

**WELCOME TO
DEL VALLE WINTER GUARD PROGRAM
(DEL VALLE FLAGS)**



Mandatory Clinics for Try Outs

Date: May 23-27 (4:30 – 6:00 pm)

Where: Del Valle High School Band Room

Clinic Fee: None

Wear fitted work out clothes, no jeans.

Try Outs

Friday May 27 (By Groups of 4, Starting at 4:30pm)

1. No Parents or Visitors are allowed during Clinics or Tryouts
2. “New Cast Member” or “Call-Backs” will be notified by 8PM.
3. Judges Decisions are Final.

Mandatory Parent Meeting for New Cast Members

June 2 @ 6:00 PM

Where: Del Valle High School Band Room

Introduction to DV Flags

Del Valle Flags is a performance group with a non-stop performance schedule. If you like to perform, this is the group for you. Flag girls are called Cast Member because every “show” is a Big Production. Members don’t just spin - they have to *MOVE* like a dancer, they have to be *TOUGH* like ROTC, they have *ENDURANCE* like an athlete, & they *ACT* like it’s easy.

To become a Cast Member, you must participate in the Five Seasons of Del Valle Flags: Pre-Season, Fall Season, Holiday Season, Winter Guard Season, & Farewell Season.

During our **Pre-Season** you must

- Attend all Training Clinics (June – mid July)
- Attend all Show Camps (late July – August)
- Participate at various functions, such as fundraisers & summer festivals.

During our **Fall Season** you must

- Attend all rehearsal & Camps (August – October).
- Perform at all Del Valle High School Varsity Football Games (as designated by the Directors).
- Perform at all Local, Regional, & State Level Marching Competitions (as designated by the Directors). Del Valle Marching Program has been a State-Contending performance group for the past 8 yrs.

During our **Holiday Season** you must

- Attend all rehearsal to learn higher-level skills (November).
- Perform Christmas shows at various Parades, Christmas Fairs & Holiday Pageants.
- Participate in the Annual Holiday Party.

During our **Winter Guard Season** you must

- Attend all Show Camps (2 or 3 day camps in Dec, Jan, Feb, & Mar).
- Attend all Winter Guard rehearsal (December- April)
- Perform at all Local, Regional, & National Level Competitions (February – April). Del Valle Winter Guard is a 1 of the Top 20 Winter Guard Groups in the Nation.
- Travel to California, East Texas, & Ohio.

During our **Farewell Season** you must

- Attend all rehearsal for upper level Tricks & Skills. (mid April – May)
- Perform FUN SHOW at various local functions.
- Participate in our Annual End of Year Banquet Night & the Band Banquet.
- Assist & Participate at Next Year’s Try-Outs.
- Mentor new cast members. (Big Sister System).

COST

Each parent/guardian will be responsible for ALL cost associated with being a New Cast Member. Parents/guardians are encouraged to participate in all Band Booster Meetings & Activities. *Fundraisers will be available to help off set the cost, but the FINAL responsibility for all cost lies with each participant's parents/guardians.*

ASSOCIATED COST TO PARTICIPATE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR

FALL SEASON (\$770.00)

Included:

Bands of America Trip Long Beach, CA Oct. 26-Oct 31

Spirit Outfit

Jacket

Duffel Bag

Dance Shoes

Payment Due June 20: \$150

Payment Due July 11: \$150

Payment Due Aug. 8: \$150

Payment Due Sept. 1: \$150

Payment Due Oct. 3: \$170

Total: \$770

** Fall Performance costume will be purchased this year by the Parent Association.*

WINTER GUARD SEASON (1 Possible WGI Trip Phoenix, AZ)

(Payment plans will be scheduled during the late summer and fall. All cost will be spread out through out the school year to ensure a complete payment prior to Contest Dates).

- Uniform Fee \$150
- Trip Fee \$300 approx. (Possible)

** Prices Subject to change*

**Del Valle High School Marching Band
HS Guard Summer Calendar 2016**

Pre Camp Rehearsals

June 2, 2016	6:00	Parent Meeting
June 6, 2016	5:00-7:00	Rehearsal
June 13, 2016	9:00-1:00	Rehearsal
June 15, 2016	10:00-4:00	Rehearsal
June 20, 2016	9:00-1:00	Rehearsal / 1st Payment \$150
June 22, 2016	10:00-4:00	Rehearsal
June 27, 2016	9:00-1:00	Rehearsal
June 29, 2016	10:00-4:00	Rehearsal
July 5, 2016	4:00-8:00	Rehearsal
July 6, 2016	10:00-4:00	Rehearsal
July 11, 2016	9:00-1:00	Rehearsal / 2nd Payment \$150
July 13, 2016	10:00-4:00	Rehearsal
July 18, 2016	9:00-1:00	Rehearsal
July 20, 2016	10:00-4:00	Rehearsal
July 25, 2016	9:00-1:00	Rehearsal
July 27, 2016	10:00-4:00	Rehearsal

