



Band Camp Basic Information for the Silver Spirit Marching Band 2009

Pre-Camp – Monday thru Friday, July 27 thru 31 – 8 a.m. – 12 noon

Pre-camp will be for percussion, guard, rookie camp and leadership days. During this time we will be going over many procedures and techniques to assure that everybody is consistent throughout the band season. Rookie Days will be Tuesday thru Thursday. Guard will report for pre-camp Tuesday thru Friday.

Rookie camp is required of all members that are new to the Silver Spirit Marching Band. During this time, the basic techniques of marching and playing will be taught so that all members will be ready to go on the first day of full band camp. Other students wishing to brush up on their marching basics are also welcome.

Full Band Camp – August 3 – 7 and August 10 - 14

Full band camp is required of all members of the Silver Spirit Marching Band. During this time, we will be learning the competition field show.

Mondays and Tuesdays

8:00 a.m. – 12 noon – outside setting drill
12 noon – 2:00 p.m. – Lunch
2:00 – 4:45 p.m. – inside music rehearsals
4:45 – 6:00 p.m. – dinner break
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. – outside putting music with drill

Wednesdays and Thursdays

8:00 a.m. – 12 noon – outside setting drill
12 noon – 2 p.m. – Lunch
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. – inside music rehearsals
3:30 – 6:00 p.m. – outside putting music with drill

Fridays

8 a.m. - 12 noon – outside setting drill and reviewing

Things you will need each day of camp:

- Your instrument, show music, reeds, and mouthpieces
- Lace up athletic shoes with proper arch support and thick athletic socks
- You should wear comfortable, light clothing. It will be hot.
- Sunscreen
- A hat
- Sunglasses
- Poker chips – (These will be used for setting drill. You can paint them to make them unique. They are available at many drug and retail stores. You will about 10, so go in with a friend and you should have plenty.)
- A notebook with about 100 clear pages. This is required of all student staff members. You will not be given a copy of drill if you do not have this item.
- Most importantly...A GREAT ATTITUDE!

Things you may wish to bring for your own use and comfort:

- A small water cooler
- An extra pair of socks and/or shoes
- A towel

Things you may not want to bring to camp:

- Any items or materials prohibited by school policy
- MP3 (iPods) players – The band will not be responsible for these kind of items.
- Unauthorized medications (all medications need to be checked into and distributed by the nurse.)

Note: Students are allowed to bring cell phones but they must be turned OFF when in any rehearsal session for the entire time.

If you are unexcused for any part of band camp, you will lose your spot in the competition show. You must contact Mr. Brady if you have an emergency. You may leave a message for Mr. Brady at 803-476-3439 or preferably by email at jbrady@lex5.k12.sc.us.

“Never trade what you want at the moment for what you want most”