

Dear Band Students and Parents:

All students that will be in High School Band **MUST** attend the summer band camp unless some other arrangement has been made and approved by Mr. Loveday. The cost is \$140.00 and includes transportation, room and board, music, basic supplies, chaperones, and professional staff. The payment is due no later than **Friday, July 19th, accompanied by the enclosed emergency form** . You can mail your checks and from to:

Steve Loveday, 14543 Yale Ct., Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Pre-Camp Sunday, July 28, 2:30-5:30PM:

Armada High School band room and football field

There will be a MANDATORY meeting for all students, staff and chaperones at 2:30PM. All other parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Marching Band Handbook and Chaperone guidelines will be covered. Chaperones and students must complete and submit a commitment form. Camp details and policies will be covered, and students will be taught basic marching fundamentals. Students are expected to have their instruments and music and dress for marching outside. (shorts, t-shirts, and tennis shoes with socks) **No flip-flops or sandals.**

The updated marching band handbook with all rules, travel policies, calendar, details, etc. and chaperone guidelines handbook are currently available on the website. It is expected that all staff members, students and chaperones read them. Feel free to print and complete the commitment form prior to the meeting, however, a hard copy will be distributed to every student, staff member, and chaperone at the mandatory meeting. Unfortunately, we cannot mail out the entire 20+ pages to everyone. I would be happy to email it to you if you cannot access the website and would like it ahead of time.

We are still in need of chaperones for camp. Without the appropriate amount of chaperones, we will have to cancel camp. This is not an option, as we are expected by administration to have a show on the field for the first football game. We put almost our entire summer into writing the show, hiring and working with staff, and planning camp. We can't do it without your support!

Band Camp –Monday, July 29-Friday, August 2:

CYO Boys Camp, 7303 Walker Rd., Carsonville, MI 48419, (810) 622-8744

Camp Schedule:

Meet at 7:00AM on Monday, July 29, 2013 at the high school to check in and load the buses. We will depart for camp at 7:30AM sharp.

Camp is all day, everyday, from Monday, July 29, 2013-Friday, August 2, 2013

*Students will stay in chaperoned male and female cabins, separated by a bridge over a creek. At no time may boys or girls cross the bridge to the other side of camp, unless accompanied by an adult to go to the beach area or other common use buildings. There will be 2 same sex chaperones in each cabin, and 6 additional staff members all in separate sleeping areas dispersed throughout the camp. Students will be fed 3 meals per day and water will always be available. The days will be very busy and strenuous. There will not be “free time” for students to wander off with nothing to do. Students may not leave the rehearsal area or activity location at any

time without permission. REQUIRED activities will be planned to occupy the evening time, or any “earned” release time during the days. If students do not choose to participate in the required activity, they must remain in the vicinity as a spectator and can play cards, or converse, etc. There is some extra time before and after each meal to freshen up, use the restroom, or take a quick nap etc. During this time, students are only allowed in the dining area, rehearsal space, or in their own cabins.

Monday-Thursday

7:00AM Wake up

Breakfast @ 7:30AM

8:15AM-11:30AM Practice (water breaks provided)

Lunch everyday @ 11:45AM

1:00PM-4:30PM Practice (water breaks provided)

Dinner everyday @ 5:00PM

6:00PM-8:45PM Practice (water breaks provided)

9:00PM-10:45PM evening activities **(Each evening we will have a different planned, REQUIRED activity, including a dance, swimming (only at pre-designated times with chaperoned waterfront), game night, lantern ceremony, bon fire, capture the flag**

11:00PM Lights out

Friday evening

6:00PM-7:00PM Practice (water breaks provided)

7:00PM Go back to cabins and begin to pack up belongings

7:30PM Final band camp performance for parents

8:00PM Get all equipment and belongings out of cabins, clean cabins and camp buildings and rehearsal areas

9:00PM Load bus and depart for Armada High School

10:30PM Arrive at Armada High School.

