



June 30, 2017

Dear Parents and Students:

Please find information for Marching Band Camp (Week #1) and Marching Band Camp (Week # 2) enclosed in this letter. All rehearsals will be held at AHS from 4:00pm-8:30pm(Week #1) in the band room and a few other areas in the building as well as the stadium field. Week #2 from 4:00pm-8:30pm M-T and 6:30am-1:00pm W-F. The changes from one week to the next are due to summer school schedules so please be flexible.

Band camp rehearsals are required to ensure we are as successful during the 2017 season. Please take some time to read all of the information in this letter and get familiar with the expectations of these two weeks of camp so we all can have a great experience. There will be a **\$25.00** band camp fee per student for use of the building and utilities if you have not already paid with your other fees. Please turn in your money for all fees before the camp weeks at sectionals or when you return your permission form on the first day of camp. We prefer that families pay with a check or money order made payable to **Arcadia Instrumental Boosters**. This covers both weeks of camp. When you arrive, please enter through the gate between the gym and the auditorium.

- Meals:** Eat a good meal before coming to rehearsals. We will have snacks but we will not be providing a main meal.
- Mid-Morning Lunch:** All students are expected to bring their lunch for the 3 days we have MORNING rehearsal during week #2.
- Hydration:** Everyone must hydrate before and during rehearsals. Proper hydration is the key to tolerating the weather conditions in Arizona.
- Practicing:** Students are expected to take their instruments home and work out any problems so they are ready for the next day of rehearsal. Do not leave any personal belongings or equipment in the band room after rehearsal.
- Snack Donations:** We need families to donate items like, chewy granola bars, fruit snacks, etc, please bring them in on the first day of camp.
- Pool Party:** Mr. Gardner's house. Sat, July 22.
- SUN SPLASH:** We will organize an evening at Sun Splash in Mesa. This will take place on Friday, July 28.

Please sign and return the behavior expectations contract on the first day of camp along with outstanding fees if you have not already done so. If you have any questions, please contact me. jgardner@susd.org

I am looking forward to a great time with the students and making great progress toward our 2017 marching band season.

Sincerely,

Jan M. Gardner II
Director
Spirit of Arcadia
Marching Band

Daily required materials for Band Camp

Please be sure to have all items on day 1

__Black 1 1/2 inch binder

__Clear page protectors (50 plus count) 8 1/2x 11

__Instrument/ guard equipment etc.

__Music

__Reeds, oil, sticks, stick tape, flag tape (whatever pertains to you)

__Pencil (s)

__Gallon water jug (Please fill your jug with water at home)

__Gym shoes (no flip flops). All gym shoes must be tied snug.

__Sunscreen/ Chap stick

__Socks

__Hat, sunglasses

__Light colored/ white T-shirt

__Shorts (No long pants) All clothing must be school appropriate

__Towel for sitting during stretching

CELL PHONE USAGE:

Cell phones are to remain on silent during rehearsal and kept in a safe place.

Please remember that our primary focus for band camp is to learn how to march and work on our music for the fall season. Do not bring any type of toys or items that are potential problems. If you have to consider if it would be a problem, do not bring it.

Daily Camp Procedures/Rules

1. Eat a good early dinner/ breakfast and hydrate before you arrive for rehearsal. All meals should be suitable for participating in the Arizona weather. Please fill water jugs with **WATER only**. Absolutely no energy drinks, sweet sugary drinks, sodas and anything of the sort.
2. Know the daily schedule. This schedule will generally be the same every day. However, it could change depending on weather and other unforeseen circumstances. Be flexible.
3. Stay in our rehearsal areas only. Please comply with requests made by the director and staff.
4. Report all injuries or illness immediately to Mr. Gardner or band staff.
5. Your behavior should reflect the pride and spirit of the Arcadia Marching Band. The director reserves the right to send any student home as indicated in the behavior expectations. Please follow instructions and listen to the director and staff.
6. While rehearsing, everyone is required to dress in a manner that is school appropriate. Everyone must wear a light colored t-shirt. Girls are **NOT** permitted to wear bikini tops, etc. and boys must wear a shirt. In addition, all students must wear **shorts** (not long pants) and gym shoes. We cannot evaluate your feet/ ankles for marching when you are wearing pants and you cannot march properly in anything but gym shoes.
7. While outside, you will be in the sun and on task for a few hours daily so take advantage of resting time and save your energy when you are given time to do so. Most injuries take place during down-time because of horsing around. Please do not jeopardize your safety and health.
8. Be sure to apply sunscreen before you arrive in the morning and reapply during breaks when time permits.
9. Please remember that band camp is a school-sponsored activity and all school rules apply.
10. Once you arrive at AHS for rehearsal, you will not be leaving until the conclusion of the rehearsal. No one is allowed to leave the campus for any reason.
11. **EVERYONE MUST EAT!** You do not want to be ill because you did not eat.
12. Every day, there will be an activity planned by the leadership team to foster camaraderie and teamwork. All members must be present for every activity.
13. No cell phones, iPods, etc in pockets or on your person during any rehearsals at band camp and during the school year. They are a distraction to the learning process. Keep them on silent and put away in a safe place.

