

## **Forest Hills Central High School RANGER Marching Band**

### **2009 Band Camp FAQ's**

#### **(Frequently Asked Questions)**

*Will Band Camp conflict with the initiation of Fall Sports?*

With the change of seasons, to our knowledge we will not run into any problems with sports camp conflicting with band camp.

*Why do we go away for Band Camp?*

The Forest Hills Central High School RANGER Marching Band has gone away to Band Camp for twenty three years. A student needs assessment taken in 1997 showed an away Band Camp to be an extremely high student priority. Being able to initiate the season away from home provides an atmosphere of focus which is unique to an away site. Simply put, this venture is vitally important to our student musicians, and, provide an atmosphere where musical, visual and social growth can take place in an unprecedented manner.

*Do I have to go to Band Camp? Will I be penalized if I don't go?*

Summer events cannot be required. During the 2008 Band Camp, we marched 263 marchers - 4 did not go with us to Band Camp. There is no penalty enacted for missing Band Camp, however, you will be over 80 rehearsal hours behind the rest of the ensemble. Most students catch up with the learning pace of the band around mid-September. We will do whatever it takes to get you caught up, but remember, there is no experience we can provide that will catch you up to the band. Be patient, and you will catch up!

*Can Fall Varsity Athletes exempt out of marching band?*

Fall Varsity athletes can opt to exempt out of marching band. To determine if you qualify for this exemption, contact Mr. DeStefano directly at 493.8717.

*If I am in a band, do I have to participate in marching band?*

All wind and percussion players must be a member of the RANGER Marching band - exemption is offered only to Fall Varsity athletes. The marching experience at Forest Hills Central High School is fun! We march at all home football games and several non-football marching events each fall.

*Is Band Camp required?*

No, but it is strongly encouraged. Nothing any teacher or student can do can replace missing this experience. The only thing that can help a musician who misses Band Camp catch up is rehearsal time. Usually, less than 5 students do not go to Band Camp each year (we usually have in the vicinity of 250 members in our band).

*Can I decide to quit marching band after Band Camp?*

It is understood that attending Band Camp is your agreement to finish the marching season. Regardless of the situation, once you have invested this time, you must finish the season. No exceptions.

*Can I bring my television and video game set to Band Camp?*

No. Chaperones will watch during bus loading for these items. TV's and related items will be left in the Band room during the week of Band Camp. If a set makes it to Mt. Pleasant, it will spend the duration of the week in the director's room. This is a week without TV and without video games. ATTENTION ALL PARENTS: Your help in enforcing this expectation is appreciated!

## CMU CAMP REGULATIONS

- You are a guest of CMU, and are representing your school and community at all times. Any conduct violations will be dealt with accordingly. Rules violations could result in a immediate expulsion.
- Keep your meal card with you at all times. It is your ID card and your admit card to all activities (including eating).
- You are financially responsible for lost keys (\$40) and lost linen.
- Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times, especially to meals.
- Each camper must be in their room each night by 10:30 P.M. Members of the opposing gender are not permitted in your room or on your floor. Violation will result in a trip home.
- Play your instruments during rehearsal only. Refrain from playing prior to 8:30 A.M. or after 9:30 P.M.
- You may not have or ride in a vehicle without permission from Mr. DeStefano. Under no circumstances are you to leave the Mt. Pleasant area.
- Use or possession of illicit substances, alcohol, tobacco, or fireworks on or off the campus will result in immediate expulsion.
- Treat all CMU property with respect. Your room will be inspected upon departure, and you will be charged with any damages. All aspects of the room, especially screens, should be pre-checked upon check-in to your room. They should remain intact.
- Avoid tampering with personal property of others.
- Violations of any Federal or State law will result in immediate expulsion.
- Inspect your room upon arrival. Report any discrepancies to Mr. DeStefano immediately.
- Tampering with fire alarms, fire-fighting equipment, elevators, or other safety and security equipment is prohibited. The burning of candles is prohibited.
- Intentional damage or theft of University or personal property is prohibited. Disciplinary action will include financial remuneration for such damage or theft.
- Helium balloons are not allowed inside any University building.

