

Marching Band Camp 2023



TO PARENTS AND BAND MEMBERS:

We hope you are looking forward to this week of work, study, and fun. The purpose of this camp is to prepare the Solon High School Marching Band for the 2023 marching season.

Band camp is a requirement for participation in band

FACTS ABOUT MARCHING BAND CAMP

Rehearsals BEFORE band camp

The following **pre-band camp** rehearsal dates are MANDATORY and **take place at Solon HS**

July 17-21

- Percussion 9am-3pm

July (TBA)

- Leadership Symposium (Squad Leaders and Section Leaders) 9am-12pm

July 19-21

- Leaders/New Marchers 9am-12pm

July 21st - Full Band 9am-12pm

BAND CAMP DATES: (University of Mount Union)

Sunday, July 23, 2023 through Friday, July 28, 2023

PLACE: University of Mount Union - 1972 Clark Ave., Alliance, Ohio

TIMES:

Meet at SHS at 9am on Sunday. We will return to SHS on Friday by 4:00 p.m. at Solon High School. We will have a performance in the stadium upon completion of camp. Parents should arrive early as this is an estimated time of completion. In the past we have performed before 4:30. Notifications of when we leave camp will go out on the Band App.

MEALS:

All meals are provided by University of Mount Union except lunch on Sunday (see packing list)

STAFF:

- One Director, 3 Assistant Directors
- College instructors
- Parent male & female chaperones
- Doctor and/or Nursing assistance

COST:

Please remember, band camp is considered mandatory in order to participate in marching band and general band. The required camp fee: **\$350.00 per student**. **All fees are due by July 1st**. If a payment plan needs to be made, please contact Nitin Joshi, SMP Treasurer (treasurer@solonmusicparents.org) by **May 26, 2023**.

Should any student need financial assistance with band camp fees, there are some funds available through grants made possible by Solon Music Parents Club. These grants are limited and are based on need. **All requests must be made in writing to bandcampgrants@solonmusicparents.org by June 1**. **All requests will be kept strictly confidential by the SMP president, treasurer, and Mr. Mauldin.**

ADDITIONAL OUT OF POCKET COSTS:

- Marching shoes – Order forms for new marchers and any replacements needed will be available prior to band camp. These will be included in the New Marcher Pack. Replacements for existing marchers can also be purchased, for approximately \$35. Details to follow on days for shoe fittings. Sometimes, students are able to purchase used shoes available from previous band members who have graduated. Contact Band Officers for information on purchasing used shoes.
- Marching band t-shirt - ALL band members are required to have a marching band shirt. They are used for parades and other band related activities. If you have a band shirt from last year, you can continue to use it or replace it if needed. Replacements will cost between \$8-10 and will be available for purchase on the SMP website. For new marchers, this t-shirt is included in the New Marcher Pack. Shirts will be handed out at band camp and worn for the first performance on Friday.
- Gloves - They are required for all marchers except Percussion and Starlettes. These will be available for purchase prior to football games for \$2. **TWO** pairs of gloves are included in the New Marcher Pack.
- Flip folios and lyres are required. These are included in the New Marcher Pack. For returning students, you may reuse the one you have or these can be purchased a variety of ways - see Band Officers for used ones.
- Section T-shirts will be funded through SMP this year. These can be purchased through the website for returning marchers. The cost is included in the New Marcher Pack.
- \$5 contribution to the section basket for Jazz Fest. This fee is included in the New Marcher Pack.

PAYMENT:

Please submit your payment **ahead of the July 1st** deadline for forms and payment. Options for payment are listed below. **Cash is not accepted.**

Payments can be made via Debit Card, Credit Card, or by check made payable to **Solon Music Parents**. Send checks to SMP; Solon High School; 33600 Inwood Road, Solon, OH 44139.

1. To pay using a debit or credit card, go to the online Store on the SMP website (www.solonmusicparents.org) after completing the electronic forms. Be sure you include your student(s) Student Id number in the comments area so we can match your payment to your

student(s). There is a credit card use fee.

