

## **HOORAY! IT'S TIME FOR OUR FOURTH BAND CAMP!**

### **2010 Schedule (subject to revision)**

First of all, here are some things you and your parents need to know:

- We won't over-work you
- We won't risk heat injuries (your personal checklist should include fans, water, and sunscreen)
- There will be plenty of time to eat, sleep and socialize
- We aim to have fun and get the job done - no "boot camp" atmosphere allowed, and no initiations
- This year, some may be housed temporarily in dorm rooms other than you fall semester room because of other conferences already booked on campus. We'll keep this to a minimum. Last year, fewer than 5 people had to move
- *Camp attendance is required.* Please contact me as soon as possible about concerns or possible conflicts

#### **Thursday, Aug 12**

- 1 to 4 pm - Band members may check into student housing. Your dorm room key will be in your mailbox in the student center. If you have trouble accessing it, ask someone in the security office to help you. NOTE: Let me know if you are checking in, so I can submit your name to the housing director.
- 6 to 10 pm - Get Acquainted Reception in Spencer Hall (our bandroom). I will answer questions, hand out materials, and check out instruments/lockers/accessories. We may even get started on uniforms!
- I have not confirmed whether meals will be available in the dining hall this evening. Be prepared to get meals on your own. Meals are covered for the remainder of camp.

#### **Friday and Saturday, Aug 13-14**

- 8 am - Breakfast
- 9 am to 11:30 am - Marching rehearsal (meet in Spencer parking lot, march to rehearsal site, bring all equipment, music, and drill data)
- 11:30 am - march back to Spencer parking lot, break for lunch
- 1 pm to 4:30 pm - band/sectional rehearsals generated from Spencer Hall, locations TBA
- 4:30 pm Dinner
- 6 pm to 10 pm - Marching rehearsal (meet in Spencer parking lot, march to the practice field, bring all equipment, music and drill data)

#### **Sunday, Aug 15 Welcome Week Begins - TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

- 8 pm to 10 pm – rehearsal generated from Spencer Hall (NOTE: Upperclassmen, we will meet about goals and scheduling for this week while the freshmen are involved with Welcome Week)

#### **Monday, Aug 16**

- 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm – rehearsal generated from Spencer Hall

#### **Tuesday, Aug 17**

- 1 pm to 5 pm – rehearsal generated from Spencer Hall (new students will come and go due to Welcome Week activities)
- 8 pm to 10 pm – rehearsal generated from Spencer Hall

#### **Wednesday, Aug 18**

- 9 am to noon – rehearsal generated from Spencer Hall (new students will come and go due to Welcome Week activities)
- 1 pm to 4 pm – rehearsal generated from Spencer Hall (new students will come and go due to Welcome Week activities)

#### **Thursday and Friday, Aug 19-20**

- No rehearsals scheduled during the freshman Chicago trip – those remaining can choose to rehearse, have initial individual sessions, or relax

**Saturday, Aug 21**

- 8 am to 4 pm – Swanton Corn Festival Parade – this time frame includes travel and lots of food – more details later this summer

**Don't forget to bring and use these items:**

- your usual moving-into-the-dorm stuff
- pencil
- instrument accessories (bring your favorite reeds - our supplier may not have your first choice)
- water container (everyone must bring water to all rehearsals)
- sunscreen (not optional - severe sunburns will not illicit a compassionate response!)
- appropriate shoes/socks - no boots, sandals, flip-flops or open-toed shoes in rehearsal
- appropriate clothing (I will try to trust your judgment on this issue. Don't make me get specific! If you wouldn't want to see ME wearing it, don't wear it to band practice! Regarding messages on t-shirts – I love the constitution, but free speech doesn't always apply at band camp – use discretion!)

**The Fall Band Syllabus will be made available to you soon. In the mean time, the most frequently asked question is, "What do I have to buy for band?" Here's a list:**

- Marching or Guard shoes - black with black soles - around **\$25** (your high school shoes might work)
- 2 Black band t-shirts - available at the bookstore - REQUIRED - I don't have a specific cost yet (cost may not be the same as last year), but it will be **\$10 each or less**. If we take our jackets off at a hot football game, and you don't have one of these, you'll put your jacket back on!
- Band Shorts - All students will purchase a pair of band shorts (a long cut) from the bookstore for **\$22 or less**, along with black ankle socks. I will ask the bookstore to stock the ankle socks as well. I know that black shorts with marching shoes will offend the fashion sense of some, but we will look uniform and maintain foot safety for parades!
- Flip folders and lyres - estimated cost: \$7 for the folder and \$5 for the lyre – chances are excellent the actual cost will be less. I will provide additional flip folder windows, but don't overuse this benefit.
- Accessories - reeds, neckstraps, etc. - I will furnish the first pair of snare sticks and other percussion mallets/beaters - you buy your replacements.
- Twirler and Guard uniforms (including gloves) will be provided. Band uniform gloves will be provided this year - maybe not in future years.
- Students will pay for repairs on loaned college owned instruments. Instruments will be loaned in excellent working condition.
- **Concert Band Attire for about \$75**, I will be able to put everyone in a simple black shirt and pants. It may cost more if you require a skirt. The pants should be a black "dockers" style – no cargos, no jeans, no flairs or gauchos. If you own a pair that might fit this criterion, show them to me the first day of band camp. Otherwise, plan on acquiring a pair through our vendor.
- There will be a **\$10** fee for marching uniform cleaning maintenance. Everyone will pay this fee.

Feel free to call or email questions. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Yours truly,

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