Packing list:

Instrument

ALL music/Flip Folder/Lyre (incoming students will get this from the music store rep on Monday at no charge)(current students that need replacement equipment can order it and must pay for it)

Pencils

WATER BOTTLE!

MEDICATION - turned in to the head chaperone on Monday morning before buses depart (all epi-pens and inhalers, or other meds of immediacy must be on the student at all times and not packed away with the chaperones)

SUNSCREEN - you will get sunburned!

BUG REPELLANT

HAT - you will get sunburned!

SUNGLASSES

Sleeping bag or twin sheet set/blanket

Pillow

Trash bag or sack for dirty/wet clothes

Tennis shoes for marching

Additional pair of shoes in case it rains

Flip flops for the shower
5 days of clothes to march in (t-shirt or tank tops and shorts) No bikini tops, cut-aways, or sport bras
AT LEAST 5 pairs of clean underwear
AT LEAST 8-10 pairs of socks
Bathing suit/Beach towel
TOWEL/Washcloth
SOAP
DEODORANT!
Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Shampoo/Conditioner
Any additional personal toiletries
Flashlight
Cool Weather Jacket/Sweatshirt

Items not required but nice to have:

Camera
Rain poncho/Umbrella
Personal healthy snacks

What not to bring:

Any contraband items against the school Code of Conduct.
Any items with the intent of hazing: shaving cream, toilet paper, water balloons, silly string, etc.

You cannot miss camp and/or rehearsals and expect to be able to march the show. This is a graded academic class, but can be equated to sports. You cannot skip football conditioning or miss practices and pick and choose what games or events to attend, or you would not be included on the team. This is the same for any school sport, club, activity etc. Those that are attending conflicting **school-related** activities will not be penalized as long as I am made aware **in advance**. Students with regular attendance problems that cannot march the drill and/or play the music memorized will be cut from the performances. Although you do not get a grade for band camp, since it is in the summer, your grade is affected by how well you memorize your music and march the drill. **All performances and required activities are averaged into your grade. This applies to marching band and the entire school year. Each conflict will be assessed individually, due to the wide array of possible conflicts.** Doctor and dental appointments will not be excused unless it is an emergency or there is a doctor's note regarding sickness, since these obligations should not be scheduled during required marching band commitments. Not being able to find a ride is not acceptable since there are 70 students involved and car pooling and planning ahead is your responsibility. Please look at the schedule and plan accordingly as it is only fair to everyone else involved. Athletic **PRACTICES** or **SCRIMMAGES** do not take precedence over marching band **PERFORMANCES**. Just the same, marching band **PRACTICES** will not take precedence over **ATHLETIC OR SCHOOL-RELATED REQUIRED ACTIVITIES**. Of course, it is understood that students are involved in other activities and **GAMES** or **REQUIRED SCHOOL-RELATED CLUB OR ORGANIZATION COMMITMENTS** will be excused. However, since band is a graded, academic class, verses the voluntary aspect of chosen extra curriculars, a point make-up assignment may be assessed.

If there is a financial issue that makes it difficult for you to pay for camp, please make me aware. The booster group is here to help, and we have fair parking and barn set up after camp, allowing students to fund raise back

any money owed to the boosters

We are currently writing the marching band show, the drill and coordinates, and you are included in the formations on the field. This is a super-involved, time-consuming task. It is extremely difficult to rewrite the show if someone decides not to show up or participate. Please...if you are quitting or moving, or for whatever reason will not be a part of the marching band show, we need to know now. Every year there are students that do not make us aware and it is unfair to everyone else involved.

Armada Fair:

Monday, August 12, 2013, 6:00PM

Armada Fairgrounds

We will meet at the high school at 4:30PM, to warm up and prepare to march over. All students will wear their summer marching band uniform. (Black shorts, orange Armada Marching Band polo (incoming students will receive this prior to the fair, free of charge), black socks, and black marching band shoes \$30.00 (students will be fitted for shoes at pre-camp and have them in time for the season).

