

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY BAND CAMPS INFORMATION

A MORE DETAILED PACKET, COMPLETE WITH 2025 SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED MAY, 2025

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (Schedule may change):

Sunday, June 8

- 10:00am–12:00pm **Camp Check-In at the Music Building** [101 Pleasant St. San Marcos, TX]. Instructions regarding dorms will be available at check-in. Lunch will be on your own.
- 1:00pm–1:30pm **Parent/Camper meeting at Evans Auditorium**. The faculty and staff will be introduced, camp guidelines will be addressed, and registration for private lessons will occur. After this meeting, parents may leave their student at the music building for auditions and depart. Students will, then, be guided by the staff.
- 2:00pm **Students are in Music Building for auditions**; will meet in the lobby after they play, and will begin moving in guided groups to gather and have a little down time before dinner. *Commuters* will remain with the camp during this time.
- 5:00pm **Dinner** (paid for in tuition, including *Commuters*)
- 6:30pm–7:20pm First and only *evening* **Middle School Band rehearsal** for all MS Campers.

Following rehearsal, Middle School Commuter Campers may be picked up at Music Building. Middle School Resident Campers will be escorted to the dorm.
- 7:30pm–8:20pm First and only *evening* **High School Band rehearsal** for all HS Campers.

Following rehearsal, High School Commuter Campers may be picked up at Music Building. High School Resident Campers will be escorted to the dorm.

Mon-Thurs June 9-12 General Daily Schedule

- 8:00am-noon Band rehearsals, Sectionals, and Masterclasses
12:00pm Lunch in university cafeteria (note: *Commuters* included)
1:30pm-5:30pm Guest performances, classes, and band rehearsals
5:30pm Dinner in university cafeteria (note: *Commuters* pay if staying for evening activity)
6:30-10:00 Each evening provides a different activity for MS and HS Campers

Mon-Thurs June 9-12 Evening Activities

Activities will be provided to the campers each evening. Most Middle School Camp social activities will alternate with High School Camp social activities. Included are social and recreational activities as well as concerts.

NOTE for COMMUTERS: During Sunday check-in, *Commuter campers* will designate which M- TH evening activities they will attend. Commuters that stay for the evening activities (including dinner) will be picked up at the music building following the activity/event.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, June 11

- 7:00pm **Chamber Music Recital** at (Performing Arts Center Recital Hall). Family and friends are welcome to attend the concert. Social Activity for campers only will follow.

Thursday, June 12

7:00pm

Jazz and Salsa Concert at Evans Auditorium. Family and friends are welcome to attend the concert. Social Activity for campers only will follow.

Friday, June 13

1:00pm

Concert Bands Finale Concert in Evans Auditorium. All family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Detailed information for parents regarding the Friday schedule will be posted at www.txstate.edu/bands/camps. Parking will be available in the Edward Gary Garage (fee based).

RESIDENCE HALL INFORMATION

All rooms are double occupancy. Roommate requests should have been made on the online registration form. If **BOTH** individuals request each other, those individuals will be placed together. If no roommate is requested, pairings will be made considering grade, age and instrument.

Each Camper is given a key to their room. **It is the responsibility of the camper to lock their room when unattended.** Failure to do so may result in theft or vandalism, for which Texas State University is not responsible. Please report any missing keys to a counselor immediately. There is a minimum charge of \$92.00 for each lost key (a charge to the Band Camp that we must pass on). If a lock change is required, the charge increases. The outside entrance doors to the residence hall are locked 24 hours a day. Entry is available with a counselor through the main entrance. Any damage occurring to any camp facility will be assessed and billed to the individual responsible for those damages. Payment will be due at checkout.

The camp has established desk hours that will be announced at the parent/camper meeting on Sunday. Additionally, the phone number to the desk will be given so messages can be left. We ask there be no cell phone use in classes during the day. **If there is a family or personal emergency**, please begin by contacting the Camp at 512-245-3045 or Camp Coordinators (phone numbers will be provided at the meeting on day 1). If you call, please provide the full name of the camper and if they are attending in the middle school or high school track.

All **lost and found** items should be turned in to a counselor or the residence hall front desk. Every attempt will be made to return found items to the owner. After camp, all unclaimed valuables such as jewelry, electronics, shoes, etc. will be given to the University Police Department at the first of July. Other items will be discarded.

Each residence hall is equipped with **vending machines**, usually located in the main lobby. The camp is not responsible for the maintenance of the machines, so the camp cannot provide refunds if there is a malfunction. A small amount of spending money is suggested for the vending.

Campers are not permitted visitors at camp unless written and verified permission is given from his/her parent or guardian and cleared with the Camp Director and Camp Coordinator.