## FHC RANGER MARCHING BAND CAMP 2009 General Information

- Arrive at the FHC Auditorium Circle at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, August 2, 2009.
- Upon check-in (table near the auditorium entrance), complete the following three tasks:
  - 1) Complete and return CMU Conference Registration Card.
  - 2) Turn in any medications (questions - call 493-8717).
  - 3) Let us know if you are being picked up by someone other than your parents.
- Our home for the week is the Wheeler/Troutman dormitory. The registration desk phone number, which may be used for emergencies only, is 989.774.6748. Include FHC Bands on any mail to ensure proper delivery.
- If you have a special instrument need, call the Band Office (493.8717) to ensure reservation of your instrument. Students playing euphonium, horn, tuba, and percussion will be assigned school instruments.
- General band information HOTLINE is 493-8963. Web site is [www.fhcbands.com](http://www.fhcbands.com). Email address is fhcbands@gmail.com.
- CMU maintains a fully staffed hospital and pharmacy near campus.
- Pay laundry facilities are available in the dormitories.
- Label all items with your name.
- If you are taking medication during camp, be sure to stop at the Medical Table during check-in at FHC. Anyone using needles/syringes for medications should notify us prior to departure. CMU will provide puncture resistant containers for safe disposal.
- CMU provides bed linens and towels - pillows are provided, but they are dorm pillows.
- The FHC BANDS Marching Season Kickoff Show is on Friday, Aug. 7 at 7pm. The Marching Band will debut their marching show at Ranger Memorial Stadium. All families and friends are invited!

## BAND CAMP THINGS TO BRING

- Each marcher is responsible to bring a lyre and a music folio. A lyre is a marching music stand which attaches to an instrument, a folio is a multi-paged music holder. Take your instrument with you to the store to ensure proper size. Consider purchasing two (2) lyres at the beginning of the season (clarinets especially) due to breaking or loss. Meyer, Middleton's and Marshall Music Stores are all superb suppliers of instrument lyres and folios. **NO FOLIOS OR LYRES WILL BE PROVIDED!**

- Each marcher will receive a band camp t-shirt. The Marching Season Kickoff show (Friday at 7pm at Ranger Memorial Stadium) uniform is the band camp t-shirt and **black shorts**. White shoes are encouraged.
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, bug spray, hats, and anything else which will ensure outdoor success.
- Marching in sandals or barefoot is not permitted. Marchers will be sent back to the dormitories to change into appropriate shoes. Bring appropriate shoes and socks to ensure marching comfort during the course of the week.
- All marchers will need to dress appropriately for outdoor rehearsal. Boys must wear shirts at all times. Girls need to avoid spaghetti straps, halter tops, and bikini tops.
- Extra reeds, sticks, mouthpieces, etc.
- Suggested spending money for the week is \$20-30. The busiest 7-11 on the planet is between our dorm and outdoor practice field.
- Plan for warm weather! Pack extra shirts (you will sweat). Effective personal hygiene is encouraged.
- Anything (props, etc.) you might need for talent show.
- A personal water bottle enhances break time.
- Your instrument in excellent working condition.
- **A 3 ring binder notebook for your drill. (NOT OPTIONAL)**
- **NO NEED** to bring a television set or personal entertainment devices. Any television or game set will become the property of Mr. DeStefano for the week!
- Swimming suit (optional).
- Camera, film, etc. (optional).
- An alarm clock.
- Two (2) pencils and two (2) different colored highlighters.
- A telephone calling card. (optional).
- A fan (optional)
- Two field markers ( poker chips work great).

Direction to CMU to pick-up your students  
on Thursday

302 W. Broomfield Street  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Estimated time: 1 hr 34 min.  
Distance: 90 miles

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| <b>1:</b> Start out going WEST on HALL ST SE toward PINE TRL NE.                                | 0.8 miles  |
| <b>2:</b> Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto CASCADE RD SE.   | 1.3 miles  |
| <b>3:</b> Merge onto I-96 W toward MUSKEGON.  | 8.4 miles  |
| <b>4:</b> Merge onto US-131 N via EXIT 31B toward BIG RAPIDS / CADILLAC.                        | 30.4 miles |
| <b>5:</b> Take the M-46 E exit- EXIT 120- toward SAGINAW.                                       | 0.5 miles  |
| <b>6:</b> Turn RIGHT onto EDGAR RD / W HOWARD CITY EDMORE RD / MI-46. Continue to follow MI-46. | 33.6 miles |
| <b>7:</b> Turn LEFT onto N LUMBER JACK RD.  | 4.0 miles  |
| <b>8:</b> N LUMBER JACK RD becomes S GREEN RD.  | 3.4 miles  |
| <b>9:</b> S GREEN RD becomes E WARD RD.   | 0.4 miles  |
| <b>10:</b> Stay STRAIGHT to go onto S WHITEVILLE RD.  | 4.5 miles  |
| <b>11:</b> S WHITEVILLE RD becomes E BROOMFIELD RD.   | 1.5 miles  |
| <b>12:</b> E BROOMFIELD RD becomes W BROOMFIELD ST.   | 0.9 miles  |
| <b>13:</b> Dorms (Parking Lot) on your left, Band Show Field on the RIGHT.                      |            |
| <b>14:</b> If you pass the Railroad tracks – you’ve gone too far.                               |            |

If you wish to use your own Mapquest or Yahoo directions, use the address for the 7-Eleven on Broomfield St. That gets you right by the Towers dorms and the band practice field.