Summer rehearsal schedule (Tuesdays, except for fair week):

Armada High School football field

Tuesday, August 6, 2013, 6-8:30PM

Tuesday, August 20, 2013, 6-8:30PM

Tuesday, August 27, 2013, 6-8:30PM

Season rehearsals (Tuesdays and Thursdays zero hour, and Thursday nights):

Armada High School band room and football field, or designated practice field

Tuesday mornings, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, **6:40-7:25AM**

Thursday mornings, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, **6:40-7:25AM**

Thursday evenings, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, **5:30-8:30PM**

***Color guard MUST register for zero hour jazz band (independent study color guard) first trimester in order to receive credit and a grade for marching band. Guard will meet Monday-Thursday zero hour (6:40-7:25AM) all season for rehearsals. Mondays and Wednesdays zero hour rehearsals will be color guard only with coach and/or captain. If color guard members choose to, or are already in band, they can sign up for the band class first trimester as well, but this is not a requirement.**

Season Performance Schedule:

Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013, Richmond "Good Old Days" Parade 1:30PM (Meet at the HS at 11:30AM, load bus and depart to arrive in Richmond by noon. Students will need to eat before, or pack a lunch, or bring money to go eat before step off. Depending on the parade line up, which changes every year, we will step off between 1:30 and 3PM. The parade will be over at approximately 4PM and students will be picked up back at the HS.)

Home football games:

Armada High School football field

Friday, September 6, 2013, 7:00PM

Friday, September 13, 2013, 7:00PM

Friday, September 27, 2013, 7:00PM

Friday, October 18, 2013, 7:00PM

Friday, October 25, 2013, **3:00PM (Homecoming Parade)**, Football game 7:00PM

GVSU Band Day: (\$60 cost; not required, but recommended and highly worthwhile)

Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI

Saturday, September 14-15, 2013 (overnight trip)

Depart at 6:30AM on Saturday (full day of playing and activities, and evening performance at the college football game)

Stay overnight in a local hotel and return to Armada by approximately noon on Sunday.

BWAC Marching Extravaganza:

Port Huron High School Memorial Stadium

Tuesday, October 1, 2013, 3:00-10:00PM (no rain date)

MSBOA festival:

Tuesday, October 8 **or** Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013 (evening times, site and times TBA; rain dates are exactly one week later)

***Very specific details concerning the festival events and trips will be provided on an itinerary once we have the information. The rules, policies and procedures for football games, day trips, and overnight trips are all in the Marching Band Handbook.**

Memorial Day Parade:

Monday, May 26, 2014, 10AM (The HS band room will be open from 9:15-9:45AM if students need to get instruments or equipment. We meet at the Armada Amvets hall on North Ave. just North of Armada Center at 9:45AM. Step off is at 10AM and the parade and ceremony will be over in less than an hour. The band room will again be open afterward for 30 minutes if anyone needs to bring equipment back. **We have had a continuing attendance problem with this parade. This is one of the few times the community and administration sees the band, and there is a community expectation that the WHOLE band will support this parade. It is difficult to put the band out there with over a quarter of the students missing. This is exactly the reason we do not do the Romeo Peach Festival Parade, the Thanksgiving day parade in Detroit, the Holly Days lighted parade downtown, and the Rochester Christmas parade.** These are all great opportunities for positive exposure, and many of them pay a substantial amount for a band's participation. We as directors and staff give up much holiday time in order to be with the band for out of school holiday commitments. Our summers are filled with marching band commitments and our holidays, breaks, and many evenings and weekends, are devoted to the band trips and performances. Please plan vacations and commitments accordingly, ahead of time so that you are made available during the required holiday times and calendar commitments.

I realize that this is a lot of information, but we would rather you be informed than not. I am looking so forward to a great year of Armada Tiger Marching Band fun and successes! Thank you so much for your support!

Thank You Very Much!

Mr. Loveday

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