

## **INFORMATION FOR GLENDORA DRUM MAJORS** **2024 SEASON**

This document has useful information for competing as a drum major for the 2024 season. There are various types of competitions for parade drum major as well as conducting, and there are many circuits out there to compete in. All require a student to sign up, usually a minimum of a week in advance, and there are fees that need to be paid in order to compete. All transportation to and from events, meals & housing (when required) are to be provided by each family for their student. No costs / entrant fees are covered by GHS or GHS band boosters.

This is typically a student taught skill, students teaching students. The upper classmen and the other experienced drum majors help to hone everyone's skills to do well and compete in these events. Practice is typically once a week after school and the practice times are usually agreed upon by the students competing as to when the best time for them all to meet up is. If your student would be interested in private lessons for an additional cost, feel free to contact me and I can give out a few names and numbers of award winning drum majors that provide private lessons. Also quite a bit of additional learning is done at the events themselves, from other competing drum majors from different schools and the staff from the various organizations. It really is a unique "family" atmosphere and everyone is out to help everyone be the best they can possibly be in this.

Uniforms are unique depending on the type of competition being participated in. Most competitions the standard band uniform is used, however for Scottish games competitions, a kilt and accompanying attire must be worn. At all competitions a student will be judged on their uniform so it is important to look the best that they can. Care for the uniform is a must and will be strictly scrutinized at competitions, so please be sure students treat them with respect and hang them up when not in use.

All competing students will need to have a mace for parade competitions, a baton if conducting, and a USB drive that contains their parade march or conducting music. If electing to participate in conducting, a conductor's score will also need to be provided. If they are participating in multiple categories they will need a USB drive for each event. It needs to be clearly labeled with the students name and school. At the Scottish games music is not needed as a live pipe band provides the music.

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Typically these events go for the majority of the day. Performance times vary and competitions end with an awards ceremony usually anywhere from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Completion times vary upon amount of entrants on any particular competition day. Competition schedules and lineups are usually available Wednesday evening before the Saturday event.

**Note** - If your student is part of a larger spring ensemble (ie: pipe band, drum line, winter guard, jazz band, etc...) those commitments are to take precedence over drum major competitions. If requested, most of the drum major circuits are good at fitting a student in at an earlier time should they have another school performance commitment. However, they do not tend to grant early performance times for personal commitments / reasons.

There are 4 circuits to compete in:

- **SAML** (Student Academy of Musical Leaders) *Formerly known as DMSC*
- **WSPUBA** (Western United States Pipe Band Association)
- **SCSBOA** (Southern California School Band & Orchestra Association)
- **ADMC** (Peacocks American Drum Major Competitions)

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out I will be happy to answer any questions or concerns.

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## **STUDEANT ACADEMY of MUSICAL LEADERS (SAML):**

This is the most popular of all circuits for our area. They offer both parade and conducting competitions. Although the pricing has not yet been officially announced for this year, events are generally \$20 per entry fee. If a student wishes to do both conducting and parade they generally offer a discount where you would only pay \$30.00 to participate in both. Cut off / sign up for events must be completed a week before which can be done on the SAML website. The website to sign up, get schedules, see standings throughout the season, and get to pictures / youtube videos is below. However, it is also strongly recommended to follow them on Instagram as many times they offer the latest news or updates about events and other useful information (where to park, where the events are located, snack bar menus for the day, what the plan is if it rains, etc).

Website = <https://www.sa-ml.org>

Instagram = saml.arts

### **CURRENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS for SAML:**

<b>01.20</b> SEMINAR & MEDIA DAY	<b>03.09</b> COMP 4
<b>01.27</b> AVANT GARDE QUALIFIERS	<b>03.23</b> MASTERCLASS
<b>02.10</b> COMP 1	<b>03.30</b> COMP 5
<b>02.17</b> COMP 2	<b>04.06</b> COMP 6
<b>03.02</b> COMP 3	<b>04.13</b> 2024 CHAMPIONSHIPS



## **WESTERN UNITED STATES PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION (WUSPBA):**

This is the Scottish Drum Major circuit for the Western United States. The GHS Pipe band also competes at these competitions. These are 2 day events although you can choose to participate in only 1 day if you wish. The entrance fee ranges in price depending on the venue. The Scottish style of drum majoring is done at these competitions. There are no conducting competitions available for these events. This competition typically has participants of all ages in them but our drum majors compete in the Juvenile division. Some competitions require a membership with WUSPBA in order to compete (\$25.00 if registered by January 15<sup>th</sup>, \$35.00 after January 15<sup>th</sup>). A kilt, gullies, glengarry, hose, flashes, vest, tie, button down shirt & sporran are the uniform required to compete in these events. Arrangements can usually be made with GHS to obtain a kilt, Glengarry, and vest but all other items usually need to be purchased separately. We will be happy to help getting you in touch with the right people to obtain these items. Note that some of these competitions are quite far from Glendora and housing will need to be arranged for those competitions. Please also note a parent or guardian must accompany any drum major student that requires an overnight stay and also provide housing and transportation to that event. Drum major students cannot attend these events unsupervised.

### **CURRENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR WUSPBA:**

Website: <https://wuspba.org>

Notable dates:

- Las Vegas Scottish Festival – **April 13 & 14, 2024**
  - <https://www.lasvegascelticsociety.org>
- Costa Mesa Scottish Games – **May 25 & 26, 2024**
  - <https://www.scottishfest.com>
- San Diego Scottish Highland Games – **June 22 & 23, 2024**
  - <https://sdhighlandgames.org>
- Pleasanton Scottish Highland Gathering – TBA but typically Labor Day Weekend:  
**August 31 & September 1, 2024**
  - <https://thescottishgames.com>



## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BAND & ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION (SCSBOA):**

This is a circuit through SCSBOA which is the same organization that judges our field show and parade competitions during the fall season. It is a great opportunity to be judged and feedback from the same people that judge drum majors during the fall parade competition season. At present there are no scheduled events but we will keep you and your students notified should any be announced.

Website: <https://www.scsboa.org/>



## **AMERICAN DRUM MAJOR COMPETITIONS:**

This is a circuit similar to SAML where they offer parade and conducting competitions. The cost to compete in this circuit in the past has been \$25 and if you want to do 2 categories it was \$40. Like SAML we strongly recommend following them on Instagram. The majority of their competitions are in the LA, Orange and San Bernardino County area, however they do generally hold a championship for all of California drum majors that can be in Central or Northern California.

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR AMERICAN DRUM MAJOR COMPETITIONS:**



Website = <https://www.americandrummajor.com>

Instagram = americandmcompetitions