

Band Camp Bulletin 2012

➔ PREPARATION FOR CAMP

We are preparing to have a fun, productive, and intense experience at band camp this year. The foundation for a great season is set at camp, and we will continue our mission for musical excellence by putting great effort into putting our first show of the season on the field in August.

Because we do not see each other on a regular basis during the summer, it is vitally important that all members of the band practice on a regular basis. Our goal for the summer is to head into camp with our embouchures in shape and some of our music memorized to the best of our individual abilities. This will allow us to place our major emphasis on marching while we're at camp.

If you have not been working on your music, begin today! The success of the band depends upon each member making a positive contribution.

REMEMBER:

1. The marching drill is easier to learn if you know your music.
2. Repetitive practice is the best way to memorize. Try to memorize articulation and dynamics at the same time you are working on notes and rhythm. It will be easier than relearning these areas later.
3. BREATHE DEEPLY!!!! - The Sailor Marching Band runs on "WIND POWER."

➔ CAMP FEES

The total amount due for camp this year is \$365. **A \$65 deposit (made payable to "MSBP") will be due on June 15**, and you may mail it (1121 Seminole Road) or drop it off at the high school in Mr. Boyden's mailbox. The remaining balance of \$300 will be due by August 1. Scholarships are available to families based on need. A scholarship application is included with this newsletter.



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➔ WHAT TO BRING

- Instrument in good playing condition - **EXTRA REEDS, VALVE OIL, SLIDE GREASE, ETC.**- Reeds and repairs will not be available at camp
- Notebook with music in clear plastic windows** (wind and percussion only)
- Folding music stand with your name on both sections
- Spring clip clothes pins for windy rehearsals
- Field Markers (ask an upper-classmen for ideas)
- Packaged, healthy snacks such as cereal bars, energy bars, etc.
- Bedding - sheets, blankets (or sleeping bag), pillow
- Towels, wash cloths, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste
- LIGHT RAINCOAT OR PONCHO**
- Cool clothing for field work (shorts, T-shirts, etc. must be loose enough to permit freedom of movement required for marching)
- Night clothing
- Casual dress clothing for evening activities
- GOOD ATHLETIC SHOES (2 pairs) AND ATHLETIC SOCKS (at least 2 pairs per day) FOR DRILL WORK. THIS IS A MUST TO HELP AVOID FOOT AND ANKLE INJURIES. BRINGING MORE THAN ENOUGH PAIRS OF SHOES AND SOCKS WILL BE VITAL FOR RAINY BAND CAMPS!!!!**
- Swim suit
- Light jacket or sweater and pants for cool weather
- Flashlight, **WATER JUG, BUG SPRAY, SUN BLOCK, and a HAT for sun protection**

➔ WHAT NOT TO BRING

- **NO BOOM BOXES** - If you want to listen to music, bring headphones. No TV's, laptops, Gaming Systems or other electronic devices, please.
- **No pop, juice or soft drinks are allowed in the cabins as they are messy. WATER ONLY.**
- Use your head. If you have a question about whether or not to bring something, don't bring it.

➔ CELL PHONE POLICY (new 2012)

- Students will be allowed to bring a cell phone or smart phone to camp as long as **the device is registered with the band parent chaperones**. Registration will take place at band camp check-in.
- Students must have **signed consent from their parents** to bring the device to camp. A form for this will be available during pre-camp.
- Use of phones is **prohibited during rehearsals, including during breaks**.
- Phones must be **checked-in with cabin chaperones at Light's Out each night**. They will be locked in the headquarters overnight and returned to students in the morning.
- **Use of an un-registered phone, including using the phone of another student will result in disciplinary action up to and including being sent home.**

➔ LUGGAGE

Each student will be allowed 1 reasonably sized suitcase, 1 carry-on bag, and instrument. Absolutely no trunks or footlockers will be permitted.

➔ MEDICAL INFORMATION AND MEDICAL FORMS

Any and all medication being taken by students and the method of dispensing it **MUST** be registered with one of the camp nurses and listed on your health form. **NO STUDENT WILL BE TAKEN TO CAMP WITHOUT A COMPLETED HEALTH FORM. MEDICAL FORMS AND BAND CAMP BALANCES WILL BE COLLECTED AFTER THE REHEARSALS ON AUGUST 8th and 9th from 5:00-5:15 PM.**

➔ CAMP RULES: PARENTS AND STUDENTS, PLEASE READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY!

The rules listed below should be thoroughly understood by both students and parents. All parents should read this list carefully and go over it with your children.

These rules will be the same for all band activities throughout the school year.

