

# Band Camp Packet 2017

Band Camp is a two-week chaperoned event. The band directors plan the instructional time. The student leaders and the volunteer Band Camp committee plan the social events with oversight from the band directors and Booster Board.

This packet is intended to help students and parents prepare for the upcoming band camp. The details are **subject to change** during the planning process as we adjust to unforeseen events.

- Read email regularly. Please verify that the parent and student emails in the **Charms** system are correct. [charmsadmin@masonbandboosters.com](mailto:charmsadmin@masonbandboosters.com)
- **Remind** announcements will be used at the discretion of the staff to make time sensitive announcements.
- For the most complete information, please refer to the website **band camp page** of the <http://www.masonbands.com> website and check the band **blog** regularly.

## Registration Requirements

Parents are expected to **keep a copy of each form** for future reference. If it becomes necessary to make a copy of forms after they have been submitted, please send an email to [charmsadmin@masonbandboosters.com](mailto:charmsadmin@masonbandboosters.com) to arrange an appointment to gain access to the form.

Forms will remain on file for Mason Band Program activities until the end of the band event or for the duration of the academic year. If, at any time during the year, the status of a student changes, it is the guardian's responsibility to contact the director or medical secretary to update forms. Students may be refused permission to participate in band events if payments and forms are not up to date according to these deadlines.

Please watch Band Emails for information about fees.

## Band Camp Webpage

During the summer months the band camp webpage is the best source for band camp information. You can also “like” the Mason Bands Facebook page.

- Check this webpage using this direct link:  
<http://masonbands.com/pages/courses/default/11/>
- Or navigate to the band camp webpage:
  - Go to <http://masonbands.com>
  - Select “Courses & Programs” from the horizontal navigation bar
  - Select “MB Registration & Band Camp” from the vertical navigation bar on the left
- This webpage includes
  - Forms for download
  - Handbooks for download
  - General information and instructions

## Tentative Schedule

Week 1	Monday 7/24	Tuesday 7/25	Wednesday 7/26	Thursday 7/27	Friday 7/28	Saturday 7/29
Time to report and be ready to start	9am	9am	9am	9am	9am	9am
Meal Bring packed	Lunch at 12pm	Lunch at 12pm	Lunch at 12pm	Lunch at 12pm	Lunch at 12pm	
Practice Ends	5pm	5pm	5pm	5pm	5pm	2pm
Special Event		5:30-8:30pm Students and Parents Food Truck Rally and Booster Meeting	7-9pm Students Section Socials	7-9pm Students All Band Social		9am-2pm Students Tag Day
Theme Day	Hawaiian	Crazy Hat	Twins	Prince/Princess	Section	

Week 2	Monday 7/31	Tuesday 8/1	Wednesday 8/2	Thursday 8/3	Friday 8/5	Saturday
Time to report	9am	9am	9am	9am	9am	9am
Release time	12pm	12pm	12pm			
Meal				Lunch 12pm	Lunch 12pm	Lunch 12pm
Time to report	3pm	3pm	3pm			
Meal	Dinner Approx. 5:30pm	Dinner Approx. 5:30pm	Dinner Approx. 5:30pm			
Release	9pm	9pm	9pm	4pm	5pm	5pm
Special Event				6:30- 8:30pm Students and Parents Variety Show		

## Special Events

There are several special events that are mostly social activities and meant to enhance and build upon the work done during instructional time.

- Theme Days: During the first week, students are encouraged to participate in dress up days around various themes. There are prizes for the best outfits. Please be sure that any costume is school appropriate and still allows for practice and movement. This is encouraged but not mandatory.
- Food Truck Rally and booster meeting: New this year for our family dinner/booster meeting! No need to cook or run through a fast food drive-through. Instead of our traditional Tuesday potluck dinner/dessert night, food trucks will be set up in the bus circle so students and families can purchase and enjoy a variety of savory and sweet treats including dogs & burgers, vegetarian & gluten free options, ice cream & Kona Ice, just to name a few. Bring your lawn chairs, canopies, and picnic blankets and be prepared to mingle and meet new and returning families. Since this is a private event, we encourage all students and their families to patronize the food truck vendors and "tailgate" Trucks are scheduled to serve from 5:30-

7:30. Some accept credit/debit cards. All accept cash. Most prices \$8.00 or less. Watch your general band email for a flyer with a list of food truck vendors and more details coming soon. Students will be meeting with their sections after the dinner time and parents will be attending the booster meeting. This is a mandatory event for the students and highly encouraged for parents/caregivers.