Daily Band Camp Schedule

Week # 1 Monday, July 17- Friday, July 21

3:45pm	Arrive at AHS.
3:57	Be in your rehearsal arc at parade rest with your instrument/equipment ready for attendance. Any information that pertains to the rehearsal will be announced at this time. You must arrive by 3:45 so you can be ready to start @ 4:00.
4:00-5:30	Music rehearsal/ guard sectional.
5:30-6:00	Activity/Snack
6:00-8:15	Marching Basics and Drill
8:15pm	Everyone back to the band room. Put all equipment away. Recap of the day and announcements in the band room.
8:30pm	Dismiss

Saturday, July 22. Car Wash 6:30am- 12:00 and Pool Party at Mr. Gardner's house. Time- TBA

Week # 2 Monday, July 24- Friday, July 28

MON-TUE

3:45pm	Arrive at AHS.
3:57	Be in your rehearsal arc at parade rest with your instrument/equipment ready for attendance. Any information that pertains to the rehearsal will be announced at this time. You must arrive by 3:45 so you can be ready to start @ 4:00.
4:00-5:30	Music rehearsal/ guard sectional.
5:30-6:00	Activity/Snack
6:00-8:15	Marching Basics and Drill
8:15pm	Recap of the day and announcements in the band room.
8:30pm	Dismiss

Week # 2 Monday, July 24- Friday, July 28

WED-FRI

6:15am	Arrive at AHS.
6:25am	Be in your rehearsal arc at parade rest with your instrument/equipment ready for attendance. Any information that pertains to the rehearsal will be announced at this time. You must arrive by 6:15am so you can be ready to start @ 6:25am.
6:40-9:15am	Marching basics and Drill (a snack break will be part of this time)
9:30-9:45	Activity
9:45-10:05	Mid-morning lunch (Everyone must bring their own food) Instructions will be given for the rest of the morning.
10:10-12:30	Music and sectional rehearsals.
12:45	Recap of the day and announcements in the band room.
1:00pm	Dismiss

We will organize an evening at Sun Splash in Mesa at the end of this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS !

0-Hour Class:

Our first 0-hour class will be on Tue, Aug 8. Please arrive by **6:15** am.



**AHS Band Camp Student Behavior Expectations /Consequences
and Permission to attend Band Camp**

Expectations

- ~ No student will leave AHS during band camp.
- ~ All students will abide by any and ALL school rules outlined in the band camp information packet.
- ~ Students will be responsible for cleaning the school rehearsal areas.
- ~ All students will attend all activities.
- ~ Any kind of public display of affection and inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
- ~ Fighting of any kind is cause for an automatic expulsion from camp and from the marching band program.
- ~ Hazing of any kind (verbal/physical) is cause for an automatic expulsion from camp and from the marching band program.

Consequences:

For violation of most expectations

- ~ Student will be addressed by Mr. Gardner (first offense)
- ~ Parent will be notified and student could be sent home (second offense)

For serious infringements of expectations

- ~ Student will be sent home from band camp and possibly removed from the AHS instrumental music program.

I have read and understand the behavior expectations and consequences for band camp and give permission for my child to attend all rehearsals and functions relating to band camp.

Parent Signature

Date _____

Student Signature

Date _____