

The Band Camp Packing List

READ ALL OF THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP -

Sack Lunch Pack a lunch that you will eat upon arrival at camp. You will be hungry!

Instrument or Flag. This is sort of important! If you don't have one, Mr. Thye will check one out to you... before Camp, with a check for \$55.00. Also, keep in mind that you will have to provide a lyre & flip folder- everyone except Guard, Drumline and Front Ensemble. Lyres are what hold the flip folder and are inexpensive. They can be found at most music stores this time of year. Mouthpieces and reeds are the responsibility of every student to bring to camp.

A watch. Preferably an inexpensive one that can take the heat and perspiration it will be exposed to.

A Backpack (Durable and old). This will be used at every rehearsal. You will keep all your necessities with you in one place. Keep the following in your backpack:

Sports water bottle. You will need to bring a plastic water bottle with your name on it. An IGLOO or COLEMAN ½ gallon insulated container is recommended. It's your responsibility to keep it with you and fill it with the water provided.

Small towel. You are going to sweat, and having a small towel will be helpful. You can wet it with cold water and wear it on your neck to keep extra cool.

Sunglasses. Very important to save those eyes. Think about bringing the older pair.

Wide-brimmed Hat. Meant to keep the sun off and your energy up. Also helps you look either cute (ladies) or like an umbrella (guys). Please invest in a hat, they are hugely important.

Rain Poncho/Light Jacket. If it rains you will need something to keep you warm and dry – keeping you healthy and on the field is very important to us.

Black Practice gloves. Every time you touch your instrument you must be wearing practice gloves. (Exceptions: Guard, Front Ensemble, and Battery) These will be supplied to you during pre-camp.

Portable Music Stand. The folding kind that has your name on it. A lot of people forgot these last year. Don't forget that these also come in handy at home when you practice (hint, hint). Do Not Forget.

Sunscreen. You will not tan. You will burn. We do not need leather skinned band members. If your sunscreen is over a year old, please purchase a new bottle.

Flip Folder- For Brass & Woodwinds Only

Chart Book. This is a good quality, 1", 3-ring binder with page protectors. It contains show music, drill charts and other notes nicely stored in the page protectors. It will also house the flip folder, placed through a couple of the rings, and a pencil holder with a highlighter and pencils. This will be worn around your shoulder during marching practices using either a rollerblade shoe lace or a soft rope.

DOT Book. This is a 3" x 5" index card spiral bound notebook used by students to mark their spot in the show. Students wear it on a string or belt around neck or waist as they learn the drill. (Exception: Front Ensemble Members)

Large Beach Towel. You will use this often to sit on. (stretching, etc.)

Day Planner. May not need this necessarily during Camp, but this is an absolute must for every member during the year. You are responsible for your commitments- these things help.

Other Important Necessities. Mallets/Sticks (if applicable), Ace bandages, Flex-All or Icy Hot for sore muscles, and valve oil/ guard tape/ stick tape/etc..

Toothpaste/toothbrush. The two hopefully go hand in hand. Sharing is not an option. Brush after every meal and your friends will appreciate it.

Medications. There is a full-time first-aider present at all times during camp to distribute medications. First aid for minor injuries will be administered. Anything more serious will be handled in accordance with the medical release forms. **If your child requires any prescription and/or non-prescription medications while at camp, they must all be placed in original containers inside a sealed zip lock bag with the students name clearly marked on the outside. Parents must contact the first aid volunteer- Amy Fletcher -cell(602)692-9623 to discuss all significant health issues and medication distribution needs.** Medications will be dropped off to the First Aid volunteer Monday morning by parents one hour prior to departure for camp.

Deodorant. This really should appear at the very top of this list. Guys, please read this section closely. Wear this stuff all of the time, not just for the dance.

Personal Items. Ladies, I think you know what I'm talking about.

Bedding. You will need your rest, so you need to be comfortable. You will need a sleeping bag and/or some sheets/blankets, and of course, your favorite pillow. Yes, we sleep in beds, not on the floor. Your bed linens must be placed inside a large plastic bag, sealed off, and clearly labeled with your name.

Bath towels. You will shower at camp every day. This is not optional. Bring something to dry off with- those old yellow and brown ones are great "camp towels"!

Rehearsal Attire. You will need to wear a mostly white shirt (not tank top or sleeveless), athletic shorts, and running/cross training shoes for every rehearsal (marching and music) and sectional. This is for uniformity and a professional appearance.

Appropriate clothing. Outside of the rehearsals, you may dress more individually. Ladies, short t-shirts are not allowed, (i.e. belly exposure), nor short shorts. Warmer clothing will be needed for the evenings (long pants, sweatshirts, etc.). **PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BRING JEANS TO WEAR WITH THE SHOW SHIRT (HANDED OUT AT CAMP) FOR THE SATURDAY PARENT PERFORMANCE!!**

Blue and Gold Towel (Wind Players). This will be given to you to keep in your instrument case. These are DV Band Property and need to be returned in good condition. You will never set down your instrument without this towel under it.

Running/ Cross Training shoes. The only way to survive camp. Marching is tough on the feet- there are many different kinds of shoes and sandals but running/ cross training shoes are the only ones allowed.

Socks. These are very helpful. Do not wear shoes without socks; this will avoid sweaty, smelly shoes, and blisters on your feet. Remember, you are sharing a room with others. Bring extras.

Spare shoes. If it rains, and it probably will, your shoes become soggy; have a spare pair, your feet will thank you.

Flip-flops. Good for a run to the shower room- nowhere else please.

Let's not forget You. We need you, and are proud to have you in our band. Your attitude, be it positive or negative, has a great impact on the success of our group.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT YOU WILL NOT BRING TO CAMP:

Ipods, MP3, Laptops, Ipads, Kindles, Nooks and all other Electronic Devices! You will be spending most of your day listening to music anyway .More importantly, when people are using these things, they tend to become part of their own private universe. We need everyone in the same universe. You're going to camp to meet people -not to ignore them. The bottom line is if you bring something like this up to camp, it will be taken away! All confiscated items will be returned on Saturday morning! NO EXCEPTIONS!! This policy will be strictly enforced this year!

Cell Phones. You can bring a cell phone to be used only on the last day of Camp-Saturday!

Cologne/Perfume. There isn't any need for this up at camp unless you want to attract insects. Remember, you are sharing a limited amount of space in your cabins, and some people could be allergic to the products -be considerate.

Curling Irons. I understand that hair dryers are a must, but leave the curling irons at home. They are a fire hazard, and your hair will go flat right away anyway

Contact lenses. There is a lot of dust and dirt up at camp. Most of it will end up under your lenses and will make you miserable. Just wear your eyeglasses.

Inappropriate clothing. You all know that some items are not appropriate for this kind of activity. Stay within our school dress codes. (Also, no tank tops, sleeveless, short shirts, or shorts, and avoid shirts with inappropriate messages on them) I also suggest that really nice clothes stay at home. This is an activity that is not about the individual, visually. Please do not be distracting in your dress.

Questionable items. If your parents or I would question it -please leave it at home. This category is extremely serious; you will be sent home for this one (at the expense of your parents) and you will lose your spot in the band.

Everything on this list was thought of to make your time more enjoyable and more successful- not more painful. Rules do not always make sense until in hindsight. Trust me, follow the guidelines and this year will become something you never thought imaginable. We will all sweat together, and we will all succeed together.

Sincerely,

Mr. Thye