



Gold Country Band: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Member of the Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association ("SVSBA")

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Q: Do I need to be COVID-vaccinated and boosted? A: Yes. This is a vaccinated-only band.

Q: What kind of instrumentalists or singers do you need?

A: Check with the Conductor or Membership Coordinator to find out the Band's current needs.
(contact info below)

Q: How do I get started?

A: (1) Attend a rehearsal or performance to observe. The Membership Coordinator will ask about your experience and abilities.

(2) If you would like to return, ask to have the music sent to you.

(3) The second time will involve a casual audition, including a two-octave scale with good tone, playing one of the songs (your choice), and sightreading one other song of our choosing.

(4) If you are invited to join, the Membership Coordinator will ask you for further information.

Q: What are your standards for playing?

A: Players are expected to: (1) Produce a good tone; and (2) Sightread the music easily.

Q: What are you looking for in a piano player?

A: Piano players need to sightread well and to play from a simple fake sheet easily (melody is given, with chord names written above the staff). There are no fully written-out accompaniments.

Q: Once I become a member, then what?

You will be issued a

1) Blue polo shirt (band uniform; wear black pants when performing)

2) Blue binder

3) Members Handbook

4) Band Roster

5) Dave (Conductor/Arranger) will e-mail the music to you. Please put it in order in the blue binder ahead of the rehearsal.

Q: When do you rehearse and perform, and where?

A: Monday mornings at 10:00. Rehearsals are at Unity of Auburn, 1212 High Street. The Band performs at retirement and convalescent homes from Roseville to Auburn.

Q: What should I bring (in addition to music and instrument)?

A: Music stand. Also, stand lights are recommended because many places have dim lighting.

Q: Am I required to pay dues? A: No, not at this time.

Q: Do you have a website? ... an e-mail I can write to with questions?

A: We have a page on the SVSBA website: svsba.net/gold-country-band

E-mail: auburngoldcountryband@gmail.com