2. To pay by check, print the payment sheet at the end of this packet and include a check made out to **Solon Music Parents** for the appropriate amount and mail to the address on the payment sheet. Mail your checks as soon as your electronic forms are completed to allow for the additional time needed for mailing and manual handling of your check. Again, make your check payable to **Solon Music Parents**. **We cannot accept any checks that are not made out to Solon Music Parents.**

MANDATORY BAND CAMP FORMS:

All electronic forms are due no later than **July 1st**. These forms serve as your reservation for Band Camp. There are **three** electronic forms that must be completed and they are all on the SMP website:

- Parent form - to give emergency contact info
- Student form
- Health Form completed by Parent - private and only accessible by staff dispersing medication

A parent form **MUST** be filled out for **EACH** student in addition to each individual student's form.

Additionally, a Facebook page and BAND messaging app for Solon High School Band 2023-24 will be created in May. The link to the page will be communicated via email, the SMP website (www.solonmusicparents.org) and the SMP Facebook group, so you can request to join the "Solon High School Band 2023-2024" Facebook page. It is a private Facebook page.

If you have trouble accessing or submitting the electronic forms, please send an email to bandcamp@solonmusicparents.org. Please include your band student's first and last name in the subject line of the email request. You will need to provide a contact/phone number in your email.

CAMP ROOMS:

The majority of rooms are connecting doubles. We will do our best to accommodate roommate preferences to the best of our ability. However, some students may not be placed with their first choice. Roommate requests will **NOT** be reserved if band camp fees are not paid by July 1. The sign up genius for roommates will go out early in the summer. There are very limited single rooms and will be first reserved for the adults. Freshman will not be placed in singles unless absolutely necessary. Students are not allowed to hang out in other rooms during band camp week nor can they switch rooms without conferring with the band camp chaperones. Snacks are allowed for the dorm room. Fridges and microwaves are available.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION:

Please download the BAND app on your mobile device. Request to join the "Solon High School Band 2023-2024". This is the fastest way Mr. Mauldin communicates with the students and parents as far as important, timely notifications during band camp and during the marching band season.

MEDICAL AND OTHER INFORMATION:

It is important that you use the Medical Form to provide us the necessary information for your student to attend camp safely. Please use the form to inform us if there is anything about your child's medical history the band directors should know. Please note any medical information is not shared

with the adult chaperones unless the parent gives permission on the medical form.

Students with special diets (gluten free, vegan, vegetarian) will be able to find appropriate foods at camp. Any special diet issues outside the above, please include this information in the appropriate place on the electronic forms.

Knee and ankle supports are allowed and should be brought by students if needed. If support is provided to a student during camp, your child will need to cover the cost during or immediately following camp.

Some over the counter medications (ibuprofen, acetaminophen, benadryl cream (for bites or rashes), pepto bismol, tums) will be in the medical bag. Permission for disbursement by band camp staff will need to be given on the medical form. ALL prescription medicine required by students for the week will need to be listed on the medical form and given to Mr. Luce Sunday morning prior to leaving for band camp. Students are not allowed to pack prescription medication.

If students become ill during band camp week, chaperones will call parents to pick up the student. If fever or vomit free for 24 hours, the student may return.

BAND CAMP IS A SCHOOL FUNCTION:

ALL policies and consequences from the Solon High School Handbook apply to bandcamp. Students found in violation of any policy will result in the parent/guardian being called to collect their student. The student will not be allowed to return to camp, all fees and costs are forfeited, and the student may face further disciplinary consequences upon returning to school. Please advise your student on excellent conduct and no substance use.

ADULT CHAPERONES:

We will be looking for a few parent chaperones to volunteer at band camp. The number needed will be determined by how many adult staff/teaching assistants will also serve as chaperones. Spaces are limited and meals/rooms are covered. It is a first come, first serve basis but we will give priority to parents who can stay the entire week since room turnovers are complicated (no housekeeping) and the chaperone rooms on the floors are gender specific. If we determine there are not enough parents able to stay the entire time, we will consider splitting up the week.

The district does require a background check and fingerprinting prior to camp but the cost is free. There will be some downtime to do work online if required. Please email bandcamp@solonmusicparents.org if interested. Additional information will go out at a later date.

