

**Ypsilanti Community High School
Marching Band**

**Student Packet A
Informational Packet**

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2023

Band Camp Information Packet

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Dear Band Students and Families:

We're excited that you've decided to join the Ypsilanti Community Marching Band. The Ypsilanti Marching Band has a long-standing tradition of going to band camp in August for concentrated practicing of the season's music and marching drills. This time away from home also helps us form strong team spirit and friendships that will last for years to come. All marching band members are required to attend band camp in order to participate during the marching season.

This year's Band Camp will be at Echo Grove Camp, a traditional camp setting, in Leonard, MI, from August 7th through the 12th. This will be an intensive time of learning the music and drill formations for the halftime show. Students will arrive at 12 pm at the YCHS band room Monday, August 7th, for check in.

Families should note that on Saturday the 12th at 11:30am we will perform a **marching demonstration** of all that has been learned at camp. Family, alumni, and friends are invited to attend this performance. This demonstration will take place at YCHS on the practice field off of Hewitt Rd.

COST - The cost of camp will be \$350.00. Please fill out the packet B forms and make a deposit of \$100.00 by **June 1**. This way we can begin making plans for the show. Please see the financial form page 2B, for complete payment information. **This deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE.**

DUE DATES - All forms in packet B and C are required band camp forms and will need to be returned. You will keep this information packet (Packet A). These forms are also available on ychsbands.org/forms.

Packet B - Due June 1 (view packet B for payment due dates)

Packet C - Due June 30

We really hope that all of you are looking forward to an exciting and productive week at Echo Grove. There is much to learn and understand before our marching season begins. Both your body and "chops" need to be in shape for camp, so keep practicing and get excited!!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Genautis
Director of Bands
& the YCBA

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Summer Uniform:

The summer marching band uniform consists of a white YCS shirt with band embroidery, black sport shorts, white socks, and comfortable white athletic shoes. Shirts and shorts must be ordered through the band. **We will need your summer band uniform order form and payments by June 1st.** See order form for more information.

Students can use this uniform for all summer performances during his/her high school career (as long as it still fits!). Each member is responsible for maintaining and cleaning his/her summer uniform so it is ready for performances at the Memorial Day Processional, Fourth of July Parade, and Band Camp Marching Demonstration. Depending on the weather, these uniforms can also be used for early season home football half-time shows.

The summer uniform order form is page 5B of the band camp Packet B.

Fall Uniform:

The fall marching band uniform is provided by the school. The students will be required to get black socks, a black t-shirt and black marching shoes to complete the uniform. Fittings for these uniforms will take place during the summer. Marching band shoes may be ordered through a representative at the school in the summer. Cost for shoes is approximately **\$30** payable upon order. The fall uniform will be tagged for each member and will be stored at the school between performances.

PREPARING FOR CAMP

LUGGAGE - You must be practical about everything that you bring to camp. Only one piece of luggage aside from your sleeping bag and instrument is allowed. We have a limited amount of space on the school buses which transport all of the necessary equipment for a successful band camp.

CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT - Although it is projected to be a normal summer temperature-wise, this IS Michigan. Please come prepared with clothes for hot, cool, or wet weather.

INSTRUMENT - Remember: **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR INSTRUMENT AT ALL TIMES!** If you do not have a record of the serial number of your instrument, ***NOW*** is the time to record it.

SLEEPING EQUIPMENT - Please bring a bed roll or sleeping bag and a pillow.

EXTRA THINGS YOU MAY NEED - 2 towels, 2 washcloths, soap, socks, closed-toe shoes, casual shoes, sweaters, jackets, rain gear, swimsuit, sunscreen, sunglasses, highlighter, pencil, and a water bottle with your name on it. **You will need valve oil, slide oil, cork grease, extra reeds, or any other additional musical supplies for your instrument.** Please see the packing list, page 5A.

Dress Guidelines:

- No tight or revealing clothing
- No low cut jeans or shirts
- Shorts should have at least a 3 1/2" inseam
- No loose fitting tank tops, no muscle shirts and no spaghetti strap tops
- No gaps between shirts and shorts/pants
- Cover-ups must be worn to and from the waterfront
- No bare-midriff, two-piece, or revealing one-piece swimsuits
- No "Speedo-style"/ bikini-style swimsuits for male

GENERAL CAMP INFO

EXTRA SPENDING MONEY - Approximately ten to twenty dollars to be used at the camp store, if you wish.

HOUSING - Room assignments will be made by the band director and leadership team. You may not transfer rooms for any reason, unless instructed to do so by the director. Your cabin will be headquarters for all of your equipment, including your instrument and case. Our cabins are our homes for a week, so please treat them as such. **THOSE WHO CARVE OR WRITE ON ROOM WALLS, MESS HALL WALLS, TREES, ETC., WILL BE SENT HOME ON THE NEAREST FORM OF TRANSPORTATION. THIS EXPENSE WILL BE PAID BY THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, AND NOT BY THE SCHOOL. NO REFUNDS OF CAMP MONIES WILL BE GIVEN.**

MEALS - The camp will provide 3 meals each day in the dining hall from Monday dinner through Saturday breakfast. Band members are NOT permitted to miss any meals while at camp. All meals will be served “cafeteria” style. Students are responsible for cleaning their tables and must bring all plates, eating utensils, leftover food, and drinks to the cleaning station. School appropriate attire must be worn to all meals in order to be served. The serving lines will remain open for only the first **15 minutes** of our scheduled meal time. No food is to be taken from the Dining Hall.

CAMP RULES:

1. No smoking, vaping, or any illegal substances.
2. No vandalism, graffiti, or any other destruction of property.
3. No swearing or vulgar language.
4. Respect others and their property.
5. Quiet hours are to be observed from 10PM to 7AM.