** Choreography Camp will be Schedule in July*

Full Band Camp

July 28-29, 2016	8:00-5:00	Full Band Camp
Aug 1-5, 2016	8:00-5:00	Full Band Camp
August 8, 2016		3rd Payment \$150
Aug 8-12, 2016	8:00-5:00	Full Band Camp
August 15, 2016	6:00	Full Parent Meeting
Aug 15-19, 2016	4:00-9:00	Full Band Camp
August 22, 2016	5:30-8:30	First Day of School
September 1, 2016		4th Payment: \$150.00
October 3, 2016		5th Payment: \$170

**Rehearsals during the school year will be Monday and Wenesday afternoon 5:30 pm-8:30 pm
and Friday Morning at 6:45 am*

**Del Valle High School Marching Band
Performance Dates Fall 2016**

August 25, 2016	Del Valle v Americas @ SAC 4:00
September 2, 2016	Las Cruces @ Del Valle
September 9, 2016	Horizon @ Del Valle
September 16, 2016	Del Valle @ Ysleta
September 23, 2016	Canutillo @ Del Valle
September 30, 2016	Del Valle @ Parkland
October 1, 2016	Andress Marching Festival
October 7, 2016	Riverside @ Del Valle
October 8, 2016	EPISD March Fest
October 14, 2016	Del Valle v Eastlake @ SAC 7:30
October 15, 2016	UIL Marching Contest
October 21, 2016	Bel Air @ Del Valle
October 22, 2016	Coronado Tbird Invitational or SISD Marchfest
October 28, 2016	Del Valle @ Hanks 7:00
October 29, 2016	BOA SoCal Regional Long Beach, CA
November 4, 2016	Horizon @ Del Valle
November 5, 2016	TOB @ NMSU
November 11, 2016	Playoff Game TBD
November 12, 2016	YISD Throwdown @ Eastwood MS Percussion
November 18,19	Playoff Game TBD
November 26, 2016	Playoff Game TBD

*All Performances and rehearsals are Mandatory

*Dates are tentative until approved by YISD Athletic Department

*All Games are at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

**DEL VALLE HIGH SCHOOL
BANDS OF AMERICA ~ ANAHEIM
OCTOBER 26-31, 2016
(5 Days/3 nights)**

Revised 04/27/16

<i>Day</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Times</i>
Wednesday	October	26	Depart Del Valle High School	9:00pm
Thursday	October	27	Arrive Anaheim Rehearsal ~ Arranged Independently Transfer to California Adventure Day at Park Lunch ~ Independent Dinner ~ Independent Transfer to Hotel - Hampton Inn and Suites Hotel Check-in Return to hotel for overnight	9:00am
Friday	October	28	Breakfast Buffet Rehearsal ~ Arranged Independently Transfer to The Block at Orange Independent Lunch and Shopping Transfer to Medieval Times Dinner ~ Medieval Times Return transfer to hotel for overnight	
Saturday	October	29	Breakfast Buffet Transfer to Long Beach City College Performance Lunch ~ Independent Dinner ~ Independent Return transfer to hotel for overnight	
Sunday	October	30	Breakfast Buffet Hotel Check-out Transfer to Disneyland Day at Park Lunch ~ Independent Dinner ~ Independent Return transfer to El Paso	7:00pm
Monday	October	31	Approximate arrival at Del Valle HS	7:00am



April 28, 2016

Del Valle Band Parent Association
950 Bordeaux
El Paso, Texas

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Del Valle High School Band Program. Our program has held a tradition of excellence and continues to pave the way in music education. The Del Valle Band Program is a five-time participant of the All State Marching Band Contest, has been a three-time Honor Band Area finalist, and has had several members of the band program make All State for the last 9 years. The program has been a model for the Ysleta Independent School District and has enjoyed becoming one of the most outstanding bands in the state of Texas.

The Band program has always relied on donations from many corporations, businesses, and individuals to maintain the high standard that the program has developed. The Del Valle Band program is definitely a reflection of the community support that the program has received. Our success is largely due to the generosity of many within our community and across the city of El Paso.