The Mona Shores student code of conduct will be in effect.

- Avoid behavior that is potentially injurious to any individual including yourself, or detrimental to the welfare of the band.
- **BE EARLY TO ALL ACTIVITIES.** This will contribute to our success at camp and throughout the year.
- **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CABIN OR ROOM WITHOUT PERMISSION.**
- All students are responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the cabins and general camp facilities. Those who litter or fail to do his/her fair share to keep our camp clean will be subject to disciplinary action.
- Use good sense and manners in the dining hall.
- Please dress in a manner that is respectful of others. Clothing that includes profane or inappropriate content (i.e. sexual innuendo, references to drugs or alcohol or discriminatory content) is strictly prohibited. Additionally, all undergarments (including sports bras) should be concealed beneath one's clothes.
- **WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE!!!!**
- Do not embarrass yourself and others with public displays of affection.
- **NO GIRLS IN THE GUYS' AREA OR GUYS IN THE GIRLS' AREA AT ANY TIME!!! No one is allowed in anyone's cabin except their own.**
- Respect the property of other band members, the school, and the camp at all times. **YOU BREAK IT, YOU PAY FOR REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT.**
- No phone calls to or from camp except in cases of emergency and in the presence of a staff member or chaperone.
- **NO VISITORS AT CAMP.** Students will not be allowed to leave camp for any length of time.

THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIORS WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION. INFRACTIONS COULD LEAD TO THE STUDENT BEING SENT HOME AT THE PARENTS' EXPENSE AND/OR SUSPENDED FROM THE BAND INDEFINITELY:

- SMOKING OR USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS
- USE OF ALCOHOL OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (Bags will be inspected)
- DISOBEDIENCE OR RUDENESS (BACK TALK) TO ANY STAFF MEMBER OR COUNSELOR
- MAKING THREATS TOWARD/INTIMIDATION OF OTHER BAND MEMBERS
- LEAVING CABIN OR DORMITORY AFTER LIGHTS OUT
- UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FROM ANY CAMP ACTIVITY

➔ CONCERNING CAMP RULES

- Make up your mind to heed the rules. Remember, an outstanding group is made up of individuals who have enough maturity to relate their behavior to the well-being of the whole organization. Poor choices hinder our progress.
- **The Mona Shores Co-Curricular Code of Conduct dictates that students caught in possession or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or tobacco will be restricted from participating from 1/3 of performances for one calendar year. THIS APPLIES TO STUDENTS WHO BREAK THE CODE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL OR CAMP, EVEN DURING THE SUMMER AND ON WEEKENDS. DO NOT BREAK THIS CODE, AS YOU MAY BE PERMANENTLY REMOVED FROM THE MARCHING BAND BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO PERFORM.**

REMEMBER: The hazing of new members will not be tolerated. The aim of the Sailor Marching Band at camp is to develop an esprit de corps and a mutual respect between new and old members alike. Treat others as you would like to be treated. Good bands are like good families. We help each other, and we support each other. We're all on the same team, and NO INDIVIDUAL IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANYONE ELSE. If you have a problem with someone and can't get it resolved, see your counselor, instructor, Mr. Nitz or Mr. Boyden. We'll talk it over and help you work it out.

➔ 2012 PRE-CAMP SCHEDULE

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY FOR ALL SUMMER REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES UNLESS PRE-EXCUSED BY THE DIRECTOR.

Leadership Training (Seniors/Section Leaders Only) – Wednesday, August 1, 1-4 pm in the band room

Senior Barbeque - Wednesday, August 1, 5:00 PM at the Boyden's House

Rehearsals– August 6-10, 13-15 (Monday-Friday, and Monday-Wednesday of the next week) from 12-5 pm

Can Drive—August 11 (Saturday), 9:00am

Counselor Meeting -Wednesday, August 8, 6:00 PM (in the band room)

Rehearsals will take place at MSHS. These rehearsals will involve some marching and some playing. We may begin learning the drill during this time. **Bring instruments and dress appropriately for marching rehearsal. Bring a hat, good athletic shoes and wear sunscreen.** Students involved in fall sports are excused for athletic practices only if they are taking place at the same time. Please bring a schedule of your practices to Mr. Boyden in advance if such a conflict occurs.

UNIFORMS WILL BE FITTED AND MEDICAL FORMS PASSED OUT AND COLLECTED DURING PRE-CAMP REHEARSALS.

