

The Band Camp Packing List

READ ALL OF THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP:

Sack Lunch. Pack a lunch that you will eat upon arrival at Camp. You will be hungry!

Instrument or Flag. This is sort of important! If you don't have one, see Mr. Thye to check one out before Camp. You will need to submit a check, payable to DVBB, for \$55.00.

Accessories. Every student has the responsibility to bring to Camp their own **Mouthpieces** and **Reeds**. Also, keep in mind that you will have to provide a **flip folder** to hold your stand tunes (except Guard, Drum Line and Front Ensemble).

Watch. Preferably an inexpensive one that can take the heat & perspiration it will be exposed to.

Backpack (Durable and old). This will be used at every rehearsal. You will keep all your necessities with you in one place. Keep the following in your backpack:

Sports Water Bottle. You will need to bring a plastic insulated water container *with your name on it*. An IGLOO or COLEMAN ½ gallon insulated container is recommended. It's your responsibility to keep it with you and fill it with the water provided.

Chart Book. This is a good quality, 1", **3-ring binder** with **page protectors**. It contains show music, drill charts and other notes nicely stored in the page protectors (the stronger page protectors are recommended and worth the investment). It will also house the flip folder, placed through a couple of the rings, and a **pencil holder** with a **highlighter** and **pencils**.

Dot Book. This is a 3" x 5" index card spiral bound notebook used by students to mark their spot in the show. Students wear it on a string or belt around neck or waist as they learn the drill.

Portable Music Stand. The folding kind that has your name on it. A lot of people forget these. They also come in handy at home when you practice (hint, hint). *Do Not Forget!*

Small Towel. You are going to sweat, and having a small towel will be helpful. You can wet it with cold water and wear it on your neck to keep extra cool.

Sunglasses. Very important to save those eyes. Think about bringing the older pair.

Wide-Brimmed Hat. Meant to keep the sun off and your energy up. Also helps you look either cute (ladies) or like an umbrella (guys). Please invest in a hat, they are hugely important.

Black Practice Gloves. Every time you touch your instrument you must be wearing practice gloves. (Exceptions: Guard, Front Ensemble, and Battery) These will be supplied to you by Camp.

Sunscreen. You will not tan. You will burn. We do not need leather skinned band members. If your sunscreen is over a year old, please purchase a new bottle.

Insect Repellant. There are a lot of insects at Camp, especially in the evening. Please bring insect repellant to avoid getting bitten.

Rain Poncho/Light Jacket. If it rains you will need something to keep you warm and dry – keeping you healthy and on the field is very important to us. (It does rain at Camp and can be heavy).

Blue and Gold Towel (Wind Players). This will be given to you to keep in your instrument case. These are DV Band Property and need to be returned in good condition. You will never set down your instrument without this towel under it.

Yoga Mat (or Large Beach Towel). You will use this often to sit on (stretching, etc.).

Day Planner. May not need this necessarily during Camp, but this is an absolute must for every member during the year. You are responsible for your commitments - these things help.

Other Important Necessities. Mallets/sticks, valve oil, guard tape, stick tape, etc. (if applicable), Ace bandages, Flex-All or Icy Hot for sore muscles. First Aid has a limited amount of supplies for students, but if you know you have a need for support bandages or braces, or have other supply needs, please bring supplies with you.

Medications. There is a full-time **first-aider** present at all times during Camp to distribute medications. First aid for minor injuries will be administered. Anything more serious will be handled in accordance with the medical release forms. Medications will be dropped off to the first aid volunteer Monday morning, one hour prior to departure for Camp, by parents.

If your child requires any prescription and/or non-prescription medications while at Camp, medications must all be in their original containers, placed inside a zip seal bag, with the student's name clearly marked on the outside. Parents must contact the first aid volunteer to discuss all significant health issues and medication distribution needs.

Toiletries. We know you will get hot and sweaty so expect you to shower daily. Bring toiletries for this including shampoo.

