



## Rock Bridge Emerald Regiment Band Camp Information



Band Camp runs from August 1-5 and August 8-12. All students in the competitive marching band must attend the entire two weeks. All students in the non-competitive marching band must attend August 1-2.

### **Schedule for the First Day of Band Camp (August 1):**

- 7:15 am - Sophomores, Percussion, Color Guard, Field Commanders, and Drum Majors check-in to the band room. Parents are advised to be at check-in.
- 9:30 am - Juniors (new arrival time compared to calendar) check-in to the band room. Parents are advised to be at check-in.
- 10:30 am - Seniors (new arrival time compared to calendar) check-in to the band room. Parents are advised to be at check-in.

Camp ends the first day, August 1, at 3:45 pm. Please refer to the 2011-12 Band Calendar for the rest of camp's schedule. The calendar can be found on the band website at [www.rbhsbruinsmusic.net/band.html](http://www.rbhsbruinsmusic.net/band.html).

### **What forms need to be handed in at check-in:**

- Medical/Physical Information Form which can be found on the band website at [www.rbhsbruinsmusic.net/band.html](http://www.rbhsbruinsmusic.net/band.html). This form must be notarized in advance. In past years we had a parent donate their time at check-in for notarization but this service will not be available this year. Please plan accordingly. All band/guard members, competitive and non-competitive, must turn in this form. Many have already turned in this form in advance. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN CAMP IF THIS FORM IS NOT TURNED IN THE FIRST DAY.**
- Physician's Report Form which can be found on the band website. All band/guard members must have a physical completed by August 1. Students will not be excused from camp to have a physical. Please plan accordingly. Many have already turned in this form in advance. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IF THIS FORM IS NOT TURNED IN THE FIRST DAY.**
- Shirt, Shorts, Shoes, and Gloves Order Form. This form is included in the mailing and can be found on the band website by Friday, July 22.
- Off-Campus Excursions Form. This form is included in the mailing and can be found on the band website by Friday, July 22.
- Band Handbook Agreement. This form can be found in the mailing. The Band Handbook will be on the band website by Friday, July 22. All students and parents need to read the handbook prior to August 1 and sign the enclosed agreement. Let Mr. Mathews know if you need a hard copy.
- Marching Uniform Agreement. This form can be found in the mailing.

### **What to bring for camp:**

- A combination lock must be brought the first day at check-in. Each student is assigned a locker but we do not provide the lock. It **MUST** be a combination lock. Hang on to receipt because we are having an issue with not enough lockers. Students **MIGHT** have to share with a friend so only one lock would be needed.
- Instrument
- Water Bottle
- Shorts
- Tennis Shoes (a good pair of running or cross training shoes) and socks
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Flip Folder and Lyre
- Sack Lunch OR Money for Lunch
- Small Spiral Notebook. Memo size or 3X5 index size works great.

Lunch at band camp is the responsibility of each student. Rock Bridge is an open campus so students are permitted to leave but be back on time. Since many sophomores don't drive, they tend to bring their own lunch and eat on campus.

There will be a band parent orientation meeting on Tuesday, August 2 at 7 pm in the band room. This is an extremely important meeting. Prior to the band parent orientation, there will be a Bruin Band Booster meeting at 6 pm in the band room. All parents are encouraged to attend **BOTH** meetings.

During the second week of camp, there are schedule pick-up days for students. Please refer to the band calendar when your child's schedule pick-up day is or go to the Rock Bridge website. Students will be given a two hour lunch on those days but camp ends later to make up for the extended lunch.

Band Camp is starting earlier each day this year. Starting earlier allows us to stay outside a little longer before coming inside on extremely hot days. However, we are getting out earlier.

Students cannot be allowed to miss any of camp because of work. These dates and times were made available early so work schedules could be planned accordingly. Again, refer to the calendar for each day's start and end times. Please do everything possible to not schedule doctor's/dentist's appointments during camp times.

Marching is an extremely physical activity and students need to be hydrated, properly nourished, and conditioned to make it a positive experience. Students should begin now drinking lots of water and staying away from carbonated drinks. If a student has not been very active over the summer, then he/she should begin exercising (walking, running, etc.) prior to camp. There will be some conditioning at camp and this is to make marching positive for students. Upper body strength to hold an instrument up for long periods of time and conditioned lower body strength to marching properly are both extremely important. The combination of water, nutritious food, and conditioning/exercise is imperative to students that march.

If you have questions about band camp or any other topic, please contact band directors Steve Mathews (smathews@columbia.k12.mo.us) or Bob Thalhuber (bthalhub@columbia.k12.mo.us).

## **Other Band Information**

Drumline, Front Ensemble, and Color Guard Mini-Camp is July 27-29. Please contact your instructor if you are unsure of start and end times.

All Field Commanders and Drum Majors will have a leadership meeting on Friday, July 29 at 1:00 pm in the band room. Field Commanders and Drum Majors must contact Mr. Mathews if there is a conflict.

One change to the band calendar so PLEASE make the change. There is currently a rehearsal scheduled for the competitive marching band on Tuesday, August 16 from 6pm - 9 pm. Plans are going to be altered so we can take marching band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble pictures BEFORE school begins. Jazz pictures will be taken after school begins. These pictures are very important because they will be used for the program ad book and yearbook. I understand that some students may have a sport practice but talk to your coach and PLAN ACCORDINGLY. I want everyone, competitive and non-competitive, in the pictures. Here is the tentative schedule:

- 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm - professionally taken individual pictures in uniform (if families wish to order and purchase)
- 5:30 pm - Wind Ensemble pictures in tuxes and dresses (ALL W.E. members)
- 5:50 pm - Symphonic Band picture in tuxes and dresses (ALL S.B. members)
- 6:20 pm - Marching Band and Guard picture in full uniform (ALL competitive and non-competitive members)
- 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm - Rehearsal for competitive marching band

The band and choir boosters have ordered a 21 foot enclosed trailer for the marching band and show choir. This is a huge need that has been fulfilled. If you have a pick-up that has a tow package capable of pulling a trailer, please let the boosters know if you can offer your truck and services by driving to marching competitions this fall.

We have a very active parent booster organization (Bruin Band Boosters). Boosters will be at check-in to collect membership fees and accept any donations. PLEASE plan to join and help.

Please make your assigned calls for the program ad book campaign. If you were not able to attend the June meetings, your packet can be picked up at the Rock Bridge front office. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and every families' assistance is needed. Please contact either director if you need more information on this fund raiser.

We have band dads that have begun to build our prop (bridge) for the field show. We will be needing additional parents in the near future to help out with artwork and painting. If you have talents in this area, please contact Mr. Thalhuber.

The 2011-12 band members will be THE FIRST to wear brand new marching uniforms! The District has been gracious to allocate well over \$70,000 to purchase 183 uniforms. The old uniforms were 12 years old and showing many signs of wear and tear. We were long overdue for new uniforms. However, new uniforms means more responsibility from each band member. Enclosed is a Marching Uniform Agreement that each parent and student must read and sign. Like textbooks at school, they are free to use but if neglected, parents are held responsible for the damage or even replacement of the textbook. The same holds true school music, instruments, and uniforms. Parents should read the contract carefully and go over expectations with their child.

There are over 140 students involved in the band program this coming year. The directors are looking forward to a great year of performances!