

Additional Information

A. PARTICIPATION

Participation in **Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin** is open to any student who is regularly enrolled in the band program of one of our member schools. This would include seniors who would be graduating at the end of the school year. In addition, public high school students who are enrolled in band and are a member at one of our member school's federation congregations may also participate. Eighth grade students who are enrolled in one of our member school's grade school band programs may also participate with the approval of the high school band director.

B. PERCUSSION

Those students who are percussionists will be placed on an instrument that suits their ability. This will be determined at a placement audition at the first rehearsal. LVW does **not** prohibit anyone from participating in LVW. It simply ensures proper placement on the piece of equipment for which you are best suited.

C. COLOR GUARD

Positions in the color guard of LVW are open to any female student who is regularly enrolled in one of our member schools, public school students and eighth grade students as outlined above. This would include seniors who will be graduating at the end of this school year. These students need not be enrolled in the school's band program. All girls in the color guard will be Working Flags, with the possibility of handling other visual equipment as well.

At the first rehearsal in January, the guard members will learn the basics of handling flags and other equipment. Therefore it is not necessary to have prior experience to be a member of the LVW Color Guard.

D. DRUM MAJOR

The position of Drum Major is open to any student in grades 10-12 who is regularly enrolled in the band program of one of our member schools. The position of Drum Major is kept until the student chosen to fill it graduates out of our group. **We will be filling one Drum Major position for the 2009 season.** One of our current drum majors will be returning for the coming season. Auditions for the second Drum Major position will be Sunday, December 7 at WLA, beginning at 1:00 PM.

E. REHEARSALS

Full-band rehearsals will begin in January. The schedule for rehearsals during the school year will be as follows:

January 18 February 15 March 22 April 4-5 May 17

These rehearsals will run from 1:00 - 5:00 PM and will be held at Fox Valley Lutheran High School. Your school arranges for transportation to and from these rehearsals. Please note the special rehearsal weekend in April. The times will be 2 – 9 on Saturday, and 10 – 4 on Sunday. The band will stay overnight at FVL and worship together on Sunday morning.

F. FINANCES

The per-student cost for the 2009 LVW season is **\$750**. This fee includes:

1. All transportation costs (buses, vans, motor coaches, truck), beginning with the first rehearsal in January and extending through the final event in July.
2. All meals when the band eats together as a group (exceptions: free time; brown bag rehearsals; occasionally a few meals on a trip).
3. All expenses connected with Band Camp.
4. All entrance fees (with the exception of a few possible sightseeing opportunities).
5. All uniform expenses.
6. All instructional fees.
7. All housing costs.

As you can see, this fee covers virtually every cost connected with LVW's summer program except personal spending money. It should be noted that this per-student cost may be lower at your school due to contributions from a music support group and/or designated funding efforts. The director at your school will give you the exact cost for the students from your school. If the cost appears prohibitive for your family, a limited amount of financial assistance is also available through LVW. Please ask your director for more information.

For families with multiple members and/or 8th grade members - The LVW Board of Directors has also decided to give a Multiple-Member discount for siblings from the same family. The first student will pay full price, with each additional sibling receiving a \$100 reduction in the fee (\$650 for 2009). Eighth grade students will pay \$550.

G. DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION

All LVW information is distributed via newsletters from January through May, and weekly updates during the summer season. These newsletters and updates will be available on our website. In an effort to save on expenses, we distribute all newsletters and other announcements via E-mail and the website. If some families do not have E-mail or internet, special arrangements can be made with that family's local director. Please indicate your E-mail address in the space provided on your registration form. Note that there is a space for student and parent E-mail. We will send it to both addresses. We will post the majority of newsletters and other information on the band's website at www.lutheranvanguard.org. You can check that website at any time.

H. REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Please fill out the Registration Form, Medical Form, Permission Form, **and** the Code of Conduct Form, and return all four to FVL no later than (**all forms are available on the band's website**):

Wednesday, November 12. Please include a registration fee of \$100.

You may mail all forms and payment directly to the FVL business office to the attention of "LVW Registration". Payment of the remaining portion of the fee may be made in monthly installments beginning in December or January, with the balance being paid by Band Camp in June. You will receive monthly statements in the mail beginning prior to our first rehearsal in January. Monthly payments may also be sent directly to the FVL business office to the attention of "LVW Payment", or may be brought along to rehearsals. Please do not give payments to your school's director.

Please make checks payable to: Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin.

PLEASE NOTE: *Should you decide to drop from LVW, the registration fee is non-refundable. The registration fee is included as part of the \$750 fee for the summer.*