- Section Socials: Each section organizes and hosts a social for themselves. These are typically at parks or private homes, chaperoned by adults. All invitations can be found on Charms in the files and documents area. This is a mandatory event for the students.
- All Band Social: In an effort to promote comradery with the whole band, the student leadership plans and hosts a social event for all students which includes games, snacks and fun. This event is at the High School and chaperoned by adults. This is a mandatory event for the students.
- Tag Day: During Tag Day, students travel in groups of 4-6 and go into the Mason community to gain support from residents in the form of donations. Younger students are paired with upper classmen. Students must wear their summer marching uniforms. Watch for details. This is a mandatory event for the students.
- Variety Show: Student leaders host this fun event where each section presents a skit in an attempt to win bragging rights for the next year. This is a mandatory event for the students. Parents are welcome but not required to attend.

## Community Service Project

The students will be participating in a “contest” to raise money for the Mason Food Pantry. Each member is encouraged, but not required, to bring in any amount of money that they are comfortable with to be donated. The Section with the highest per student average will receive a prize which is typically a popsicle or other treat.

## Camp Attire

Proper attire can help avoid these common complaints during camp:

- sunburn
- blisters
- chaffing

Recommendations:

- wear loose fitting cotton t-shirts or moisture wicking athletic tops
- All clothing must follow the school dress code
- wear athletic shorts, extending below the thighs
- wear cushioning socks
- wear comfortable, supportive tennis shoes (***sandals are not permitted***)

- wear sunscreen (apply sunscreen repeatedly)
- use Gold Bond Powder, Body Glide, Sport Shield or other commercially sold products to prevent chaffing in some areas

## Daily Band Camp Requirements

- Wear the *bandPass***
  - The bandPASS is used daily for multiple purposes:
    - help students to learn the names of other students
    - help staff learn students' names
    - help chaperones quickly identify students at the first aid station
  - The bandPASS is required for admittance to band camp functions.
    - Students without a bandPASS will not be admitted to social functions.
  - The bandPASS will be distributed to students on the first day of the two-week band camp if:
    - registration forms are in order
    - fees are paid and up to date
- Bring a packed lunch with drink.
  - **No food/drink is permitted in the band room.**
  - Lunches should be placed on carts according to the labels to prevent allergen contamination.
  - Carts will be inside, near the Small Commons.
  - Lunches will be refrigerated.
- Bring instrument and music.
- Bring a personal large water bottle.
- Large towel for warm up.
- Wear a hat and sunglasses.
- Keep a positive attitude and good work ethic.

## Water Breaks

- Each student needs to bring a large water bottle to keep on the field.
- Students should not be sharing water bottles.
- Students are encouraged to utilize a Camel Back type water system.
- Students will be given periodic water breaks.
- If a student has a need for a water break outside of the designated time, ***the student*** should communicate this to a staff member or student leader.

## Food

- A snack will be provided during the first week and part of the second week by the Boosters.
- Students are permitted to bring a snack of their choice.

- All students are expected to have a reasonable understanding of their individual nutritional needs and make appropriate choices when consuming food and drink.
- All students are expected to participate in clean up as directed by the band camp committee.
- Parents of **students with life-threatening conditions related to food** (i.e. food allergies, diabetes, etc.) should complete a SWIHP. In addition, parents are expected to collaborate with the band camp chair in advance to negotiate appropriate arrangements.

## First Aid & Medication

- A First Aid station will be staffed during the two week Band Camp by Band Aids to provide basic First Aid (ice, band aids, etc) throughout camp. Students should tell a band staff member, student leader, or peer before they leave the field to go to First Aid.
- Band Aids will also be able to dispense medication to students for whom the required forms and medication have been submitted. Please review the [Marching Band Registration & Band Camp](#) section of our website and scroll to 'Optional Medical Forms' for more information.
- **New this year:** Parents who want their student to have access to acetaminophen or ibuprofen should turn in a completed/signed DMS form but are no longer required to provide these medications. Acetaminophen and ibuprofen will be provided centrally and dispensed according to instructions on a student's DMS form. No other medications will be centrally provided.
- Forms for Medication & Health Conditions:
  - [Medication Planning Guide \(MPG\)](#)
  - [Dispensing Medication at School \(DMS\)](#)
  - [Student with Identified Health Concern \(SWIHP\)](#)
- Questions? Send email to [medicalsecretary@masonbandboosters.com](mailto:medicalsecretary@masonbandboosters.com)

## Behavioral Issues

- Behavioral issues will be referred to the band directors.
- If it becomes necessary for a student to leave camp early due to behavior problems, parents will be responsible for picking up their child.

## New Marching Band Members

For first year marching band students and families, this is a new experience and concerns may come up that were unanticipated. Please encourage your student to talk to a student leader or staff member as soon as an issue comes up. We want all of our students to be happy, healthy, and productive. We also recognize that, when challenges arise, students need to be heard. We have an open door

policy.

## **Volunteers**

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to provide help at Band Camp. Most of the help is needed with prepping snacks, setting out lunches/dinners and light clean up. We are also in need of chaperones at several of the social events. Please check Charms for sign ups.

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