

Band Camp Information & Band Rehearsal Information

Band Camp Checklist

Required:

- Every student playing an instrument needs a lyre. Lyres will be used throughout the marching season. The lyre attaches the flip folder of music to the instrument. Trombones need a lyre that clamps onto the bell of the instrument. Lyres are available at Art's Music.
- Medical Form
- Sunscreen
- Instrument, music and/or props
- Marching charts and other handouts
- Laced athletic shoes (no flip-flops, sandals, slides or boots)
- Shorts only – no long pants or jeans
- Backpack or gym bag for gear (lockers are not yet assigned)

Optional:

- Cap or hat (for outdoor use only)
- Sunglasses
- Towel
- Insect Repellant

See the complete summer band camp schedule at www.hooverband.com

**Emergency Number:
Band Room 439-1228**

Expectations:

Students should be comfortably dressed in shorts and t-shirts. As the medical form states, marching band is a physically demanding activity that requires a certain level of fitness to perform. Please encourage your student to prepare for band camp. He or she should be accustomed to moderate exercise and be able to stay outside for several hours. Drinking plenty of water before and after rehearsals will help as well.

The safety of our marchers is very important! To combat the heat, regular water breaks will be given. Students should come to band camp with a small water thermos with their name on it. In the event that a student has forgotten their water thermos, parent volunteers will have chilled water available. Heat stress symptoms will be discussed with the band, and students will be encouraged to notify a staff member if they feel ill, and a cell phone will be available for emergencies.

Equally as important as the physical expectations are the performance expectations. Please encourage your student, if he or she is a musician, to practice his or her instrument. The band camp schedule allows for students to learn and memorize the music; practicing at home is vital to their success as a young musician.

Water: Water breaks will be provided during morning and evening camp sessions. Note to parents: Help is needed with unloading, loading, and distributing water! Contact Lisa Byerly at 426-4668 or email at byerlyfam@charter.net to volunteer for a session.

Illness or Injury at Camp: Simple first aid will be provided. If the situation requires more than simple first aid, you will be contacted at the phone numbers provided on the information form you complete prior to camp. If your student has an allergy to insects or food that could cause a life threatening reaction, or has experienced asthmatic episodes, the student must have on his or her person at all times the appropriate medication as prescribed by his or her physician.

Schedules, Uniforms & The Black Hole...

- **Weekly schedules are prepared for the students and are readily available in the band room. Schedules are also available on the website (www.Hooverband.com). Students are responsible for adhering to the weekly schedule to ensure promptness for all practices and call times. Weekly schedules will also indicate whether the band will wear white or black pants with their uniform.**
- **When in uniform, students will wear white socks with white shoes and black socks with black shoes, no exceptions! Socks should be long enough to come up under the pants leg. Ankles should not be visible! Parents, stock up on socks...many socks go in to the band room black hole; but, few come out.**
- **Students are required to wear black gloves when wearing black pants, and white gloves when wearing white pants. Gloves also fall into the black hole and are available for purchase weekly in the band room for \$3.00 per pair.**
- **On game nights, the band room becomes one big dressing room. Be sure your child has comfortable athletic shorts to wear under his/her uniform. Long underwear is needed during cold weather.**
- **Students will be provided with one white show shirt that must be worn underneath their uniform. If additional or replacement t-shirts are needed, they will be available for purchase.**

\$\$\$\$ Band Fees \$\$\$\$

The Band Fee is \$180 per year, payable when you register your student. ALL STUDENTS, including Color Guard, Majorette, Buccanettes, and Drum Majors, pay this fee. There is no reduction or refund for those in band for only part of the year.

Uniform Fittings

9am - 1pm in the Jazz Band Room

SENIORS – Monday, July 26th

JUNIORS – Tuesday, July 27th

SOPHOMORES – Wednesday, July 28th

FRESHMAN – Thursday, July 29th

Make-Up Day – Friday, July 30th

Please note there will be NO Uniform Sizing during Band Camp rehearsal time. Students must be sized during registration.

Hoover High School Band

Attendance Policy 2010

Expectations

- All students are expected to attend all scheduled practices and performances.
- The following will be considered excused absences:
 - Verifiable illness (with doctor's note)
 - Verifiable family emergency (includes death in the family)
 - *A family emergency is defined as an URGENT situation in the family which required the attention of the student, and which is not likely to recur on a regular basis.*
 - Verifiable conflict with religious commitment

Actions

- If the absence is anticipated, prior approval from the Band Director is required.
- Any unexcused absence from a performance will result in a grade reduction of your final semester average by one letter grade.
- Any unexcused absence will result in a student being removed from the performance for that week.
- With the exception of the above stated excused absences, all other absences will be considered unexcused.
- Any two excused absences in a given week will result in a student being removed from the performance if their execution would be a detriment to the ensemble.
- If the removal from performance falls on a competition week, the decision to remove the student will be based on their level of execution and the needs of the ensemble as a whole.
- The after-school rehearsals are important scheduled practices. Students should not schedule appointments or other activities at that time.
 - If you have a conflict with another Hoover High School-sponsored activity, please communicate with the Band Director THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL to make appropriate arrangements.
- In the event that an injury or illness incapacitates a student, a written doctor's excuse must be submitted to the Band Director. No injured or ill student will be allowed to participate until released by a doctor. However, they are expected to attend rehearsals and performances, if physically able to do so.
- All students are required to be at all Friday Night Football Games (through Dec, if necessary) and All Competitions THAT COULD BE ANY WEEKEND FROM LATE SEPT TO EARLY NOVEMBER! (See band calendar for these dates as they are available)
- All students are encouraged to attend all BAND TRIPS. Fundraising will be offered to ensure that all members have equal opportunity to participate.

I have read, understand, and will adhere to the stated attendance policy set forth for the Hoover High School Band. I will also abide by the policies and guidelines listed in the band information packet.

Student _____
(print)

Student _____
(sign)

Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____
(sign)

Date _____