



Badger State Repair School
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Badger State Repair started in 1965 as Badger Music. It was purchased in 1985 by Ed Strege and has grown from one technician to almost 30. We average better than 20 years of experience per person and most of our instructors have taught repair for many years.

Band Instrument Repairing can be very interesting, self-rewarding, and a profitable vocation. If you are mechanically inclined, ambitious, and have an interest in becoming independent, our repair course just may be for YOU!

It is a comprehensive course in the complete overhauling and refinishing of brass and woodwind instruments.

Band instrument repair technicians who have been properly trained are in a critically short supply. If you are interested, you can contact Ed Strege, administrator of the school at the above address.

COURSE CERTIFICATE

The school will issue a course certificate to students who have received a satisfactory grade from each department, but not until (in the opinion of the school) the student has proved he or she is a fully trained and competent repair technician. Badger State Repair School's certificate certifies that the graduate has the ability to repair band instruments on both quality and quantity basis demonstrated by satisfactory evaluations in all departments.

BADGER'S EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE SERVICE

Badger State Repair School will assist in placement in any section of the country the graduate may desire. The school keeps an up-to-date list of music dealers and independent repair shops who are actively seeking repair technicians (list does not show salaries offered). When a student has successfully completed 75 percent of the course they will be provided with this list. The school does not become involved in employment negotiations, but will upon request, be available for input to both the student and the prospective employers.

HOLIDAYS, VACATION, TIME OFF

Our school is closed on the following days:
New Years Day

Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving
Christmas

INSTRUMENT PLAYING

The course DOES NOT provide any playing instruction. Each student should learn to play the scales on every type of instrument but this is NOT absolutely necessary due to our testing methods.

THE COURSE

Badger State Repair School's course is 48 weeks long. Each student is thoroughly trained by each department's instructor who is an expert in their phase of band instrument repairing. There are no actual classes – each student is individually tutored on a 40-hour week basis. The time required to complete each phase of the 48-week school is as follows:

Department	Weeks	Hours
Woodwind Assembly	19	760
Dent Department	10	400
Solder Department	6	240
Buffing Department	4	160
Brasswind Assembly	4	160
Degrease	1	40
Plating & Stripping	1	40
Bending Mouthpipes	1 day	8
Valve Repair & Hone	1 day	8
Lacquer	1 day	8
Shipping & Receiving	1 day	8
Business, Pricing & Shop Setup	1 day	8
Review	2	80

For a detailed description of each department, request our Daily Lesson Plan & Objective Handout.

A student may take an extra 12 weeks training, up to a maximum of 60 weeks, at no additional charge. This is based on a 40-hour week. Badger State Repair School does not give credit or advanced standing for prior education or training.

If a student cancels enrollment after the three (3) business day cancellation period has expired but before beginning classes, the school will retain a \$100 registration fee. A

student who withdraws or is dismissed from the school after beginning classes will be charged a registration fee of \$100 and a fee of \$50.00 per each day the student was enrolled (up to and including the last day of attendance). The school will automatically make refunds due to withdrawal or dismissal within thirty (30) calendar days after school dismisses student or receives notification of withdrawal.

TUITION

The tuition is \$14,900 payable as follows:

\$1,600	At time of enrollment (\$100.00 nonrefundable after 72 hour cancellation)
\$3,100	At end of probationary period
\$3,100	At start of 2 nd quarter
\$3,100	At start of 3 rd quarter
\$4,000	At start of 4 th quarter (includes \$900 for tool kit)

NOTE: The student is required to purchase the tool kit from the school when they start in the reed department. During the probationary period the school will supply all tools.

Room and board is not provided

PROBATIONARY PERIOD

All students accepted at Badger State Repair School will be on a probationary basis for a period of five (5) weeks. At the end of each week, the instructor will fill out a progress report. During the probationary period each student will be instructed and taught in four different departments: Dent (1 week), Solder (1 week), Buff (1 week), and Reeds (2 weeks). If two instructors grade “unsatisfactory”, training will be terminated. Instructors grade the ability and performance as exceptional, satisfactory, and unsatisfactory. The school does not use or have a probation period for unsatisfactory attendance. If the student is unable to maintain satisfactory progress due to attendance they may be dismissed.

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a mature and business-like manner. The school reserves the right to suspend or dismiss any student engaging in unsatisfactory behavior such as failure to follow the rules and regulations set up by the school, theft, destruction of any school property, or possession or use of any alcohol or illegal drugs. A warning will precede any dismissal action. A student who is dismissed for lack of ability will not be re-admitted to the school. A student who is dismissed for other reasons will be reviewed and possibly re-instated after a one-year period if the school feels the reason for their dismissal no longer exists.

Students are graded on a weekly basis during probation. After probation an evaluation sheet will be filled out by the instructor every two weeks or as the instructor feels

necessary. Students must be able to make consistent, satisfactory progress and finish with an overall satisfactory grade before completing each department. If the student is unable to maintain satisfactory grades, they may be dismissed at the discretion of the school administrator.

Progress reports are filled out and signed by the instructor. The reports are shown to the student to read and sign before they are placed in the student's file. The school will maintain the student's records after they have finished the course for a period of ten years. These records can be used by the student as a job reference at any time.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

The school contains 4,620 square feet divided into the following departments: Dent Removal, Buffing, Soldering, Shipping, Degreasing, Plating, Lacquering, and Brass and Woodwind. Badger State Repair School is equipped with the latest state-of-the-art equipment.

The school will provide everything to complete the course with the exception of a tool kit containing tools necessary to repair woodwind instruments. The tool kit must be purchased for \$900 and becomes the property of the student. All other tools used during the course remain the property of the school.

Each student will be advised of the proper tools and supplies they will need and the best sources available. This information alone could be worth half the cost of the tuition. We advise the student not to purchase any tools until they secure employment because many of the tools may already be available at that location.

Badger State Repair School has the reputation of being one of the best. Every year tours are given to groups, professional players, and technicians from all over the world.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age of 20 years
- Recommendation from previous employers
- Work experience at an hourly paying job
- Mechanical aptitude, manual dexterity, and above average physical strength
- An on-site interview to meet with instructors and see what Badger State Repair School has to offer
- Most important: A DESIRE to learn the band instrument repair trade

The school does not have a set application deadline. The date advances with each enrollment received. The school has the capacity to train up to six (6) students at a time, so as one student is scheduled to complete his or her training, another is scheduled to start

the course. It is recommended to call the school one (1) year in advance of desired training date.

The school strongly recommends an on-site interview for prospective students so they can tour the facility and meet with instructors who will be training them. If a student lives a great distance (500 miles) from the facility or would be placed in a financial hardship position, the school could conduct a detailed telephone interview. Please make arrangements in advance for either type of interview.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

The school will grant a leave of absence for emergency reasons such as family illness, a death in the family, etc. We do not distinguish between absences such as excused, unexcused, etc. We do allow time for a student to make up work with no restrictions. A student is expected to attend classes on an eight (8) hour per day basis. In the event the student is absent or tardy (15 minutes or more) they must notify the school. There are no restrictions on leave of absence. Re-entry to the school would depend upon availability of class space.

LOCATION

Badger State Repair School is located in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, which is located in the beautiful resort area of Walworth County. Transportation to the area is very convenient by automobile or air. Elkhorn is located on Interstate 43 about half way between Milwaukee and Beloit. Located east of I-94, Elkhorn is 45 minutes to downtown Milwaukee or about 2 hours to downtown Chicago.

Elkhorn is located about 45 miles from Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee, 70 mile from O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, and 85 miles from Midway Airport in Chicago.