



BAND CAMP BULLETIN 2026

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STUDENTS: Screenshot these pages and bring to camp!

**PARENTS: PLEASE READ THIS BULLETIN COMPLETELY AND WRITE DOWN ANY
NECESSARY CONTACT INFORMATION**

PREPARATION FOR CAMP

We are preparing to have a fun, productive, and intense experience at band camp this year. The foundation for a great season is set at camp, and we will continue our mission for musical excellence by putting great effort into putting our first show of the season on the field at a high standard.

REMEMBER:

1. Repetitive and accurate practice is the best way to memorize. Try to memorize articulation and dynamics at the same time you are working on notes and rhythm. It will be easier than relearning these areas later. 2. Every member comes to us with a unique level of pre-existing physical fitness. Work throughout the summer towards building your endurance and strength so you can meet the demands of marching rehearsals. Eating lots of protein, fruits and vegetables, as well as going on a fast walk, light jog, or bike ride each day will make your body and mind more healthy and happy. It will also make the physical demands of marching so much easier. 3. Summer attendance at rehearsals is mandatory without an excused absence, and this includes band camp. To request an excused absence for any band commitment, reach out to Mr. Boyden or Mr. Sarns at least two weeks in advance of the absence. Please consult the syllabus for more detailed information.

CAMP FEES

The total amount due for camp this year is \$350. **A \$100 deposit (made payable to "MSBP") will be due on July 22.** Payments can be mailed in (1121 Seminole Road, Attn: Band), or dropped off at the high school in the band mailbox. **The remaining balance of \$250 will be due by Thursday, August 6 at band camp check-in.** Scholarships are available to families based on need. An application was sent out in a previous email.

CAMP ADDRESS

Eagle Village
5044 175th Ave
Hersey, MI 49639

CONTACT INFORMATION

Daniel Fearnley, Camp Director 231-670-3005 (voice or text) email: drfearnley@icloud.com.
Eagle Village – (231) 832-2234 website: www.eaglevillage.org

If you are reading reviews about the camp, please know that Eagle Village Camp runs structured and supervised treatment programs for troubled teens and families on a separate campus from our camp. There is no interaction between the two campuses. There are several other successful marching band programs and sports programs that utilize this camp as their base for summer camps.

PLEASE NOTE: The Eagle Village contact number is provided for emergencies only, in the event the Camp Director or a designee are not reachable. Any inquiries about camp should be routed to the Camp Director and not Eagle Village Staff if at all possible.



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WHAT TO BRING

- ☐ Instrument in good playing condition - **EXTRA REEDS, VALVE OIL, SLIDE GREASE, ETC.**- Reeds and repairs will not be available at camp
- ☐ **Notebook with music in clear plastic windows** (wind and percussion only)
- ☐ Folding music stand with your name on both sections (wind and percussion only)
- ☐ Binder clips for windy rehearsals
- ☐ Packaged, healthy snacks such as cereal bars, energy bars, etc.
- ☐ **Bedding** - sheets, blankets (or sleeping bag), pillow
- ☐ Towels, wash cloths, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste
- ☐ **LIGHT RAINCOAT OR PONCHO**
- ☐ Cool clothing for field work (shorts, T-shirts, etc. must be loose enough to permit freedom of movement required for marching)
- ☐ Warm clothing (sweatshirts, sweatpants, jackets, etc.)
- ☐ **GOOD ATHLETIC SHOES (2 pairs) AND ATHLETIC SOCKS (at least 10 pairs) FOR DRILL WORK. THIS IS A MUST TO HELP AVOID FOOT AND ANKLE INJURIES. BRINGING MORE THAN ENOUGH PAIRS OF SHOES AND SOCKS WILL BE VITAL FOR RAINY BAND CAMPS!!!!**
- ☐ Swim suit (if planning on swimming) – 2 outdoor swimming pools available
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ **WATER JUG**
- ☐ **BUG SPRAY**
- ☐ **SUN BLOCK**
- ☐ **HAT** for sun protection

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- If you want to listen to music, bring headphones. No TV's, laptops, Gaming Systems or other large electronic devices, please.
- **No juice or soft drinks are allowed in the cabins. WATER ONLY.**
 - Use your head. If you have a question about whether or not to bring something, ***don't*** bring it.

CELL PHONE POLICY

- Students will be allowed to bring a cell phone to camp **as long as the device is registered with the band parent chaperones**. Registration will take place at band camp check-in.
- Use of phones is **prohibited during rehearsals**. Phones will be confiscated by staff members/chaperones if used at inappropriate times.
- Phones may be **checked-in with cabin chaperones at lights out each night**. Availability of these devices to students during overnight hours will be at the discretion of the individual cabin chaperones.
- **Use of an unregistered phone, including using the phone of another student will result in confiscation and/or disciplinary action up to and including being sent home.**



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LUGGAGE

Each student will be allowed 1 reasonably sized suitcase, 1 carry-on bag, a separate bag for bedding/pillow, and instrument. **Some type of luggage/bag is encouraged as plastic/garbage bags do not fair well in loading or unloading.**

MEDICAL INFORMATION AND MEDICAL FORMS

Any and all medication being taken by students and the method of dispensing it **MUST** be registered with one of the camp nurses and listed on your health form. **NO STUDENT WILL BE TAKEN TO CAMP WITHOUT A COMPLETED HEALTH FORM. MEDICAL FORMS WILL BE COLLECTED AT PRE-CAMP AND ARE DUE BY July 30th.**