EXAMPLE BAND CAMP ITINERARY:

Sunday - arrive at band camp - have lunch outdoors - take belongings to room
Practice
Dinner
Practice

Activity: Dodge ball

Bed check/lights out

Monday - Thursday

Wake up

Roll call - dance rehearsal

Breakfast

Marching

Lunch

Small groups - indoor sectionals

Free time

Dinner

Marching

Special evening activity with Thursday night as Senior night

Bed check/lights out

Friday

Normal morning schedule with packing up room/checking out after lunch - return by 4:30pm

SENIOR NIGHT - This is a band camp tradition where Seniors share with Freshmen what Marching band has meant to them. Sophomores and Juniors will be in a separate activity and Freshmen will join them after the Senior presentation. We will need a parent volunteer(s) to help plan the food for the evening and arrange for supplies and help set up (plates, napkins, cups, etc.) on Thursday. However, please note parents do not stay for the event. If you are interested in spearheading this event or would like more information, please email bandcampinfo@solonmusicparents.org.

PACKING LIST:

- o Lunch with drink for Sunday after arrival
- o Water bottle(s)
- o Pencils (2)
- o Alarm clock
- o Flashlight (recommended)
- o Pillow & pillow case
- o Linens for a twin bed and/or Sleeping Bag
- o Towels/washcloths/bathmat
- o Shorts & T-shirts for 5 days plus extras. It is summer and the students are outside most of the day. Compression shorts for boys and medium length shorts for girls are **STRONGLY** recommended to prevent chafing.

- o Sweatshirt & Pants
- o Rain Gear (we may be marching in the rain, at times.)

- o Toiletries (Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Deodorant, Soap, Shampoo, Hairbrush/Comb, Contact Lens Supplies/Glasses, Feminine Products, Blistex or Chapstick, Gold Bond Powder, nail clippers)
- o LOTS of socks – 12 well-cushioned new pairs that cover the ankle
- o **Sunscreen** – this is very important that you bring and use your sunscreen every day!
- o Sunglasses, and/or hat or visor
- o Bug spray
- o Personal first aid items: Band-Aids, Bengay, blister pads, tweezers, ace bandages, knee and/or ankle braces, etc...
- o 2 pairs of GOOD marching shoes (athletic shoes made of leather or canvas, no vinyl or plastic). No Crocs. Absolutely no sandals or open-toed shoes will be permitted on the marching field.

DO NOT BRING:

Stereos, TV's, or coolers. (Audio players with headphones are OK).

INSTRUMENT and rehearsal items:

- Be sure it is in EXCELLENT playing condition; have instrument inspected before band camp.
- Bring valve oil, slide oil, **EXTRA REEDS**, extra drumsticks, and tape.
- Have all of your music, your instrument, lyre and flip folio, a pencil and a water bottle at each rehearsal. *THESE REHEARSALS WILL COVER MARCHING FUNDAMENTALS, MUSIC REHEARSAL, LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATION, AND CAMP INFORMATION.*

AFTER BAND CAMP

After band camp the following mandatory rehearsals will take place:

- August 8th - Full band rehearsal 6-8:30pm
- August 9th - Full band 6-8:30pm
- August 10th - Full band 6-8:30pm
- Every Wednesday after school starts during football season from **6:30p.m.-8:30p.m.** starting **August 16th****

NOTE: FOOTBALL SEASON WILL BEGIN ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 AND CONTINUE FOR TEN CONSECUTIVE WEEKS. The complete schedule may be seen on the Solon Schools website (www.solonschools.org) under athletics when published and will be posted on the calendar at the www.solonmusicparents.org website. If the football team makes the playoffs, the season is extended and attendance at all games is mandatory. *Note: Playoff games may be held on either Fridays or Saturdays.**

Questions? Please email bandcamp@solonmusicparents.org

Band Camp 2023 Payment

All checks should be made payable to SOLON MUSIC PARENTS

Please fill out this payment sheet and include it along with your check payment. Summary amounts are:

Payment for student: \$350.00

Check # _____

Student Last Name	Student First Name	Student Id Number*

Mail or Drop off this payment sheet and your check made payable to **Solon Music Parents** to:

Solon Music Parents - Band Camp 2023
Solon High School
33600 Inwood Road
Solon OH, 44139

Thank you!

*Student ID is needed for tracking purposes only. It allows us to connect all the data submitted and your payment to your student(s).