

Frequently Asked Questions

Band Camp

- **What is the primary purpose of band camp?**
 - *Learn drill and music for this year's competitive show*
 - *Improve students' skills in a safe but isolated environment*
 - *Develop strong, lasting friendships*
- **When and where is band camp?**
 - *August 2nd to 8th*
 - *Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville, Illinois*
- **Who attends band camp?**
 - *All band and color guard students*
 - *LWE instructors and clinicians*
 - *Parent chaperones*
- **Is attending band camp optional?**
 - *No, all Marching Griffins are expected to attend*
 - *Missing camp puts a student at a huge disadvantage and will hinder their ability to perform their best at competitions in the fall*
 - *No "second string" or "bench players" to replace unprepared students*
- **Who supervises the students?**
 - *Each student is assigned a parent chaperone for the week*
 - *Other parent chaperones as needed*
 - *LWE instructors and clinicians*
 - **Is medical attention available?**
 - *Chaperones administer doctor approved prescription and over the counter medicine*
 - *Athletic trainer on staff for the week*
 - *Usually fortunate to have parent chaperones with medical training*
 - *Local hospital in Carlinville*
- **Where do the students eat and sleep?**
 - *All camp attendees receive three, all-you-can-eat meals per day in the camp's dining hall*
 - *Students sleep in dormitory style rooms, usually four to six per room*
- **What happens during a typical day at camp?**
 - *Morning wake-up call followed by light exercises (about 7am)*

- *Breakfast*
- *Instruction*
- *Lunch*
- *Recreational time (i.e. swimming, boating, basketball, volleyball)*
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- *Taps at bedtime (about 11pm)*
- **What should my student bring to camp?**
 - *One suitcase and blanket/pillow*
 - *Very little cash*
 - *Detailed list will be provided at mandatory meeting*
- **What should my student not bring to camp?**
 - *Video cameras and laptops are highly discouraged*
 - *Cooking appliances*
 - *Cell phone*
 - *Detailed list will be provided at mandatory meeting*
- **How do I get in contact with my student?**
 - *During non-instructional periods, students may borrow their chaperone's cell phone to phone home if necessary*
 - *Pay phone in the recreational center is also available during non-instructional periods*
 - *Emergency number for the camp will be provided, but is intended for emergencies*
- **Will we receive more detailed information?**
 - *Yes, at the mandatory band camp meeting on July 28th at 7pm*