CONCERNING CAMP RULES

- Make up your mind to heed the rules. Remember, an outstanding group is made up of individuals who have enough maturity to relate their behavior to the well-being of the whole organization. Poor choices hinder our progress.
- **The Mona Shores Co-Curricular Code of Conduct dictates that students caught in possession or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or tobacco will be restricted from participating from 1/3 of performances for one calendar year. THIS APPLIES TO STUDENTS WHO BREAK THE CODE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL OR CAMP, EVEN DURING THE SUMMER AND ON WEEKENDS. DO NOT BREAK THIS CODE, AS YOU MAY BE PERMANENTLY REMOVED FROM THE MARCHING BAND BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO PERFORM.**
- Mona Shores Public Schools has a clearly defined, district-wide anti-hazing policy. Hazing of any kind will not be tolerated, should be reported immediately and directly to Mr. Boyden, Mr. Sarns or Ms. Sanford, and will be referred to school administration for disciplinary action. Student leaders, staff and band camp chaperones undergo training to understand what hazing is and how to prevent it, and camp is structured in a manner that promotes esprit de corps and mutual respect for all members of our band, both new and experienced.





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CAMP RULES: PARENTS AND STUDENTS - PLEASE READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY!

The rules listed below should be thoroughly understood by both students and parents. All parents should read this list carefully and go over it with your children. These rules will be the same for all band activities throughout the school year.

The Mona Shores student code of conduct will be in effect.

- Avoid behavior that is potentially injurious to any individual including yourself, or detrimental to the welfare of the band.
- **BE EARLY TO ALL ACTIVITIES.** This will contribute to our success at camp and throughout the year. ●
DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CABIN OR ROOM WITHOUT PERMISSION.
- All students are responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the cabins and general camp facilities. Those who litter or fail to do his/her fair share to keep our camp clean will be subject to disciplinary action.
- Use good sense and manners in the dining hall.
- Please dress in a manner that is respectful of others. Clothing that includes profane or inappropriate content (i.e. sexual innuendo, references to drugs or alcohol or discriminatory content) is strictly prohibited. Additionally, all undergarments (including sports bras) should be concealed beneath one's clothes.
- **WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE!!!!**
- Do not embarrass yourself and others with public displays of affection.
- **NO STUDENT IS ALLOWED IN ANY CABIN OTHER THAN THEIR ASSIGNED CABIN FOR ANY REASON. ●**
Respect the property of other band members, the school, and the camp at all times. **IF YOU BREAK/DAMAGE SOMETHING, YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO PAY FOR REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT.**
- **NO VISITORS AT CAMP. ONLY REGISTERED CHAPERONES/STAFF ARE ALLOWED AT CAMP.** Students will not be allowed to leave camp for any length of time.
- NO SMOKING OR USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS
- NO USE OF ALCOHOL OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (Bags will be inspected)
- NO DISOBEDIENCE OR RUDENESS TOWARDS ANY STAFF MEMBER OR COUNSELOR
- NO MAKING THREATS TOWARD/INTIMIDATION OF OTHER BAND MEMBERS
- NO LEAVING CABIN OR DORMITORY AFTER LIGHTS OUT
- NO UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FROM ANY CAMP ACTIVITY

CONSEQUENCES FOR BREAKING RULES CAN INCLUDE LOSS OF FREE TIME AT CAMP, RESTRICTION FROM EVENING ACTIVITIES, AND FOR MORE SERIOUS OFFENSES, BEING SENT HOME AT THE PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' EXPENSE, SUSPENSION FROM BAND AND/OR CONSEQUENCES FROM DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.



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☐ **CHECK-IN PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR CAMP**

Mandatory check-in will be Thursday August 6th 4:00pm-6:00pm. **PLEASE** come to check-in prepared with:

- A parent/guardian must be present at check-in
- Any outstanding balance due for Camp Fees
- Luggage
- Cell phone for registration (This is only required if you intend to bring your phone to camp – see Page 2).
- Medical Forms and medication (****IMPORTANT**** All prescriptions must be in the original labeled containers and have *only* the quantity required to be administered during camp and no more.)

☐ **BAND CAMP SCHEDULE**

Friday, AUGUST 7

7:00am Report to school, board busses
7:15am Depart MSHS
9:15am Arrive, unload, introduction/rehearsal on field
11:00am-12:00pm Cabin/counselor assignments announced on field, move into cabins
12:15pm Lunch
12:45pm Rest (everyone in cabins and quiet for rest period)
1:30pm-4:00pm Rehearsal
5:30pm Dinner
6:30pm-9:00pm Rehearsal - type and location TBA
9:15pm Orientation, Senior/Freshman Buddy Ceremony in the Activity Center 10:45pm In cabins/ready for bed
11:00pm Taps/LIGHTS OUT

Saturday - Monday, AUGUST 8-10

7:00am Reveille/WAKE UP
7:15am Breakfast/Clean-up
8:30am - 12:00pm Rehearsal
12:15pm Lunch
12:45pm Rest (everyone in cabins and quiet for rest period)
1:30pm - 4:00pm Rehearsal -location TBA
4:00pm Recreation/individual practice
5:30pm Dinner
6:30pm - 9:00pm Rehearsal – type and location TBA
9:15pm Evening activity
10:45pm In cabins/ready for bed
11:00pm Taps/LIGHTS Out

Tuesday, AUGUST 11

7:00am Reveille/WAKE UP
7:15am Breakfast
9:00am-12:00pm Rehearsal
12:15pm Lunch
1:00pm-4:00pm Final run-throughs on field
4:00pm Load Buses and Depart Camp
6:00pm Arrive at MSHS, Students dismissed, Camp officially ends