

Foothill Band Review

It's happening on Oct 27th, only one month away! It's our 33rd band review. We've been the best review in Northern California and, with all of your help as volunteers, we will keep this tradition going strong.

What is a band review?

The band review is a judged competition of marching bands. It is judged by professional music educators from the Northern California Band Association. It is a great experience, both in learning and performance for many students from many schools. Foothill competes in band reviews held at other schools.

How many bands?

Our parade performance competition will start around 8:30 AM with 45 or more bands including Foothill playing at 5 minute intervals. Our concert performance competition will start around 9:00 AM with 24 bands playing approximately 15 minute concerts in multiple locations. Our field performance competition will start around 3:30 PM with 22 or more bands including Foothill presenting 15 minute "half-time" shows.

Where are the events?

The parade route is right down Main Street in Pleasanton, starting at Amador High School and ending with a turn at Angela Street. The bands will perform from Del Valle Pkwy to Ray Street and from Spring Street to Division Street. Some bands will have a percussion only additional performance from Rose Avenue to Angela Street. The parade performances are free – tell your friends to come on down.

The concerts will be performed on the Foothill High School campus. The concerts are free, but the parking is reserved for the bands, so you will need to park in the neighborhood and walk to the school.

The field performances will be held on the Foothill High School football field. Parking is reserved for the competing bands, so we ask you to park in the neighborhood and walk to the school. The field performance competition costs \$10 for adults with senior and family discounts available. Tickets may be purchased at the stadium.

The awards ceremony for parade and concert competitions will be held at Foothill's stadium around 2:00 PM and another award ceremony for field show competition will be held at the stadium around 10:00 PM. The awards are trophies; the trophies need sponsors. Consider sponsoring a trophy, alone or with friends. Parents of seniors should

consider this last review for their senior as an opportune time to dedicate a trophy to their senior or their senior's section. For trophy sponsorship, call 425-9079, or go online at bandreviewawards@foothillband.org

More inside information

The exact starting times and order of the bands is not finalized yet. You can get this information in the programs that will be on sale throughout the day. The programs list all of the bands, the music, the competition categories and the order of performance. The program also contains advertisements from our sponsors. Please support the businesses of our sponsors and thank them for their support. If you know of any business, large or small, that would like to sponsor the band in the program, contact BandReviewAds@foothillband.org and help get them on board.

Programs and other items will be for sale at both the parade and the stadium locations.

Between field shows, the announcer is available for personal dedications. For only \$5, you can show your appreciation for your student's efforts. Contact BandReviewAds@foothillband.org and personalize your message.

Plenty of food will be available right at the stadium during the field show performances and all day at Foothill High School. Chow mien, ice cream, burgers, shave ice, chicken, coffee, and more. All set up and run by volunteers. Lots of volunteers. We need all band family parents to volunteer. Not just for food related jobs. Neither experience nor language skills are required. Sign up by calling 399-5254 or email volunteers@foothillband.org . If they call you, please help our volunteer coordinators by signing up for whatever you can do. Also, your band student will be joining with the parent volunteers in many areas.

Thanks for your support

It's a lot of effort and a lot of fun. Your students get to perform before a "home crowd". You get to see some of how this works, meet other band parents, and maybe consider other volunteer positions. The band gets the monetary support it needs to be a top notch program that is fun to be in and recognized by major events as a band worth inviting. I hope to see you all there on Saturday.

For more information, forms, and maps, go online to
<http://www.foothillband.org/Events/FBR/fbr.htm>

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