

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

MINUTEMEN MARCHING BAND

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BAND CAMP HANDBOOK

Dear Parents and Students,

As we enter into the month of August, it can only mean one thing: band camp is just around the corner! While we have already been working hard at rehearsals through July and August, band camp is the time in which we really get the 2008 marching band show learned.

This packet is designed to provide both new members and upperclassmen with all the information you need to know to successfully prepare for band camp. It includes the tentative schedule of rehearsals, meals and recreational time as well packing suggestions and important contact information for the camp. We will be utilizing our own fields and rehearsal space for the mini-camps at WTHS and then we will travel to Camp Saginaw in Oxford, PA for regular band camp. This will allow us to have a large amount of rehearsal time while building camaraderie and social interaction between all members of the program.

Enclosed in this packet is a permission slip for band camp as well as for activities for the rest of the marching band season. This slip is due on August 19th along with the final payment in order to be eligible to sign up for cabins and busses which will take place during mini-camp.

Please make sure that the health forms that you previously submitted are still up to date. That form will be used for band camp and all other band trips throughout the year. Should a student's medical information change throughout the course of the season, please contact Mrs. Schoch to keep the records updated.

I hope that you find the information in this handbook helpful as we prepare to get the marching band season officially underway! Please feel free to contact me via e-mail (ccorigliano@wtps.org) or via phone at 589-8500 x7161 if you have any additional questions.

-Mr. C-

MINI-CAMP ITINERARY

Tuesday, August 19th

Wednesday, August 20th

Thursday, August 21st

12:00 p.m.	Afternoon Block – Stretching, Drill & Sectionals
4:30 p.m.	Dinner** (every student must bring a dinner each day)
5:30 p.m.	Leadership Activity (Cabin/Bus Signups on Wednesday)
6:00 p.m.	Evening Block – Drill & Sectionals
9:00 p.m.	Dismissal

** No students are allowed to leave the school grounds for dinner. It is the student's responsibility to bring dinner to mini-camp each day.

Notes for mini-camp:

- Make sure you EAT before you get here each day.
- Bring WATER & Snacks: Frequent breaks will be given during rehearsal blocks
- Wear cool & comfortable clothing for hot days
- Every student must wear sneakers
- Bring your binder with all music, drill charts, instruments and pencils to every rehearsal

BAND CAMP ITINERARY

Saturday, August 23

8:00 a.m.	Luggage checks & drop-off
9:00 a.m.	Rehearsal at WTHS
12:00 p.m.	Load truck, Lunch (provided by Mancini Catering)
1:30 p.m.	Load busses and depart for camp
3:00 p.m.	Arrive at Camp Saginaw, cabin move in, recreational time
5:15 p.m.	Dinner
6:00 p.m.	Field rehearsal
8:15 p.m.	Music rehearsal and Guard sectional
10:00 p.m.	Evening snack
11:00 p.m.	Curfew (all students must be in cabins at this time)
11:30 pm.	Lights out

Sunday, August 24-Tuesday, August 26

7:30 a.m.	Morning stretch/warm-ups
8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Field rehearsal
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Sectionals
3:30 p.m.	Recreational time
5:15 p.m.	Dinner
6:00 p.m.	Field rehearsal
8:15 p.m.	Music rehearsal and Guard sectional
10:00 p.m.	Evening snack
11:00 p.m.	Curfew
11:30 p.m.	Lights out

Wednesday, August 27

7:30 a.m.	Morning stretch/warm-ups
8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Final band camp rehearsal
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Pack and Clean-up Cabins, Load Truck and Busses
2:00 p.m.	Depart for home
4:00 p.m.	Return to WTHS (approximate)

Please note:

- To accommodate the camp, meal and rehearsal times are subject to change.
- Announcements and/or adjustments to the schedule will be made as needed.
- All students are required to attend all meal sessions.

CAMP INFORMATION

- Camp Name: Camp Saginaw
740 Saginaw Road
Oxford, PA 19363
- Camp Phone: 610-932-8467
- Camp Website: www.campsaginaw.com
- Liaison to Camp: Mike Petkov
- Cost: ***\$190.00 per person***
This includes lodging for 4 nights, 12 meals, 4 evening snacks (one of which will be a pizza party), transportation and use of recreational facilities.
- Emergencies: If a student becomes ill during his/her stay at camp and must leave, the parents will be called to pick up their child. Problems requiring immediate attention will be referred to Jennersville Hospital, located a few miles from the camp. Parents will also be notified in these cases.
- Insurance: Standard school accident insurance is provided to every student. This policy acts as secondary coverage after your personal insurance should this service be needed.
- Camp Activities: Our primary purpose of band camp is to spend a large, uninterrupted rehearsal time to learn drill and music for the fall season. Also, going away to camp serves to build teamwork concepts and camaraderie among the members. The camp also provides several recreational activities such as swimming, volleyball, and basketball. When we are not rehearsing these activities are available to students.
- Supervision: Parent chaperones and staff members of the band will be on call 24 hours a day to supervise students. The student-chaperone ratio will be less than 20 to 1.
- Nurse: We will have a registered nurse on site through the duration of band camp to attend to any and all medical issues.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Band camp is fully approved and sanctioned school trip. All rules that would normally be in fact for the school itself, apply for band camp. Additionally, there are several other rules and regulations that will apply. Please make sure that parents and students read and understand these policies as they are mainly for the students' own safety and safety of others.