Toothpaste/Toothbrush. The two hopefully go hand in hand. Sharing is not an option. Brush after every meal and your friends will appreciate it.

Deodorant. This really should appear at the very top of this list. Guys, please read this section closely. Wear this stuff all of the time, not just for the dance.

Personal Items. Ladies, I think you know what I'm talking about.

Bath towels. You will shower at Camp every day. This is not optional. Bring something to dry off with - those old yellow and brown ones are great "camp towels"! (This is in addition to the beach towel for stretching.)

Bedding. You will need your rest, so you need to be comfortable. You will need a sleeping bag and/or some sheets/blankets, and of course, your favorite pillow. Yes, we sleep in beds, not on the floor. Your bed linens must be placed inside a large plastic trash bag, sealed off, and clearly labeled with your name.

Sleep Attire.

Rehearsal Attire. You will need to wear a mostly white shirt (not tank top or sleeveless), athletic shorts, and running/cross training shoes for every rehearsal (marching and music) and sectional. This is for uniformity and a professional appearance.

Appropriate Clothing. Outside of the rehearsals, you may dress more individually. Ladies, short t-shirts are not allowed, (i.e. belly exposure), nor short shorts. Warmer clothing will be needed for the evenings (long pants, sweatshirts, etc.). **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING JEANS TO WEAR WITH THE SHOW SHIRT (HANDED OUT AT CAMP) FOR THE SATURDAY PARENT PERFORMANCE.**

Running/Cross Training Shoes. The only way to survive Camp. Marching is tough on the feet - there are many different kinds of shoes and sandals but running/cross training shoes are the only ones allowed. Please invest in a quality pair of running/cross training shoes.

Spare Shoes. If it rains, and it probably will, your shoes become soggy; have a spare pair, your feet will thank you.

Socks. These are very helpful. Do not wear shoes without socks; this will avoid sweaty, smelly shoes, and blisters on your feet. Remember, you are sharing a room with others. Bring extras.

Flip-Flops. Good for a run to the shower room - nowhere else please.

Let's not forget You. We need you, and are proud to have you in our band. Your attitude, be it positive or negative, has a great impact on the success of our group.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT YOU WILL NOT BRING TO CAMP:

CELL PHONES/Portable electronics (includes portable game systems). You will be spending most of your day listening to music anyway. More importantly, when people are using these things, they tend to become part of their own private universe. We need everyone in the same universe. You're going to Camp to meet people - not to ignore them. There are emergency phone numbers; cell phones are not needed. The bottom line is if you bring something like this up to Camp, it will be taken away! All confiscated items will be returned on Saturday morning! NO EXCEPTIONS!! This policy will be strictly enforced!

Cologne/Perfume. There isn't any need for this up at Camp unless you want to attract insects. Remember, you are sharing a limited amount of space in your cabins, and some people could be allergic to the products - be considerate.

Curling/Straightening Irons. I understand that hair dryers are a must, but leave the curling irons at home. They are a fire hazard, and your hair will go flat right away anyway.

Contact Lenses. There is a lot of dust and dirt up at Camp. Most of it will end up under your lenses and will make you miserable. Just wear your eyeglasses.

Inappropriate Clothing. You all know that some items are not appropriate for this kind of activity. Stay within our school dress codes. (Also, no tank tops, sleeveless, short shirts, or short shorts, and avoid shirts with inappropriate messages on them.) I also suggest that really nice clothes stay at home. This is an activity that is not about the individual, visually. Please do not be distracting in your dress.

Questionable Items. If your parents or I would question it - please leave it at home. This category is extremely serious; you will be sent home for this one (at the expense of your parents) and you will lose your spot in the band.

Everything on this list was thought of to make your time more enjoyable and more successful - not more painful. Rules do not always make sense until in hindsight. Trust me, follow the guidelines and this year will become something you never thought imaginable. We will all sweat together, and we will all succeed together.

Sincerely,

Mr. Thye