CAMP ACTIVITIES - There are a variety of activities offered at camp, including a pool, waterslide, volleyball, basketball, gaga pit, etc. In order to use the pool, you will be required to take a quick deep water test. These activities will be built into our schedule throughout our stay. All band members will be at all planned activities.

TRANSPORTATION - Our transportation arrangements will include 2 school buses. Larger instruments and equipment will be transported by the second bus. Smaller instruments should be kept with you on the buses for the safety of the instruments. No student may use any other transportation to or from camp unless the director is notified, in writing, PRIOR to departure for camp. Families, please fill out the transportation form on page 1B stating if you are planning on transporting your student either to or from camp.

LOADING TIME - Report to YCHS band room for check in/load in at 12:00pm We will be departing for camp at 1:00pm. You need to be at Ypsilanti Community High School ***no later than*** 12:00pm. Check in and bus loading will take time.

ILLNESS OR INJURY - The marching band will have their own camp health officers at camp. Band members should report any illness or injury to the camp health officers, their cabin counselor or the band director.

DAILY SCHEDULE - We have allowed for a flexible schedule depending on weather and other variables, so we might find it necessary to change our schedule slightly. Please listen for announcements during camp, and make sure to sync our Google Calendar to your phone so that you have our daily schedule. Visit ychsbands.org/calendar and follow the instructions on the page to sync the calendar to your phone.

SIGN-IN/SIGN-OUT TIMES - The sign-in time for students traveling to camp with their family is 3:00pm on Monday, August 7th. Students cannot drive themselves to camp. Families, please fill out the transportation form and state if you are planning on transporting your student either to or from camp. Otherwise they will take the bus to and from camp with the other students. If a student leaves with their family, please remember that *all students need to meet back at the school to help unload all band supplies/instruments and participate in the performance.*

EMERGENCY - In case of an emergency, the band director may be reached at Echo Grove Camp at (248) 628-3108.

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Monday

11:30	Doors open at YCHS
12:00	Check in at YCHS band room
12:30	Load buses
1:00	Leave YCHS
3:00	Arrive at Echo Grove Camp
	Occupy cabins/rooms, arrange equipment, and settle in
4:00	Orientation/meeting and tour
5:15-6:00	Dinner
6:15-7:15	Music rehearsal
7:30-8:30	Sectionals
8:45-9:45	Evening activity
10:00	Cabin/room meeting - discuss regulations
10:30	Lights out

DAILY SCHEDULE: Tuesday-Friday

7:15	Wake up
7:45-8:00	Calisthenics (required)
8:00-8:10	Cabin/room clean-up
8:15-9:00	Breakfast
9:15-12:00	Marching rehearsal
12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:15	Quick break - in cabins
1:15-2:15	Music rehearsal
2:30-3:30	Sectionals
3:45-5:00	Activities
5:15-6:00	Dinner
6:15-8:15	Marching rehearsal
8:30	Evening activities
10:15	In cabins/rooms
10:30	Lights out

Saturday

7:00	Wake up
7:15-8:10	Cabin clean-up, pack all luggage and equipment, pack all items for loading
8:15-8:45	Breakfast
8:45-9:10	Load Buses
9:10	Depart
11:00	Estimated return to YCHS
11:30	Marching Demonstration at YCHS (Family Performance)

MARCHING BAND CAMP PACKING LIST

Music Equipment

- Instrument
- Practice pad/sticks
- Music
- Flip folio and lyre
- 3-5 reeds
- Slide oil
- Valve oil
- Cork grease
- Highlighter
- Pencils

Toiletries

- **Sunscreen**
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Comb/brush
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Bug spray
- Wash cloth
- Towel

Summer Uniform

- YCS polo shirt
- Black shorts
- White socks
- White tennis shoes

Daily Wear

- Underwear x 6
- Jeans x 1
- Shorts x 5
- Belt
- Socks x 8 pr
- Short-sleeved shirts x 6
- Long-sleeved shirts x 1
- Sleepwear
- Swimsuit (no 2 piece or Speedo style)
- Closed toe shoes
- Hat
- Light jacket/sweatshirt
- Rain poncho

Other Items

- ***WATER BOTTLE***
- Medications - **must be turned in**
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Phone Charger
- Sunglasses
- Petty cash
- Flashlight
- Deck of cards
- Book to read

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please go to ychsbands.org/forms and fill out the **Marching Band Registration Part 1**.

If you need a place to get the required **physical exam**, you can get it at the RAHS clinic within the Ypsilanti Community High School (YCHS). Physical forms must be dated **on or after April 15th, 2023**. Call 734-221-1007 to schedule an appointment. They will charge your insurance if you have it. If no insurance, they will charge on a sliding scale. **DO NOT WAIT TO DO THIS**.

There will be a required **Band Camp Information Meeting on May 16th at 7:00pm** in the YCHS band room.

ALL 2023-2024 Marching Band students march in the 4th of July Parade and need to attend the practices for 4th of July Parade in the YCHS band room: **6/29, 6/30, and 7/3 - 5:30-8:30pm**

FORMS TO BE FILLED OUT:

- Marching Band Registration Part 1 - on the “forms” page of ychsbands.org

- Pg 1B - Transportation Form
- Pg 2B - Camp Financial Form
- Pg 3B - Scholarship Request Form
- Pg 4B - Authorization Form
- Pg 5B - Summer Band Uniform Order Form

- Pg 1C - MHSAA Medical History and Physical Examination Clearance Form
- Pg 2C - MHSAA Consent & Insurance Form
- Pg 3C - List of Medications
- Pg 4C - Special Diet Request Form

On behalf of the YCBA, welcome to Marching Band!!