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**To: Band Parents and Band Students**

**RE: 2023 Marching Eagles Band Camp**

This packet of general information should be read by each band member and parents. Once again the High School Band will be holding their annual Marching Band Camp the 5th through the 9th of August 2024.

We will be holding the Camp at The Springs Camp over west of Gladwin. The Springs has been a wonderful facility for us the past few years and we look forward to going back again this year.

**IMPORTANT - Please return the Commitment form for Band Camp by first Friday in March!** Payment information is found on the registration form. **Mail the Medical form and the Registration form in by LAST Friday in March with the \$50 deposit.** The final payment is due by the last Friday in May.

## **STAFF**

As usual Band Boosters will be hiring additional staff members for this camp to assist with the teaching of our Marching Show. Besides me we will have the following instructors, a color guard instructor and a percussion instructor. We will also have a camp nurse hired by the Band Boosters to take care of our medical needs. The Camp Nurse will be there with us 24 hours a day and will oversee any and all medication or other medical needs. We also have several adults that serve as chaperones through the week. They will be spending the whole week with us at camp.

## **SCHEDULE (The short version)**

### **Monday**

6:45 AM Arrive to load school bus and band trailer

6:45 AM Parents sign students inside of Band Room

6:45 AM Parents check med forms and turn in all medications to the camp nurse (Make sure all meds are in their original container) - have a list already made of the medications along with directions

7:45 AM Leave Farwell High School

8:45 AM Arrive at "The Springs"

### **Friday**

4:30 PM - Parents sign out students at the Band Boosters table up at the main camp building. Also pick up meds from Camp Nurse. Then make your way down to the football field for the 5:00 performance.

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM Performance for parents, family and friends at "THE SPRINGS"

**Parents will need to take students home with them after the performance.**



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## CAMP RULES

1. The director and chaperones will not assume responsibility for extreme discipline problems. The parents of any student who creates such a problem by breaking school or camp rules will be asked to pick up their child immediately.
2. All students are expected to remain in camp for the full week unless an emergency arises.
3. Students are expected to cooperate with the staff and chaperones at all times.
4. Normal FHS rules are in effect.
5. All medications students need to have administered through the camp nurse. Please bring a paper with a list of all medications and directions for them to the camp nurse during registration on Monday.

## THE SPRINGS INFORMATION

The Springs provides three meals a day served buffet style and the facilities for work and fun. They also provide great facilities for housing and rehearsals. The Springs is located on M30 north of M61 on the west side of Gladwin.

## PARENTS

Your child **MUST** have all medical forms filled out to attend camp. Please mail these medical forms in with your registration papers and first payment **BY last Friday in March.**

**On the first day of Band Camp PARENTS WILL NEED TO CHECK THEIR STUDENT AND MEDICATIONS IN WITH OUR CAMP NURSE WHEN YOU DROP YOUR STUDENT(S) OFF AT THE BAND ROOM ON MONDAY MORNING. All Medications must be checked in with the Camp Nurse for the week.** Students are not allowed to have any medications in their possession for this week. Make sure all your students medications are in the original containers with label. You are welcome and encouraged to come to camp anytime the five days we will be there and observe our activities. We have several adults that will be staying the entire week as chaperones as well. Again, communicate with me if you have any questions or concerns about this year's Band Camp.

## STUDENTS

Do not wait until the week before camp to start getting yourself into shape. This means physically and also getting your chops ready for playing. You will **NOT BE** a **HAPPY CAMPER** if you do. Read the list of what to bring carefully so there are not any surprises. (like swimsuits)

**Here's to a great Band Camp and Marching Season!**

**MR. SHIMMONS**

**Band Director - Farwell Area Schools**



## ITEMS NEEDED FOR CAMP

- \*BAND INSTRUMENT and MARCH BAND SHOES
- \*CLOTHES FOR 5 DAYS (**With several extra sets as you may end up getting wet**)– Be prepared for cool mornings and hot days. Clothes should be casual. **Shirts with sleeves are required at all meals!**
- \*ATHLETIC SHOES AND SOCKS – In addition, you will need to have two pairs of good shoes (One can be your marching shoes and the others should be good tennis shoes) which will give good support to your feet; this is very important if you have one pair get wet. DO NOT bring new shoes because this will give you blisters. Also, socks are required for the protection of your feet. NO SANDALS are allowed on the field.
- \*RAIN GEAR – it WILL rain and we will get wet!
- \*TOWELS AND WASHCLOTHS and any other items you consider essential for grooming (I.e. soap, shampoo, etc.)
- \*BEDDING – Sheets (single bed), Pillow and Pillow Case, Mattress Pad (if Desired)), Blanket or Sleeping Bag.
- SWIMSUIT (If Desired) (One piece for ladies or you can wear a t-shirt over your top)
- \*NO SWIMSUITS OR HALTER TOPS at rehearsals
- \*SUNGLASSES AND HAT (Required at all rehearsals)
- \*WATER BOTTE OR PERSONAL COOLER FOR WATER AT THE PRACTICE FIELD.
- \*FLIP FOLDER AND LYRE for Brass and Woodwind members (can be obtained at camp but you SHOULD already have these items)
- \*INSTRUMENT needs such as Valve Oil, Cork Grease, Reeds, etc.
- ANTI-CHAFFING POWDER
- \*SUNSCREEN
- \*MOSQUITO REPELLENT
- \*MONEY for your extra activities and Snacks – Snacks and Beverages will be available at the concessions stand. Don't bring large amounts of money.
- \*A GREAT ATTITUDE
- \*FAN
- \*LIMIT \*\*\*ONE LARGE SUITCASE\*\*\*

## WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP:

**T.V.'s and game stations or handheld games of any kind**

**Any illegal drugs or alcohol will be reported to the proper authorities and will result in immediate removal from camp at the student's expense**