1. Time schedules must be adhered to. Every student must meet at the times listed on the itinerary or as directed by the marching band staff.
2. Students are required to attend all meals as listed in the itinerary. This is where announcements and/or changes to the schedule will be made.
3. All illnesses and/or accidents must be reported to the nearest chaperone immediately, regardless of the hour. Chaperones are on duty 24-7.
4. Students should inspect all cabins upon arrival and immediately report any problems to Mr. Corigliano or the nearest chaperone. Cabins are expected to be kept reasonably clean during our stay and must be fully cleaned upon checkout from camp.
5. Theft, vandalism or destruction of property will NOT be tolerated. Students in violation of this rule will be personally responsible for paying for or repairing any damages done.
6. Students are responsible for their own money and personal valuables.
7. Camp phones should not be used at any time to make calls out unless the charges are reversed. Students may also bring cell phones, but realize that service may be limited and cell phones may NOT be used during any rehearsals.
8. There will be absolutely no drinking of alcoholic beverages or the use of illegal drugs. The smoking of cigarettes is also prohibited. Students in violation of this rule or in possession of such substances will be immediately sent home and will face severe consequences as set forth by the school district.
9. If a student is needed home for an emergency, please contact a school administrator (589-8500) and call the camp directly (610-932-8467).
10. Boys and girls are NOT permitted for any reason to be in the other gender's cabin.

11. CURFEW means the time when each student will be in his/her assigned cabin. There will be NO visiting in other cabins after curfew. After LIGHTS OUT, there will be no excessive noise from the cabin at the request of the camp management.
12. District policy states that chaperones will be assigned to every overnight school trip at a ratio of 1 for every 20 students. Chaperones are not assigned to cabins with the students. However, each chaperone is responsible for the supervision of specific groups of students and their cabins. Nightly cabin checks at curfew will be a part of their responsibility. Chaperones and staff also have the right to search cabins at any time.
13. Mr. Corigliano reserves the right to change cabin assignments of any student at any time.
14. Mr. Corigliano or his designee reserves the right to inspect student's luggage and/or cabin area at any time.

Again, the above rules and regulations are listed to ensure the safety of every student and to provide for a positive experience for everyone. Hopefully these rules are self-explanatory. Please contact Mr. Corigliano if you have any questions.

It is the goal of the staff to make sure that every student and parent involved fully understands the rules and standards expected during these five days. We also want to make certain that knowledge and responsibility of following these regulations lie with every student and parent.

Students in violation of the above rules will deal directly with Mr. Corigliano or his designee. A traditional "three-strike" policy will be in effect depending on the severity of the offense:

1. Verbal Warning
2. Parental notification via collect call
3. Student will be sent home

Should it become necessary to send a student home due to disciplinary action, the parents will have the responsibility to picking up their child immediately.

Once you have read and understood all of the policies and procedures for band camp please complete the attached Permission Slip and medical forms by Tuesday, August 19th. Students will not be eligible to sign-up for cabins if final payment and permission slips are not submitted at that time.

PACKING SUGGESTIONS

- Instrument or colorguard equipment, binder, drill sheets, music, pencil, etc.
- Comfortable, cool clothing for rehearsals and activities
- Sneakers (two pairs suggested) and socks
- Bathing suit & Towel
- Rain gear (Be prepared for any kind of weather!)
- Light jacket/pants for cool nights and mornings
- Sleeping bag (or sheets) and pillow
- Personal toiletries & Towel
- Alarm Clock and Flashlight
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Hat and/or sunglasses
- Cash and/or change for soda machines (minimal amount suggested)
- Water jug for rehearsals (can be re-filled in cafeteria after every meal)
- Snacks/additional food

YOU MUST LIMIT ONE SUITCASE AND ONE SLEEPING BAG PER PERSON.

Space is limited, so pack only what you need!!!

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

For emergencies or early pick-up

- Rt. 322 West to the Commodore Barry Bridge
- Follow Rt. 322 West to Rt. 1, and make a left onto Rt. 1 South
- Take Rt. 1 past Longwood Gardens and take the Rt. 796/Jennersville Exit
- Make a left onto Rt. 796 South, which will become Rt. 896 South after 2.7 miles. Look for Oxford Road sign on the right side.
- The next street is Saginaw Road turn right. (Saginaw Road is best identified by a large sign that reads OASIS POOLS)
- Continue down the road for 2 miles and the camp entrance is on the right. (If you pass Saginaw Road you'll immediately see a Landhope convenience store on your left)

PERMISSION SLIP - Band Camp & All Band Activities

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter _____ to participate in the Washington Township High School Band Camp to Camp Saginaw from August 23rd through August 27th, 2008.

I further agree to waiver responsibility for medical treatment of my son/daughter to Mr. Corigliano or his designee for that week. I understand that medical records are kept confidential but may be viewed by chaperones and staff in order to get immediate medical attention to my son/daughter.

I have carefully read the rules and regulations under which each student will govern his/her behavior. I agree to have my son/daughter bound by the regulations and I fully understand the listed policies will be enforced if the stated regulations are broken. I understand the policy regarding 18 year olds, which requires them to comply with all the rules and regulations established by the Board of Education and Administration.

I have read, understand and acknowledge the overview of the key aspects of the BOE policy on Substance Abuse and the consequences associated with violation of the policy. I recognize that the policy applies to overnight field trips.

I hereby give my son/daughter permission to participate in the Minutemen Marching Band and ALL related rehearsals, football games, and other performances for the duration of the 2008-2009 school year.

In an effort to promote our students and our activities, we may post pictures or performances of the band on our website or other media. I acknowledge that my son or daughter's picture may be available for public access as a member of the Washington Township High School Minutemen Band.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

18 YEAR OLD STATEMENT

It is required that all 18 year old students relinquish those rights that are in conflict with the established Washington Township High School rules and regulations while participating in Band Camp. You must accept that statement to participate in all band trips.

18 Year-old Signature