

HHS Summer Band Camp 2006

PURPOSE:

1. To save rehearsal time: the band will accomplish in four days what it normally takes four weeks of rehearsing at four hours a day to prepare for marching season.
2. To develop *Espirit De Corps*: to allow freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors to become acquainted with one another in a social and work situation in pleasant surroundings. This encourages a coming together, a cohesiveness... the building of band spirit and pride... a very necessary ingredient for the success of a marching band.

SUPERVISION:

1. Approximately 16 to 24 parents and 6 band directors, and 6 staff members will be in attendance. The majority of these adults are seasoned band camp veterans.
2. A nurse will accompany the band throughout the trip.
3. University security guards will be on duty at night to monitor the dormitories.
4. This is a gated campus community with monitored security cameras. Entrance and exit access is electronically monitored. Only registered security officials, band directors, chaperones and band students will be allowed access.

MEALS:

We will be using Iberville Cafeteria, which is on campus just across from where we are staying. Meals are hot, nourishing, plentiful, and tasty. Cookies are provided for snacks and Gatorade and water are provided each day. The students may also purchase soft drinks and candy from the band boosters for 50¢ each.

HOUSING:

Northwestern State University dormitories/campus apartments will be used. These are newly constructed apartments that have two bedrooms, two full baths, a kitchen and a living room. Most units sleep four per apartment

ATTENDANCE:

Band Camp Attendance is mandatory: Because a student would miss so much and be so far behind the rest of the band, attendance is mandatory and a major requirement for membership in the band. **If there is a problem, contact Mr. Moore and lets try to work it out.**

COST OF SUMMER BAND CAMP:

The total cost for Band Camp will be \$25.00. This will cover the cost of the recreational activities. **If this fee is a problem, please make contact Mr. Moore at 903-655-8800 or 903-836-2127.** Please, do not let the fee keep your child from being in band. Each student will need some spending money for soft drinks, candy, etc.... The money is due with the cookies and permission form on **Saturday July 29, 2006.**

CLOTHES:

Bring casual clothes. Because it is usually hot, shorts, jeans and cut-offs are appropriate. However, they must follow HISD dress code. New clothes are not necessary. Be sure to bring a bathing suit, as students will have access to a swimming pool. It is also necessary to wear some type of shoe at all times. Plan on wearing athletic shoes for marching practice - no sandals.

OTHER THINGS TO BRING

ALARM CLOCK!!

Bedding for a single bunk bed: sheets, pillow, and light cover.

Toilet articles: soap, towels, toothpaste, hair dryer, etc...

Sun screen, sun glasses, camera and most of all - **A GOOD ATTITUDE.**

Seniors – bring your favorite lawn chair.

SUITCASE:

Carry only one suitcase - not your best one! Have your name clearly visible on the outside with big letters. Bedroll and pillows do not have to go in the suitcase.

COOKIES and SNACKS:

All parents are responsible to bring 2 dozen of your choice of the following items to be used for snack and break time. Cookies, snack crackers, granola bars etc...

Recreational Activities:

Swimming, volleyball, basketball, shopping in downtown Natchitoches, and a visit to an alligator farm are some of the free-time activities planned. All activities are organized and well-chaperoned.

Nightly group activities:

Leadership seminar night, bingo night, possible karaoke/dance night, pizza party, movie and board games, and Senior (The Lions Den) night.

BINGO PRIZES:

One of our night activities is BINGO Night! We ask parents to furnish the prizes. These prizes consist of just about anything you think your own child would like... restaurant coupons, gift certificates, movie tickets, playing cards, school supplies, etc. Do not feel like these should be expensive! **Please deliver your prizes and your cookies to the band hall by registration July 29, 2006.**

PERMISSION FORMS:

The permission form **must be filled out, signed and notarized.** These are due at registration on Saturday, July 22, 2006. Please do not lose them. If you need an extra, they will be available at the band hall.

TELEPHONE:

If you need to phone for emergency reasons, you may call the NSU Security at 318-357-5431. They will deliver any messages to us so we can get it to your child.

PARENTS' NIGHT:

The first Band Booster Meeting of the year will be Monday August 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the HS Band Hall. There will also be a marching competition at either the Henderson Lion Football Stadium or our practice field at 8:00 p.m. At this event the students will demonstrate marching skills and play some music for you.

GUIDELINES FOR CAMP

- 1. STUDENTS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX may not be together in the same room, on the same floor, or anywhere in the same housing area.**
- 2. There are no instances when any student will ride in a car with anyone. (Except in cases of illness, injury, or emergency as determined by the Director)**
- 3. Students may not drive vehicles to or during band camp.**
- 4. No big stereos –only portable music devices with headphones will be allowed.**
- 5. Students may not leave campus at any time.**
- 6. This will be a closed working camp – parents are welcome to come to observe only, but they may not check students in and out.**
- 7. No public display of affection.**
- 8. SWIMSUITS: Ladies and Gentlemen – modesty is the best policy! When not in the fenced pool area, you must be fully covered with a swim robe and/or a t-shirt and shorts.**
- 9. This is an HISD sponsored event and all school regulations apply. Also refer to Band Handbook for further clarification.**
- 10. The safety of everyone involved is our #1 concern.**