

I hope your summer is going great! Many of you that I have heard from or have seen on social media look to be making the best of the time off. Drum line and guard camps are July 19th-23rd! I am really excited about this year's Show! Please find a little time between summer activities to practice. Varsity band, you received the show music at the end of school (it is also online if you have misplaced it) and both bands have had the opportunity to pick up flip folder packets at the band hall over the past two weeks.

Band camp is ONLY for Varsity band members and is July 26th-30th. As we approach band camp this year, I wanted to mention a few things that will ensure the success of the camp and keep the tradition alive for future members of Pirate Regiment.

Things to bring:

This is always a simple list to make because you don't need a lot for band camp. Dress is always comfortable and casual. You will need tennis shoes to march in and you must have closed toed shoes on after dinner. You will want to pack a swimsuit and bring a towel. The beds are bunk style. You can use single sheets with or without a sleeping bag and don't forget to bring a pillow. Basic toiletries are needed as well as bug spray and sunscreen.

Things not to bring:

There is no way to cover all the things you don't bring to camp but understand that this is a school trip and anything that is banned at school is also banned at camp. You are subject to search and dogs have been utilized in the past so please do not bring anything that would keep you from going or send you home early from camp.

Required Paperwork:

- **Permission slip signed by your parents. (Both pages or front and back depends on how you print the form) Forms are on the band website**
- **UIL Physical on file for you with athletics. District policy is every student must do a physical every year. YOU CANNOT GO TO CAMP WITHOUT A PHYSICAL ON FILE. Final payment is due at registration.**
- **You should have already paid the \$50 deposit (If not that is due immediately) you will owe \$250 before we leave for camp. These payments can be done online from the link on the band website.**

Behavior:

You are expected to uphold the standards of what it means to be in our band. If any of the following behaviors are witnessed there will be consequences that can include sending you home from camp and ending your band career.

Hazing - Any form of picking on someone for any reason is not acceptable.

Cursing - Your word selection will be positive and intelligent.

PPDA - There will be no public or private displays of affection. (Hence the extra "P")

Attendance - You are expected to be at every event at camp

Boundaries- The boundaries of the camp will be well defined for you, and you will be expected to stay in that area throughout the week.

Visitors:

There will be no outside visitors to the camp until 8:00 am Friday morning when we open the camp for our competition and concert by the lake at 9:00. We will have two police officers on duty during the week and they will be instructed to stop any incoming vehicle. Therefore, if your parents must bring you something at camp be sure to notify a director. We will arrange things with the officer on duty. Please spread the word to any former students that there will be no visits during the week of camp and anyone trying to come into the camp without authorization will be turned away.

Health:

Sandy Sagredo will be our camp nurse this year. She will be in charge of distributing all medications. You will check those in with us before we leave for camp. You will be given a water bottle at camp and the coolers will stay full in the center of the grounds by the cafeteria. Drink lots and lots of water and use sunscreen by day and bug screen by night. Meals are required so do not plan on skipping any of them. The camp food is really good with a nice variety of items. If you have special dietary needs now is the time to email Mr. Nutt so he can notify the camp.

Registration and Departure:

Registration Times: 10:00 Seniors / 11:00 Juniors / 12:00 Sophomores / 1:00 Freshmen The goal is to depart CHS at 2:00. Bring snacks or lunch with you.

Friday's Camp Activities will start at 9:00 AM with the goal being that everyone leaves the camp at 11:00 AM.

Having our own fundamental camp is a privilege that most bands do not receive. It would only take actions by a few to ruin this experience for years to come. Please consider this as we plan this year's camp and follow the rules. We utilize this time to build relationships and learn the fundamentals of marching band. Time spent in the weeks that follow are dedicated to teaching the marching show and drill so it is imperative that you take this week to work on fundamentals of marching in the mornings and playing in the afternoon. Free time and group activities are just as important because band is much more than music in Crandall. We hope that you will build relationships that will last a lifetime!

Band Camp is July 26th – July 30th. Check the band calendar and subscribe to both it and Mr. Nutt's Remind. www.crandallband.org. Summer band rehearsal times will be updated as soon we know staff training schedules. All dates are on the band calendar.