

GENERAL INFORMATION BULLETIN
BAND CAMP – July 29 to August 3, 2007
St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana

TO THE PARENTS,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for making it possible for your son/daughter to go to band camp this year. Band camp is a necessary annual activity to better prepare the Band of Warriors for the highly competitive marching season. It is a time when the band as an entire unit can spend a week of concentrated effort toward marching and playing.

As you know, we are very proud of the accomplishments of the marching band over the past several years. This has been done because of a great deal of hard work and effort on the part of students, faculty, and parents. A successful band camp is the first step toward a successful marching season.

Your directors and staff have done everything possible to plan a worthwhile and meaningful camp. Show plans have been completed, music selected, special staff hired, drill written, and we are ready. Hopefully, this bulletin will help everyone to be better prepared for camp activities and to thoroughly understand the camp's operation and rules.

Items covered in this bulletin, along with additional information, will be explained to the band group prior to camp week. There will be no misunderstandings concerning what is expected of all students during camp week.

New this year... All band camp fees will be placed on the individual student book rental fees. There will be no need to pay the Band Parents Association ahead of time as we have in the past. Camp fees will be due at the time students register for school and pay other book fees.

We want to assure all parents that every possible effort has been made to insure a safe, healthy, and educational experience for all students. If, after reading this bulletin, you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either of us at the high school (752-8927 ext.7305).

Thank you in advance for your interest and support of the Scottsburg Marching Band. Let us work together to make this the best marching season ever!

Sincerely,

Timothy Johnston
Reid Young

Band Directors
Scottsburg High School

DEPARTURE - TRANSPORTATION

1. Buses will be leaving Scottsburg High School **at least** by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 29th, 2007. Students will need to arrive early as all luggage, bedrolls, and instruments will be searched prior to departure.
2. Travel will be by school bus, with one bus used for luggage and instruments only.
3. A short stop is planned on the way to use rest room facilities only, not to eat.
4. All bus travel will be chaperoned by members of the Band Parents Organization.
5. Approximate arrival time back in Scottsburg is on Friday, August 3rd, at 4:00 p.m. If an unforeseen travel problem occurs on the way home that will significantly delay our arrival, one of the directors will call the local radio station (WMPI) and have the necessary information put on the radio.

INSURANCE

Most families have some kind of medical coverage. Students are required to fill out and return to us, the provided medical information form to expedite treatment if an accident or illness should occur during camp. All students are covered through a school policy that provides accident protection; however, this policy takes effect only after benefits of individually owned policies have been exhausted.

MEDICAL FACILITIES WHILE AT CAMP

1. Fill out the attached Medical Information form and return it to Mr. Johnston before July 26, 2007.
2. We take first-aid kits for minor problems and we will have a nurse with us at all times.
3. For more serious treatments, students will be taken to the hospital in Rensselaer, IN.
4. If a serious accident or illness should occur, parents will be notified by a band director or chaperon as soon as possible. The hospital telephone number in Rensselaer is (219) 866-5141.

CAMP FEES

Cost of the camp per person is \$184.00. There will be no uniform maintenance fee this year. Band camp fees will be placed on each student's book rental fees at the beginning of the school year.

TELEPHONE CALLS

EMERGENCY CALLS ONLY, PLEASE! In the event of an emergency at home and a student **MUST** be reached, call (219) 866-6000. Ask to speak to Mr. Tim Johnston, Scottsburg Band Director. They will get in touch with us and we will relay the message to the student or have the student return your call. After rehearsal hours, students may call home at any time.

DIRECTORS, CHAPERONS, AND MUSIC ASSISTANTS

Mr. Johnston is your music director and will work in both music and marching to make final decisions. Your cooperation is expected at all times! If you have a problem or question concerning the show, charts, and so on, ask one of your directors or a field or staff assistant.

In addition to Mr. Young and Mr. Johnston, music staff assistants, field assistants, and several adult chaperones will assist during the camp. Chaperones will oversee student activity both on and off the rehearsal field. All of people are to be respected and obeyed.

BAND CAMP STAFF

Tim Johnston - Band Director
Reid Young - Band Director
Dustin Everitt - Color Guard Instructor
LaKynn McDonald – Color Guard Instructor
Bill Henderson – Music Staff
Amy Rice – Field Assistant & Music Staff
Staci Campton – Field & Music Staff
Ron Small - Field Assistant & Music Staff
Cara Nowling – Field Assistant & Music Staff
Jacob Blanton – Percussion
Matt Graham - Percussion

WHAT TO WEAR AND TAKE TO CAMP

1. Leave your good things at home! Jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sweats, socks, underwear, sneakers, are recommended. A white or light gray t-shirt is needed for all marching rehearsals.
2. **IMPORTANT!** In packing personal things, use **ONE SUITCASE!** If more than one suitcase is taken by each person, we will have trouble loading everything on the equipment bus. Mark your suitcase clearly for identification. Take a bedroll, including blanket, sheets, and a pillow.
3. On the next page a checklist is provided for recommended things to take to camp

- _____ your instrument!
- _____ bedroll (pillow, sheets, and blanket) or sleeping bag
- _____ visored cap or sun hat
- _____ sunglasses
- _____ 1 or 2 pair of pajamas, if desired
- _____ recommended shoes for marching
- _____ wash cloths and towels for a week
- _____ 1 jacket, sweater, or sweat shirt (it could get cold)
- _____ 1 toilet kit, soap in a container, tooth brush, toothpaste, comb, brush, and so on
- _____ **HEAVY DUTY INSECT REPELLENT**, (notice the capital letters)
- _____ suntan lotion (with sunscreen)
- _____ extra spending money
- _____ camera (optional)
- _____ all lotions or cosmetics of any nature should be in plastic bottles or tubes
- _____ enough outdoor clothing to last a week - light colored t-shirt for marching rehearsals.
- _____ at least one pair of long pants
- _____ all music, coordinate sheets, and dot books – put music in a binder with page protectors
- _____ socks to last a week
- _____ pencils

PLEASE NOTE: If a necessary item is forgotten, and a student requests the band parents to purchase that particular item for them, a parent will be contacted by a chaperon before any at camp purchases are made. Parents will be responsible for the costs of any items purchased by the band parents at camp for their son/daughter.

MAIL

Mail will leave the camp each morning (see a chaperon). Incoming mail will be distributed each day. To write a student at camp: Student's Name/ Scottsburg High School Band Camp/ St. Joseph's College/ US 231 South, PO Box 910/ Rensselaer, IN 47978.

INSTRUMENT REPAIR

If repairs are necessary at camp, see the director who is not in charge of a rehearsal in progress. Minor repairs may be done between rehearsals - not during. Very few repairs are possible during camp. Make certain your equipment is in good playing condition prior to leaving for camp. Students must pay for such items as reeds, valve oil, and so on before receiving the merchandise. We cannot run a credit account at camp. All woodwind players (reed) should have at least two (2) good, playable reeds at all times. You cannot possibly produce good music on a bad reed. Brass players should all have a bottle of valve/slide oil. If your tuning slides and valves do not work properly, you have a non-instrument. Have them repaired before camp.

DISCIPLINE AND RELATED RULES OF THE CAMP

1. Students are not permitted to leave the grounds at any time. **DO NOT BOTHER TO ASK!**
2. We will not tolerate discipline problems. The entire staff and chaperones will insist upon cooperation in all matters. We are not running a babysitting service at camp. If a serious discipline problem occurs, parents will be notified immediately and arrangements will be made for you to be sent home at the parents expense.
3. Absolutely **NO SMOKING** or use of any tobacco products while at camp. This is a school rule and will be enforced. If there are any questions about this policy, see a director.
4. The use of any form of illegal drug is **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN**. The law is clear on this matter. Violation of this rule will result in the **IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL** from the camp, dismissal from the band, and when we return home, appropriate school disciplinary and court procedures will be carried out according to the school and **STATE LAW**. This also applies to the use of **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**. **NO EXCEPTIONS! DO NOT DO IT! DO NOT EVEN THINK ABOUT DOING IT!!**

PERSONAL PROBLEMS

All of us encounter personal problems from time to time. If you have such a problem, see a chaperone first. If the chaperone cannot help you with the problem, the chaperone will contact one of the directors.

MUSIC

1. See a music librarian for any music needs.
Take care of your music - do not lose it. I would suggest a one-inch ring binder and page protectors for your music. This will keep it neat and organized.
2. At camp, have **ALL MUSIC** with you at **EVERY REHEARSAL**. Never leave your music in your room during a rehearsal. Even if you have it memorized.
3. Work on memorizing your music before and during camp. No music will be used in public performance.

FOOD

Cafeteria meals will be provided for each student (three meals per day), beginning with dinner on Sunday and ending with lunch on Friday.

INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Percussion Section Leaders: The percussion section leader is to see that all percussion equipment is properly labeled, loaded, unloaded, and stored. Check on all necessary drum heads, sticks, mallets, cases, music, - EVERYTHING. The entire percussion section is to help with this and to follow the instructions of the section leader.

Auxiliary Captain(s): This person(s), appointed by the instructor, is responsible for loading and unloading all auxiliary equipment. Make certain that flags are properly wrapped and taped for travel. At camp, make sure all flags are stored and cared for properly.

Loading Crew: A loading crew will be assigned prior to our departure for camp. These people will load and unload all luggage and instruments on the equipment bus. Special instructions will be given to this crew prior to camp.

SPENDING MONEY

How much extra money you will need depends on how much junk food you plan to eat and drink other than regular meal times. Most students buy cokes, sandwiches, pizza, and so on, in the evenings. However, we discourage taking a large amount of money. NEVER leave your room unlocked when there is money in the room. NEVER leave your room unlocked PERIOD.

DAILY CAMP SCHEDULE

Your music directors will determine the daily schedule based on the needs of our organization each day. Each day's schedule will include rehearsal times, meal times, wake-up, lights-out and time for recreation or rest. A basic daily routine will be as follows:

7:15 - 8:00	breakfast
8:15 - 11:30	morning rehearsal
11:45 - 12:30	lunch
12:45 - 3:45	afternoon rehearsal
3:45 - 4:45	free time
4:45 - 5:30	dinner
6:00 - 9:00ish	evening rehearsal
10:30	on floor, prepare for bed
11:00	LIGHTS OUT! QUIET!