

NORMAN HIGH SCHOOL
MARCHING BAND CAMP 2006
(Marching Band, **grades 9-12**)

Marching Band Camp at NHS will be here soon! This is for all NHS Band members. Our first performance is only nine days into school - the camp is very important! Members of the Flag Corps should know that they are part of the band, not another group.

The drum line and flag corps have been working this summer and are getting it together! They are awesome and ready to go! The officers have met and it looks like the start of a terrific year with great student leadership! Dr. Mike Raiber is again writing the half-time music and drill. He did the work for us last year, and several other local schools. We are very fortunate to have him working with us.

During camp, we will learn all the music and drill for the first pre-game and halftime shows, as well as reviewing basic marching fundamentals. Please remember to dress comfortably for the August heat. Wear comfortable tennis shoes (no boots or sandals). Drink plenty of water (bring a water bottle) before, during, and after rehearsals. Sunscreen and caps are recommended, as we will be outside for long periods of time. You may also want to bring sunglasses and insect repellent, depending on the bugs this summer! Just like last year, we will break up the day into small rehearsal times – some inside music rehearsals in air-conditioning and some outside marching rehearsals.

All rehearsals are **REQUIRED**. Students missing band camp will not march with the band for the Norman North game. If you have a job, let your employer know **IN ADVANCE** when you will miss work. **WORK IS NEVER AN EXCUSE FOR MISSING REHEARSALS**. Please read the schedule below **VERY CAREFULLY**. It is slightly different from last year. Please check the web site for any changes.

Uniform/Instrument check out: come at the time you have been assigned – check the website. This should take about 30 – 45 minutes. Please have your marching or concert shoes with you. School instruments should be checked out during this time. Please bring money for band camp and school instruments at this time. If there are conflicts with times, please contact Mr. Meiller by email.

Tuesday, Aug. 1	8:00 - 11:00, 12:00 - 3:00	Uniform Check Out / pay fees (Seniors-am /Sr/Jr-pm)
Wednesday, Aug. 2	8:00 - 11:00, 12:00 - 3:00	Uniform Check Out / pay fees (Juniors-am/Jr/So-pm)
Thursday, Aug. 3	8:00 - 11:00, 12:00 - 3:00	Uniform Check Out / pay fees (Sophs-am, So/Fr-pm)
Friday, Aug. 4	8:00 - 11:00, 12:00 - 3:00	Uniform Check Out / pay fees (Freshmen)

Rehearsals (Students will enroll at 1 PM on their scheduled day. Parents should meet you at the band room at 12:50. Lunch will be provided each day.)

Monday, Aug. 7	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Rehearsal (EVERYONE) - NHS (we will fit shoes and globes this day only)
Tuesday, Aug. 8	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Rehearsal (EVERYONE) - NHS
Wednesday, Aug. 9	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Rehearsal (EVERYONE) - NHS
Thursday, Aug. 10	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Rehearsal (EVERYONE) - NHS
Friday, Aug. 11	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Rehearsal (EVERYONE) - NHS
Saturday, Aug. 12	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Rehearsal (EVERYONE) - We will meet at school, rehearse and go by bus to the Ridgeway Ranch. Lunch will be provided. Students should plan to bring snacks, drinks etc. During this time we will have music playoffs, team building, leadership, games, swimming, horseback riding, and other activities. More information will be available when we meet on August 7 th .

Monday, Aug. 15	8:00 am - 12:00 noon	Rehearsal (EVERYONE) – NHS
	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Rehearsal (EVERYONE , pictures) – NHS
Tuesday, Aug. 16	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Preview Performance (EVERYONE-bring your parents, brothers/sisters, etc. , ice cream afterwards)
Thursday, Aug. 18	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Rehearsal (EVERYONE) - NHS

There will be no other rehearsals until school begins on Monday, Aug. 21. We won't march that day, but everyone should plan to play their instruments.

The following items are needed for marching band. We are going to get different shoes this year. They are a bit more expensive, but are leather with better arch supports. If you have your shoes from previous years, they will be fine - note that everyone must have marching shoes. Gloves will be black, so everyone will need to get new gloves. The shirt will be the same, so shirts from last year will work. Please pay for these items when you check out your uniform or earlier that week.

● **Marching Shoes** \$36.00
Everyone will need marching shoes. Roger Little will be here on Monday, Aug. 7 to fit everyone for shoes. They will be ordered Monday afternoon. We should have them in time for the picture.

● **Gloves** \$5.00
Black gloves with “grippers”

● **Band Camp** \$40.00
All students, to help cover band camp expenses and some food during the semester

● **School Instrument User Fees** \$80.00
(\$120.00 w/marching instrument)

● **Uniform Cleaning** \$15.00
All of the marching uniforms are new this year. You will check them out and back in for each performance. We will get them cleaned at least two or three times this fall.

● **Tuxedo Cleaning (guys only)** \$5.00
All of the tuxes have been cleaned. You take them home and are responsible to keep them in good shape for the year. We will get them cleaned again after the last concert in the spring.

● **Band Shirt** \$22.00 (XXL are \$24)
Same shirt as last year

● **Lyre and Flip Folder**
All students, except flags, need to have these items. They are available at local music stores. Please get these **BEFORE** band camp.

● **Hang Up Bag (optional)** \$23.00
This is an opportunity to get a nice hang up bag for yourself. It will have the school name and logo on each. This price is just an estimate at this time.

We anticipate two (10-12 grade) concert bands again this year. Auditions for the two concert bands will occur during September and October and will include scale work and some of the All State audition material. We've got a terrific group of Freshmen and Sophomores coming up and I know they will really add a great deal to the group! This will be the biggest Norman High Band in recent memory – it will be awesome!

Music will be available on the website shortly – download your music and the recordings. Remember that the recordings are just midi files and the group will sound much different, but it is a good reference. Please check regularly: www.nhsband.net or: <http://www.norman.k12.ok.us/site/nhsband/>

I hope your summer has been great. We're doing music from *The 60s*. I know this will be a fun show to play and the crowd will love it. Check online for recordings (now) and parts (in July). Anyway, enjoy the rest of the summer, get your “chops” in shape and get ready for a great school year! See you in a couple of weeks.

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