



Lutheran Vanguard of WI
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First Rehearsal Camp and LVW Preview

Not sure if you are ready to sign up? THAT'S OK! You may have lots of questions! The best people to ask are those that have already spent a summer or more as members of LVW. Talk to them. Talk to their parents. Talk to your director. All of them can likely give you some help.

We would also STRONGLY URGE you to attend our January Preview and Rehearsal Camp, which will be held at Fox Valley Lutheran HS in Appleton on Saturday and Sunday, January 6 and 7. The camp will begin on Saturday at 1:00 PM, and will conclude on Sunday at 4:00 PM.

It will be an "overnight camp", so plan on bringing your sleeping bags and air mattresses! Meals provided will include a snack for Saturday night, as well as Sunday breakfast and lunch. We will attend the Saturday evening worship service at Mount Olive Lutheran.

This camp will give you a real "taste" of what LVW does. Try it out. It may be the start of something really big! Registrations aren't due until after the camp, so attendance at the camp doesn't commit you to the summer. We think that you will be convinced to join, however!

Register by Thursday, 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. 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 Lutheranvanguard.org

LVW 2024 Member Information

Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin - Letting our Light Shine for 45 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 for Lutheran Vanguard?

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 2024 LVW season is \$625. 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 45 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
- ♦ LVW uniform expenses, such as cleaning and repair of uniforms.
- ♦ All instructional fees.
- ♦ All housing costs.

Percussion, woodwind, and brass players will purchase a black compression shirt. They are \$20 each. You may buy more than one if you wish. **Members who have these shirts from previous summers will not need a new one.** Members will indicate their size for these items and will pay for them when registering or ordering.

Percussion, woodwind, and brass players will purchase marching shoes. 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 or ordering.

The color guard will purchase shoes designed for color guard. Guard shoes will be \$45. Guard members will select their shoe size and pay for them when registering or ordering. **Members who have these shoes from previous summers will not need a new pair.**

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 Thursday, February 1.** A **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 by November 15.**

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 \$625 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 Mary Block in the FVL Billing Office at (920)739-4441 or email mblock@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.



LVW 2024 Rehearsal and Parade Schedule

- January 6-7 - Rehearsal and Preview Camp at FVL
- April 14 - Rehearsal at FVL (1 - 5 PM)
- June 4 - 8 - Rehearsal Camp at FVL
- June 7- Brillion Electric Parade (8PM)
- June 8 - Appleton Flag Day Parade (2 PM)
- June 14-16 - Rehearsal and Performance Camp at FVLHS
- June 16 - Chilton Father’s Day Parade (11 AM)
- June 21 - 23 - Rehearsal & Performance Camp at KML
- June 28-30 - Rehearsal and Performance Camp at SLHS
- June 29 - Lake Mills Towne & Country Days Parade (10 AM)
- June 30 - Kenosha Civic Veterans Parade (1 PM)
- July 1-2 - Rehearsal & Performance Camp at MLHS
- July 3-5 - LVW “Tour” to Door County, Wisconsin!
- July 4 - Baileys Harbor 4th of July Parade (10 AM)
- July 4 - Egg Harbor Independence Day Parade (1:30 PM)