➔ HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND LOADING

Heavy equipment (Percussion and Tubas) will be packed immediately following rehearsal on Wednesday, August 15th

➔ BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

Thursday, AUGUST 16

7:00 am	Report to school for luggage check and equipment loading
9:00 am	Board busses-depart MSHS
10:00 am	Arrive, unload, Rehearse until 12:00 pm
12:15 pm	Lunch
12:45 pm	Rest (everyone on bed and quiet for rest period)
1:30-4:00 pm	Rehearsal
5:00 pm	Waterfront Orientation
5:30	Dinner
6:30-8:30	Rehearsal - type and location TBA
8:45	Orientation, Senior/Freshman Buddy Ceremony in the Activity Center
11: 15	In rooms/ready for bed
11 :30	Taps/LIGHTS OUT

Friday-Monday, AUGUST 17-20

7:00 AM	Reveille/WAKE UP
7: 15	Breakfast/Clean-up
8:30-12:00 Noon	Rehearsals - begin on field
12:15 PM	Lunch
12:45	Rest (everyone on bed and quiet for rest period)
1:30-4:00	Sectionals -location TBA
4:00	Recreation/individual practice
5:30 Dinner	
6:30-9:00	Rehearsal - on field
9:15	Evening activity
10:45	In rooms/ready for bed
11:00	Taps/LIGHTS OUT

Tuesday, AUGUST 21

7:00 am Reveille/WAKE UP
7:15 Breakfast
8:30-12:00 Noon Rehearsals-Begin on field
12:15 PM Lunch
1:00 Pack, Cabin Clean Up, Camp Clean-Up, Load, Check-out
3:00 Load Buses and Depart Camp
4:00 Arrive at MSHS Stadium for Final Run-Throughs
5:00 PARENTS ARRIVE FOR HOT DOG BOIL AND TAILGATE PARTY/DINNER WITH STUDENTS: MSHS WEST PARKING LOT/CAFETERIA
(We will need volunteers to bring dishes to pass and dessert)
6:30 BAND CAMP FINAL PERFORMANCE AT MSHS STADIUM
7:30 Students dismissed, Camp officially ends
THE PERFORMANCE WILL OCCUR AT THE MSHS STADIUM. PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATORY DINNER ON TUESDAY EVENING WITH YOUR CHILDREN!

➔ POST CAMP SCHEDULE (AT MSHS)

AUGUST 22, WEDNESDAY: 6-9PM

AUGUST 23, THURSDAY: 10AM-1 PM

AUGUST 24, FRIDAY: HOME FOOTBALL GAME VS. MUSKEGON CATHOLIC CENTRAL

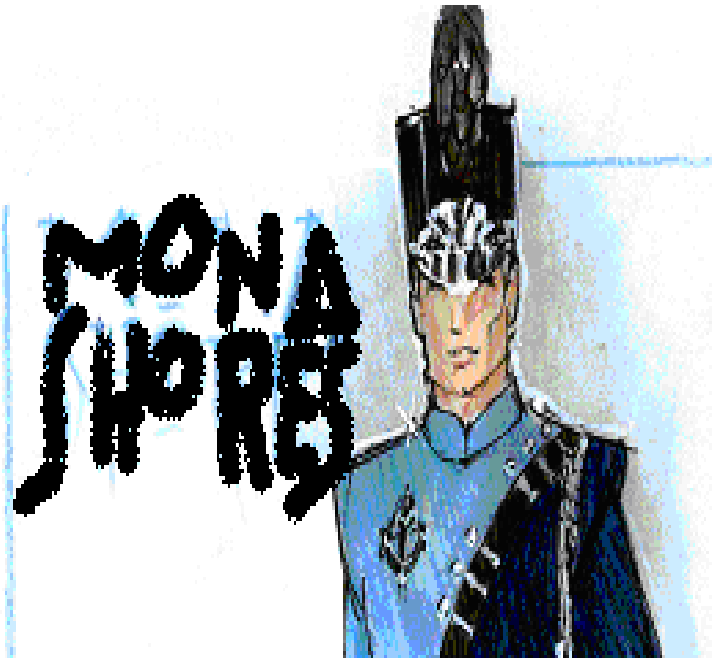
AUGUST 26, SATURDAY: ROOSEVELT PARK PARADE 9:00 AM LINE UP, 10:00 PARADE

AUGUST 28, TUESDAY: 12-5 PM

AUGUST 30, WEDNESDAY: 6-9

AUGUST 31, FRIDAY: HOME GAME VS. SPRING LAKE

STUDENTS, BRING THIS BULLETIN TO CAMP WITH YOU. PARENTS, PLEASE READ THIS BULLETIN AND WRITE DOWN ANY NECESSARY CONTACT INFORMATION.



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To the Parents of: