



Lowndes High School Band
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To: All Members of the 2020 Georgia Bridgemen Marching Band

Re: Items for Band Camp

I hope all of you are looking forward to an exciting future with the Lowndes High Georgia Bridgemen. This letter is to provide you with information you will need to know about Band Camp and how to best prepare for those two weeks.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CAMP:

- A Flip Folder for your music. This can be purchased at Toads and Teacups. Go ahead and buy some extra pages as well. Simply walk in and tell them you need to purchase a Flip Folder and pages and they will know exactly what you are talking about. This will be what you use to keep all of your stand's music in order and all together.
- ALL BRASS PLAYERS will need some baseball batting gloves for rehearsal. Make sure you get batting gloves that are not sticky. Do not get gloves made for football players as they tend to have a tacky surface.
- All members will need a three ring binder with page protectors for your show music. Your name and section must appear on the outside of the binder.
- You may also want to purchase a lyre if you play Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Bari Sax, Alto Sax or Tenor Sax. No other instrument will need a lyre.
- **PERCUSSION ONLY** – a three ring binder with handbook and all music from lowndespercussion.com in sheet protectors and all sticks and mallets. All students in the percussion section should have a practice pad. Refer to www.lowndespercussion.com on what to purchase.
- You must make sure that your instrument is in proper working order. For example, all tuning slides move, pads are in good shape, keys are not sticking, plenty of reeds, etc...If you can't play what's the point?
- We provide water but if you would like to bring your own water jug that is fine.
- LOOSE CLOTHING, tennis shoes, hat, sunscreen and sunglasses. Please do not take this for granted. You will not be allowed on the field in any other type of a shoe than

tennis shoes. We will also be issuing you a mask to wear at all times when not playing. If you do not have the mask issued to you, you will not be allowed to attend camp.

- Have all issues with your music worked out before you get to camp. As much as you can get done over the next few days the better off you will be.
- And finally, NEVER come to a rehearsal without a pencil.

ROOKIE CAMP – July 16th – 9:00am-5:00pm (Lunch will be provided at the school. Please bring \$5 cash for lunch.)

- This is for all first year students in our band program.
- This will be an opportunity for all of our new members to get a head start on marching fundamentals.
- It is imperative that you are in attendance so we can give you a basic overview of what it is like to march while you play.

PRE CAMP – July 20-23 – 9:00am-5:00pm (You will need money for lunch. Lunch will be provided at the school. Please bring \$20 to turn in on Monday. Checks need to be payable to Lowndes High Band Boosters.)

- All Students must attend. Auxiliaries have a modified schedule. Please refer to your Facebook page for times this week.
- We will provide lunch each day at the school due to transportation and control of large crowds.
- At no time are drinks, food or gum allowed in the Band Room. If you bring your own water cooler, leave it in the hallway when you enter the band room.

BAND PICTURE DAY – July 24 – 7:30am

- You will need to be fully dressed in your uniform and on the field at 7:30am with your instrument. Freshman will not have their shoes at this time so you will need to wear black socks with tennis shoes.
- Much more information will be given the week prior to this day. THIS IS MANDATORY TO ATTEND!!!!

BAND CAMP – July 27-30 – 8:00am-8:30pm

- Mandatory for all students
- This is the week of all weeks. You will work harder this week than you ever thought you could. This is when we learn 80% of our show and attendance is imperative.

- We will do the same thing for lunch we did during Pre-Camp.
- We provide you dinner at the school and no one is allowed to leave during dinner.

REMINDERS:

- Nurses are available during Band Camp. If your child has a medicine that needs to be administered during the day, it will need to be checked in with our nurses the first day your student is on campus.
- Please spend some time outside over the next few days to get used to the heat. Cut the grass, edge the yard, go for walks but please get outside.
- Eat a good breakfast. You will need something on your stomach in the morning but please don't eat a lot of sugar or drink milk. Drink plenty of water all day long and drink plenty of water leading up to camp. It takes about a week for your body to become hydrated.
- If you missed the uniform fitting you need to go by White Weddings and get your uniform ordered.
- If anything arises over the summer, please do not hesitate to email me at jonbowman@lowndes.k12.ga.us