

BAND CAMP 2017

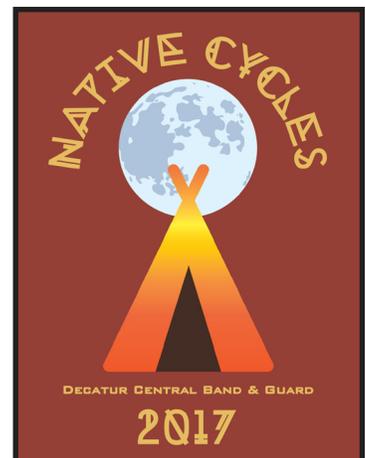


A birds-eye view of the band practicing during camp from the recently constructed band tower

We had a VERY successful 7 days of band camp, held during last half of July. We accomplished our goal of learning the show opener (or 1st movement) as well as the music and drill to the 2nd movement. The directors and staff took advantage of DCHS' wonderful facilities by splitting the band up by sections and then spreading out over the campus. Various techs were employed to instruct these sections in their particular instrument skill. The band would then regroup in the parking lot to learn the marching part of the show. Mr Cox was quoted "I am impressed with the level of maturity, dedication and hard work from our students!"

2017 Show Theme

Our 2017 show is titled "Native Cycles" and tells the story of the Ojibway Indian tribe. The show is centered around the tribe's 13 moon cycle calendar, which we've condensed to four moon cycles representing the different seasons: autumn, winter, spring, and summer. Our props team, lead by Chris Mason, has completed several props that will be used throughout the show, including several stylised teepees. Musical pieces include: The Canyon by Philip Glass, Good Night Moon, Marimba Spiritual and New Moon in the Old Moon's Arms. If you listen closely, you may recongonize some authentic Native American instruments throughout the show!



Congratulations to DCHS Band Director Tim Cox as he starts his 25th year of teaching! Before his career at Decatur Central, Mr.

Celebrating
25th
 Year

Cox was the band director at Pendleton Heights HS for 5 year. Under his leadership, the band has appeared in ISSMA four state finals, marched in the Philly Thanksgiving Day and Indy 500 Parades, as well as other out-of-state events in Phoenix, AZ, New York City and Orlando, FL. The band has also grown to include various winter marching band groups, including Cadet Winter Guard, Indoor Winds, and WPE which have won the percussion state title 3 times.

Band Camp Fun

Band camp is a lot of hard work, but we also make time for fun. No band camp is complete without our annual water balloon fight, talent show and band olympics. Each event was held over the course of 3 nights following band camp. At the talent show, students perform sketches and various other talents entertaining fellow band members as well as parents. Even the band directors get in on the fun! The band olympics feature several groups of students competing in various feats including the hula-hoop challenge and the epic tug-o-war. The band olympics were preceded by a cookout for both students and parents.



Aaron Ramp receives a water balloon drenching from Mr. Cox.



Justin Rojas performs a funny sketch at the talent show



Amy Sanchez, Annabella Marble and Justice Cadwell give it their all during the tug-o-war contest

Parent Preview



The students perform for their family and friends (top). Proud parents look on from the stands (right).



Our annual parent preview was held on Saturday August 19th following a full day of band practice. This was the first official public viewing of the 2017 marching band show, titled "Native Cycles". Before the band marched the show, they demonstrated several drills they practice before rehearsals. Mr. Cox educated parents on the various aspects of practice and the show. The students wore their new 2017 member shirts featuring the recently commissioned band logo.

Golf Cart Makeover



Low brass tech/middle school director Dan Herrick & drum tech Josh Schneider test drive the updated golf cart

The band golf cart got a makeover courtesy of band parent and president-elect Kevin Toler. Kevin repainted the cart blue from white and added decals featuring the new band logo.

Culver's Dine and Donate

Thanks to everyone that came out in support of the band for July 25th's Dine and Donate! Also thanks to Culver's on Kentucky Avenue for hosting this event as well as their generous donation! A percentage of all sales between the hours of 4-7pm were donated to the band.



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