her "dots" are on the field as the music is played from beginning to end.

WHAT IS A DRILL?

Drill is where and how the band moves around the field as they play music/spin flags. Each member has their own drill to memorize.

WHAT IS A SECTION PRIDE SHIRT?

By Tuesday of Spat Camp week, each band section usually has a good idea of a color and theme for creating their Section Pride shirts, to be worn on Friday of Spat Camp week and at the Parent Preview. These t-shirts are often the inexpensive (\$3-\$4) t-shirts found at craft stores decorated with fabric paints, screen printed or iron on designs. Members might bring them to camp and decorate them during breaks together, or they may work on them individually at home.

(Remember: TWO overnight drying periods are needed when painting both sides of a t-shirt. Start early!)