

What do I need to bring to band camp?

Mandatory Items:

- Your instrument
- Deodorant
- Drill Book (Heavy Duty 3 ring binder with 40-50 clear protective page covers for drill & music)
- Insulated water cooler - Water bottles do not provide enough water or stay cold!
- Pencils & Highlighter
- Light colored t-shirt
- Shorts (comfortable and appropriate length - NO JEANS)
- Socks and Athletic Shoes (no sandals or flip flops, or any other shoe that keeps you from marching!)
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Chapstick

Suggested Items:

- Change of shoes (after marching in wet dew covered grass you will want to have dry shoes for the afternoon and evening session)
- Rain gear (light and waterproof - rain won't stop us from marching)
- Other personal hygiene products

Why do I need all of these things?

Sunscreen: Short and long term damage to the skin is avoidable and sunscreen with regular application helps to avoid sunburn!

Breakfast: Students who don't get a nutritious breakfast usually have a rough morning at camp. Chips and pop are NOT a good breakfast! We want you learning drill and music with us!

Water: You will sweat a lot at band camp. When given the opportunity to drink water you must take it. Staying ahead of dehydration is extremely important for your well-being! Insulated water coolers keep the water cold and provide enough to get through a long morning practice. Please NO "camelback" style water bottles.

Clothes: Wear shorts everyday to band camp. Be comfortable and take care of yourself!

Sunglasses: They help protect your eyes, cut down on glare, and give you a good chance at being able to look up at field commanders while the sun is shining brightly.

Hat: Helps keep sun out of your eyes and protects your face (and more with the right kind of hat) from harmful UV rays.

Lunch: Provided everyday by generous donors and the Newark Band Parents Club!

Drill Book: Your drill book is used to hold all of your warm-ups, music, and drill. Insert 40-50 sheet protectors to hold all of the papers you will be given during rehearsals.

What can I do at camp to make it a better experience?

Show up: The 44 hours of rehearsal that takes place during this week will equate to 6+ weeks of regular rehearsals. It is imperative that members attend ALL rehearsals with no interruptions. The directing staff wants to put the best possible musical product on the field at every performance. Clearly, this is a monumental task in itself. It becomes next to impossible to achieve if members have to attend to other business during rehearsal time.

Be on time: To be early is to be on time. To be on time is to be late. To be late is to be left behind. You are responsible for being on time.

Keep cool: Both literally and physically. First make sure you are not overheating, but also keep a calm mind. So you can't hit the line the first time you try it? As long as you keep on working to be better, and listen graciously to advice, you WILL eventually get it. Our staff and leadership team are here to help you, so let them.

What are the main things to remember from this sheet?

- Eat breakfast EVERY DAY.
- Wear shorts and tennis shoes.
- Bring your INSTRUMENT. ALWAYS HAVE A PENCIL, and DRILL CHARTS AND MUSIC.
- Wear sunscreen.