This year, the Del Valle Band plans to travel to Long Beach, CA October 26-31. We will be participating in the Bands of America Regional Championship. While in California, the students will have the opportunity to enjoy days at Disneyland, California Adventure and Dinner at Medieval Times. As this contest/trip will include the entire marching band, all band members are required to participate and help raise funds for this trip. The cost of this trip is \$750.00 per student in addition to any fees and equipment they will be required to purchase.

We hope you will join us in reaching our goals. All is possible with the support of the Community and we truly appreciate all that you do for the Del Valle High School Band Program.

For more information, please contact me directly at:
Amartinez12@yisd.net

We thank you for your time and continued support.

Yours sincerely/faithfully

Armando Martinez
Director of Bands, Del Valle High School

Bands of America Disneyland/California Adventure

Long Beach/Anaheim, CA

October 26-31, 2016

Del Valle High School Band Parent:

The Del Valle High School Band will be traveling to Long Beach, CA this year to compete in the Bands of America Regional Championship. In order for this trip to be a success, it is MANDATORY that all students participate. The total cost for the trip will be \$750.00 per student. Your child will have ample fundraising opportunities to raise this fee and alleviate any out of pocket expenses. Let it be known that as money is turned into the band program, it is immediately redirected to Connect Tours & Cruises who is responsible for the trip arrangements. Any cancellation before August 31st, every student will be assessed a \$100.00 cancellation fee (Company Policy). Unfortunately, **NO** refunds can be granted for any cancellation for **ANY** reason occurring after August 31st. If your child is unable to attend the trip for **ANY** reason (Emergency, Grades, Eligibility, etc.), your child is still responsible for the \$750.00 trip fee. After August 31st, Connect Tours & Cruises will have made final payments on all arrangements; therefore, the Del Valle High School Band nor Connect Tours & Cruises will be responsible nor will have sufficient funds for reimbursement.

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. The following are the terms and conditions for travel. The following conditions are expected to be adhered to at all times. Any student failing to follow such terms is subject to being sent home at the parent's expense. Any student who is sent home will NOT be reimbursed for any trip costs.

Terms and Conditions for Travel

1. Throughout the duration of the trip, ALL Students are to adhere to Del Valle High School Student Handbook guidelines at all times.
2. Students are expected to arrive promptly at all designated meeting points. (This is extremely important due to the fact that we are on a tight schedule.)
3. All medication (prescription and over the counter) must be checked in with an adult chaperone and will be administered to the student by an adult.
4. Under no circumstances will the possession of alcohol or drug paraphernalia be tolerated at any time. Such possession will result in immediate removal from the program and the student will be immediately sent home at student/parents expense.
5. Public Displays of Affection (PDA) is strictly prohibited and will be strictly monitored by chaperones.
6. All students must be eligible during the appropriate grading period in order to travel. (If a student is ineligible during such grading period, the student will NOT be reimbursed for trip cost.)
7. Shoplifting of any kind no matter the cost of the item will not be tolerated. (HOTEL items included)
8. Del Valle High School, Del Valle High School Band, Ysleta Independent School District, BOA, nor Connect Tours & Cruises will be liable nor responsible for any legal fees or actions taken by local authorities upon any student breaking the law.

May 5, 2016

Agreement of Payment and Travel Conditions

Bands of America Region Championship/Disneyland/California Adventure

I _____ (Parent/Guardian) hereby agree to the payment and travel conditions set forth by the Del Valle High School Band. It is understood that the Del Valle High School Band will adhere to the travel refund policy set forth by Connect Tours & Cruises. I acknowledge that NO refunds will be granted after August 31st for ANY reason and that my child is responsible for the entire \$750.00 trip fee. My child (name) _____ will also be responsible for adhering to the travel guidelines and is aware that any misconduct is grounds for dismissal from trip at MY (Parent/Guardian) expense.

Student Name (Print)

(Student ID)

Parent Signature

Date

**Del Valle High School
2016 2017 Guard Program
PARENT / STUDENT AGREEMENT**

Performers Name: _____
Last, First (M.I.)

We, the parent(s) of the above named child, have read the Del Valle Winter Guard Packet and understand all the requirements. We understand the sponsor/director/coach and school administration have the final say in my/our child's position in the Program.

We also realize this is a team effort and that we may be called upon to help in some ways throughout the year and we will make an effort to do our share of assisting on my/our child's behalf.

Parent Signature	Printed Name	Date
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Parent Signature	Printed Name	Date
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Flag girl	Printed Name	Date
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