Before a child is released from camp, a mandatory release form must be completed and a picture ID shown by the person picking up that camper.

MEALS

Three meals are served each day (M-TH) to on-campus students, as well as dinner on Sunday and breakfast and lunch on Friday. Sunday dinner and M-F Lunch are provided to commuter students from their tuition. If a COMMUTER opts to stay for an evening activity, dinner will cost \$11.00 for that day.

INSTRUMENTS, ACCESSORIES, AND EQUIPMENT

All students must provide their own instruments and accessories (reeds, valve oil, key oil, mutes for brass, etc.). Percussionists must provide their own practice pad, sticks and mallets. The Texas State School of Music will provide all percussion instruments. **ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED A WIRE/PORTABLE MUSIC STAND**, notepad, and pencil for camp. There will be a limited quantity of accessories, including music stands, available for purchase on Sunday at check-in.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Resident campers must furnish their own **towels, single bed linens, blankets and pillows in addition to the necessary toiletries**. Shower shoes and an alarm clock are highly recommended. Student clothing should include casual attire for daily use and "Sunday" or "business" attire for the concert on Friday. *We ask that clothing be in line with your school's standards for modesty.*

There will be an evening at the student recreation center that includes the option of swimming. Appropriate swimwear will be necessary for campers choosing to swim.

All personal items of value should be labeled with the student's name, school, address, and telephone number. Insurance and records of identification of instrument (make, model, serial number) are a recommended precaution.

The Texas State University Band Camp is not liable for loss, theft, or damage to personal belongings.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Instrumental private lessons from the Texas State Band Camp Faculty are offered to students at a cost of \$25 for each thirty-minute session. It is advised that students bring their own music (method books, solos, etudes, etc.) for private lessons. Scheduling, and payment (check or cash) for private lessons will occur immediately following the Sunday parent/student meeting. This is a great opportunity for all campers!

RULES AND REGULATIONS

There will be no tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs, or weapons possessed by students while attending the Texas State Band Camps. Candles and incense are also disallowed.

Prompt class attendance and proper, respectful, attentive behavior is expected from all students.

Resident Campers will be allowed to leave campus only with **advance** written parental/guardian approval specifying date, destination, and time. This information is to be given to the Camp Coordinators at the Sunday parent/student meeting.

Commuter Campers will check-in at the music building by 7:30am each morning and will be picked up at the music building at 5:30pm unless they are on the list for the evening activity (see above).

Students will be under supervision by camp personnel. Rules and regulations pertaining to Texas State and the Band Camps will be explained to all students at the Sunday parent/student meeting in Evans Auditorium with additional information provided at the dorm meeting the first night. Should an emergency situation occur, student dorm rooms and/or belongings may be searched.

Parents of any student in violation of these policies will be notified immediately, and the student may be expelled from the Texas State Band Camp without refund.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Camper Medical Information forms will be completed through the TXST Central Information System. Instructions will be mailed out after May 1.

If a student is having a medical problem, a camp counselor should be contacted immediately. The Texas State University Health Center will be available to all students requiring medical attention.

Medical issues occurring after 5:00 p.m. and before 7:30 a.m. or emergencies at any time will be treated at the Central Texas Medical Center in San Marcos. Parents will be informed of any emergency medical situation that occurs and will be responsible for all medical expenses incurred.

Students with special medical needs should provide the Texas State Band Camp with a detailed written explanation of these needs (i.e. prescriptions, inhalers, etc.). Medications will be held and distributed by specifically-designated Camp Counselors unless other arrangements are made in writing from the parent/guardian. Any student in possession of or under the influence of unauthorized medication may be sent home with no refund.

CHECK-OUT

A detailed Friday schedule will be posted on the band camp website. Students will have instructions regarding the check-out process including when to remove personal items from their dorm room. Parents must also observe this camp process. The rooms will be checked for damages during the concert.

REFUND AND PAYMENT POLICY

Your band camp fee balance is due June 1st. This should be done through the online registration system prior to that date.

Tuition is 75% refundable if written notification is received *BEFORE June 1st*, when our commitments are made for the dorms and meals. No refunds can be offered after June 1st.

A student who fails to appear the first day of camp, or who leaves after registration, will not receive a refund.

QUESTIONS AND CONTACTS

The Texas State Band Camp aims to be an enjoyable and educational experience for all participants. Please use the following contacts if we can be of additional service to you. Note: email is the best way for non-emergencies

CAMP EMAIL: bandcamps@txstate.edu

DURING CAMP: Additional direct contact phone numbers will be provided on check-in day