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Welcome to the marching band!

All marching bands welcome new members. This brochure provides information about marching bands so you can look into this activity to see if it is something for you, your child, or others you know.



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Playing in a marching band is an activity you may continue with all through your life. You will meet and make good friends with people you practise with every week. Together you will rehearse for concerts and large musical events. In a band you can contribute to creating a good and safe local environment, and experience learning, mastering, friendship and a sense of belonging.

More than 60 000 people play or march in one of the 1600 bands in Norway. There is a band for everyone who wants to join, regardless age, gender or skill level. School marching bands are for school pupils aged seven to 19, while adult marching bands are for young people and adults. The types of instruments featured may vary from band to band, and some will also have their own marching troupe.

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Why join a marching band?

MUSIC AND LEARNING

In a band you will learn to play an instrument or march (and twirl a baton) with others. You will meet once or twice a week to practise with a conductor or instructor. School band musicians are taught by an instructor in how to play their instrument to master it better. In a marching band all the members are important, and they are given challenges suitable for their level.



SAFE AND GOOD RECREATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Children, young people and adults need good experiences and meaningful activities in their free time. In the marching band you will:

- learn to play an instrument or march with others
- make friends across age and gender. You will also become better acquainted with children and adults in your neighbourhood
- learn to cooperate with and be considerate of others
- take an active part in enjoyable concerts, weekend seminars and band trips

All adults who work with children in a band have a police certificate of good conduct.

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THE ROLE OF ADULTS IN THE MARCHING BAND

Marching bands are volunteer organisations operated by the members, and for school bands, by parents/ guardians. All bands have a board that is responsible for organising activities and obtaining funding for the operations. Each member can also contribute by participating in practical chores. Working together voluntarily for a band is called “dugnad” in Norwegian, and is a greatly appreciated activity in the local community. This is a great way to become acquainted with other parents and children, where everybody contributes to the community and has fun and enjoyment doing it.







EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS

In a school marching band the members borrow their instruments and other necessary equipment. Members also drill and are taught by a conductor or music instructor every week.

The band needs funding to pay the conductor and instructors and to pay for the instruments. In addition to working on a voluntary basis to earn money for the band, all members pay a fee. Many local authorities have benefit schemes which may cover fees for families who need assistance in paying the fee.



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Would you or your children like to play in a marching band?
Contact your local band, the school or Norges Musikkorps Forbund [Norwegian Association of Marching Bands] if you want to give it a try or would like more information.

Here is information about your local band:

Fredrikstad Janitsjarskole

email: fredrikstadjanitsjarskole@outlook.com

www.facebook.com/fjskole

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Norges Musikkorps Forbund (NMF) is one of Norway's largest recreational organisations.
Through NMF, band members may take part in activities such as summer courses or band competitions.
NMF's job is to ensure that bands have the best possible conditions on a day-to-day basis.
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