

LVW 2023 Member Information



Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin - A Christian Family for More than 40 Years!

We thank the Lord who has so richly blessed our efforts. We thank him for the thousands of youth and adults who have been a part of this Christian family. LVW members will experience an incredible and memorable summer with their friends. LVW will challenge you to grow and mature as musicians and as young Christians. Since its founding in 1978, LVW has remained one of the premier marching units in the entire Midwest, while at the same time keeping focused on doing all to God's glory.

Because of this, we are very conscious of the relationship we have with our Lord, and try to teach our students:

- ◆ That they, as Christians, are able to praise the Lord in everything that they do - even marching in a parade!
- ◆ That they, as Christians, can learn how to live their faith at all times, in all places, and in all activities!
- ◆ That for them, as Christians, winning is not the most important thing in life!
- ◆ That as Christians, God expects them to use the abilities God has given them with a 100% effort, 100% of the time!

Who is LVW?

Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin is a marching band made up of students from nine member high schools from the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod:

- Fox Valley Lutheran High School - Appleton
- Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School - Jackson
- Luther High School - Onalaska
- Luther Preparatory School - Watertown
- Manitowoc Lutheran High School - Manitowoc
- Northland Lutheran High School - Kronenwetter
- Shoreland Lutheran High School - Somers
- Winnebago Lutheran Academy - Fond du Lac
- Wisconsin Lutheran High School - Milwaukee

Who is Eligible?

LVW is open to graduating 8th grade through 12th grade students from our member high schools and their grade school band programs.

Percussion, brass, and woodwind players must be enrolled and/or participating in the instrumental program of the school they attend. No prior marching experience is necessary! Students who wish to be a part of our percussion section should be enrolled in music or lessons.

Young men and women who wish to be a part of our Color Guard do not need to be members of their schools' band program. Students with dance, theater, or other performance background would enjoy the opportunity to perform with LVW, although no experience is necessary!

Students who fit the above criteria but do not belong to one of our member high schools are eligible as long as they belong to a WELS congregation!

The per-student cost for the 2023 LVW season is \$700. This fee includes:

- ◆ All transportation costs (school buses, motorcoach, vans, truck), beginning with the first rehearsal camp in January and extending through the final event in July.
- ◆ Approximately 40 meals! Some exceptions: free time; brown bag rehearsals; occasionally a few meals during “Touristy Free Time”.
- ◆ All expenses connected with rehearsals, summer performances, and travel.
- ◆ Seasonal T-shirt
- ◆ All LVW uniform expenses, such as cleaning and repair of uniforms.
- ◆ All instructional fees.
- ◆ All housing costs.

This fee does not cover a few personal items for percussion and wind players, such as one required performance compression shirt (\$25 each) and shoes (see below). These items will be purchased for you by LVW. Members will indicate their size for these items and will pay for them when registering or ordering.

LVW wears a uniform black marching band shoe. They are \$40 a pair. Members who have these shoes from previous summers will not need a new pair. New members, or those who need a new pair of shoes, will select their size and pay for them when registering.

The color guard will purchase personal garments (tights/leotards, other personal uniform accessories) for \$25. Guard shoes will be \$40. Guard members will select their shoe size and pay for these items when registering.

As you can see, this fee covers virtually every cost connected with LVW's summer program except for personal clothing items and personal spending money. **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. **Please figure this amount BEFORE making final payments!**



Registration Procedures and Payment of Fees

Please fill out the online registration form **before Wednesday, February 1**. The registration fee of \$100 will be made online when you register.

Register at <https://www.lutheranvanguard.org/join>

The online registration form will include the Emergency Contact/Medical information, as well as the Release from Liability and Indemnification Agreement. It will also include the LVW Code of Conduct form. Therefore it is extremely important that ALL MEMBERS are registered BEFORE attending the first rehearsal camp in June. The registration link is on our [JOIN](#) page. The registration link will be OPEN in early November.

The \$100 Registration Fee and Payments will be made online through our website. Payment of the remaining portion of the season fee and/or personal items can be made in installments. All fees must be paid by June 1.

When you register you will be creating a “Family Account.” Therefore you will have the ability to check your balance any time by logging into your account. You may pay the fee earlier than June 1 if you prefer.

The \$700 fee may be lower pending available funds from your schools’ music support groups or other funding efforts. These special payments (if applicable) will be reflected in your online account. **Please figure this amount BEFORE making final payments!**

Please note: You MAY pay the full amount when you register. However, it is OK to **WAIT to pay the full amount (fees and personal uniform items) pending any additional funding from school music support groups.**

If you have any questions regarding billing, please speak with Jennifer Koch in the FVL Billing Office at (920)739-4441 or email jkoch@fvlhs.org.

Any other questions can be directed to your school’s band director or to James Neujahr at (920)739-4441 x5160 or jneujahr@fvlhs.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Should you decide to drop from LVW, the \$100 registration fee is non-refundable.



Our Drum Majors for the 2022 season were Kurt Kubek and Lydia Witthuhn, from FVL, and Joe Lindenberg, from WLHS.



Rehearsal and Parade Schedule

- January 7-8 - Rehearsal and Preview Camp at FVL
- June 6 - 10 - Rehearsal Camp at FVL
- June 9 - Billion Electric Parade (8:30 PM)
- June 10 - Appleton Flag Day Parade (2 PM)
- June 16-17 - Rehearsal Camp at FVLHS
- June 18 - Chilton Father’s Day Parade (11 AM)
- June 24 - 25 - Rehearsal Camp at FVL
- July 2 - Hartland Hometown Parade (1:30 PM)
- July 3 - Menomonee Falls Ind. Day Parade (7 PM)
- July 4 - Racine 4th Fest Parade (9 AM)
- July 4 - Somers July 4th Parade (2 PM)
- July 6 - Traverse City Community Royale Parade (6:30)
- July 8 - Traverse City Cherry Royale Parade (11:15 AM)

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LVW is moving to replace our 2007 uniform.

We wanted to preserve the “Stylized Cross” that has become our identity for the past 15 years. We will proudly wear that cross whenever we perform! It is a visual representation of the cross upon which Christ sacrificed his life for our sake. We are hoping to replace the entire uniform for 2023.

Pictured is the Cesario sketch. We asked him to “reimagine” our previous look. At this time we are waiting for design samples from Fred J Miller and Michael Cesario, who designed our 2007 uniform. We will have more to share when updates are available!

Pictured below is the original sketch of our 2007 uniform, which was also done by Michael Cesario. We are looking to preserve the tradition of that uniform, which has served us so well for the past 15 years!



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Register before Wednesday, February 1

All Communications will be sent via email or posted to the LVW website.

If you do not register, you may not receive important information.



Please make sure we have both parent and student email addresses when you register. This will make our communication with you much easier!

New and updated information will always be posted to our Homepage and on the “Director’s Updates” tab. Check the site often, especially prior to rehearsals and events.



For more information about registration, who we are, what we do, schedules, sections in LVW, and more visit our website at www.lutheranvanguard.org