



To: All Members of the 2025 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 Danny's Music. You can also order them off of Amazon (Percussion and Guard do not need a flip folder). 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. **YOU WILL ALSO NEED A THREE RING BINDER FOR YOUR SHOW MUSIC IN SHEET PROTECTORS. YOUR BINDER NEEDS TO HAVE YOUR NAME AND SECTION ON THE FRONT COVER.**
- **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.
- 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.
- Have all issues with your music worked out before you get to camp. As much as you can get done over the summer the better off you will be.
- And finally, **NEVER** come to a rehearsal without a pencil.
- Lunch will be on site both weeks and dinner will be provided by the Booster Club the second week. You will be charged a one time meal fee of \$70.00 that will cover all of these meals as well as snacks and drinks throughout the season.

ROOKIE CAMP – July 17th – 9:00am-5:00pm (Lunch will be provided)

- 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 21-24 – 9:00am-5:00pm (Lunch will be on site. You will need to bring your \$70.00 meal fee for camp if you have not already paid)

- All Students must attend. Auxiliaries are on the same schedule.
- We will provide lunch all four days.
- 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 25th – 7:30am - Noon

- You will need to be fully dressed in your uniform and in the Big Gym 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 28th-31st – 8:00am-8:00pm (Lunch and dinner will be on site)

- 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 this summer 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