

To: Members of the 2010-11 Rocket Marching Band
 Fr: C. Hodson and B. Olian
 Da: June 30, 2010
 Re: Summer activities

You will find included within this document everything you need to know about the Rocket Marching Band activities for the rest of the summer: Pre- and post-camp rehearsals, band camp, picture night, and the Northside Spectacular Parade, Tag Day, etc. Please read this hand-out thoroughly so that you don't miss any of the important information included within.

SUMMER SCHEDULE 2010

Listed below is the remainder of our summer activities, from pre-camp to the start of the school year. The success of the RPHS marching band will rely heavily on the success of these rehearsals. For camp to be productive, musicianship and marching skills must be established at pre-camp rehearsals. Following camp, refinement of those skills learned at camp is crucial. **ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL! YOU MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE AT ALL REHEARSALS!** If you must miss a rehearsal please notify Mr. Hodson with a written excuse. With the advance notification in the spring and this reminder, I expect there to be no problems with attendance.

SUMMER

Brass, Woodwind
 July 6, 13, & 20 5:00pm-9:15pm

Percussion & Colorguard
 July 6, 8, 13, 15, 20 & 22 5:00pm-9:15pm

PRE-CAMP

Freshman, New Members, & Section Leaders
 July 26 & 27 8:00am-12:00pm

Percussion & Colorguard
 July 26 & 27 1:00pm-4:30pm

Full Band (this includes guard)
 July 26 & 27 5:30pm-9:15pm
 July 28, 29 & 30 8:00am-12:00pm
 1:00pm-4:30pm
 5:30pm-9:15pm

Uniform fitting/issuing (hornline, percussion and drum majors)
 July 20 Seniors & Juniors 9:00pm - ?
 July 21 Sophomores 9:00pm - ?
 July 22 Freshman 9:00pm - ?

BAND CAMP

Full Band
 Aug. 2-7 Camp at Hope College

POST CAMP

<u>Full Band</u>			
Aug.	10	Rehearsal	12:00pm-9:15pm
	12	REHEARSAL	12:00pm-4:00pm
		PICTURES	5:00pm
		NORTHSIDE PARADE	7:30pm
	17	Rehearsal	12:00pm-9:00pm
	19	Rehearsal	12:00pm-9:00pm
	24	Rehearsal	12:00pm-9:00pm
	26	Rehearsal	12:00pm-9:00pm
	28	POP CAN DRIVE	9:00am-1:00pmish
	31	Rehearsal	12:00pm-9:00pm
Sept.	2	REHEARSAL	3:00pm-5:30pm
		FOOTBALL GAME	6:30pm

PRE-CAMP REHEARSALS

New band members have morning rehearsals Monday and Tuesday of this week. Be dressed for outside physical activity (athletic shoes, no sandals). **Eat a good breakfast.**

Colorguard and percussion have sectionals during the afternoons Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Arrive early for the July 26 rehearsals to turn in any outstanding forms or fees and ANY REMAINING COUPON BOOKS. Please note that all students should have a physical form on file in the band office prior to July 6.

Horns and equipment should be in top shape. Lyres, music in flip folders (and on a string that can be worn around your neck or waist), reeds, and other supplies should be in good order. Music should be memorized (or close to it). You should have a pencil at every rehearsal. Full band rehearsal starts at 5:30pm . . . be ready at that time.

*To be early,
is to be on time . . .
To be on time,
is to be late!
To be late is unacceptable!*

UNIFORM FITTING AND ISSUING

All band members will be fit for their Marching Band Uniform before we go to camp. Please note the assigned times for fitting in the pre-camp schedule (Monday thru Wednesday following evening rehearsal).

PHYSICALS

All students must have a physical. Please turn in your physical form prior to "Pre-camp" week. Forms are available in the band office, or the athletic office at RPHS. We follow the MHSAA (Michigan HS Athletic Assoc.) rules. If a student has had a physical for sports (after April 15, 2009), that same physical is good for band. We must have a copy of the official MHSAA physical form on file in our office.

CAMP RULES

This band camp is an extension of the educational program at Reeths-Puffer HS and as such, all band members will follow the guidelines for appropriate behavior as they appear in the school handbook. A few special rules that need to be stressed before we leave for camp are as follows:

1. No cars are allowed. The band will be traveling by bus to camp and cars will not be needed during the week.
2. No bikes or motorized scooters are allowed.
3. Scooters and rollerblades are allowed only if proper protective gear is worn (protective gear includes: helmet, gloves, knee pads and elbow pads).
4. No visitors are allowed.
5. Hazing of any form will not be tolerated.
6. The dorm will be divided into male and female floors. Males are not to be on the female floors and likewise females are not to be on the male floors.
7. The use of controlled substances such as tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs are prohibited. Procedures for violation of this policy will be strictly followed as such:
 - a. Confiscation of the controlled substance.
 - b. Dismissal from camp.
 - c. Violators will report their dismissal from camp to their parents/guardian immediately so that transportation arrangements can be made.
 - d. No refund of fees will be given for the remainder of the camp.
 - e. A letter confirming all actions taken will be sent to the parents/guardian as well as the HS principal.
 - f. Participation in future band activities may be restricted.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Comfortable athletic shoes (more than one pair, these should not be brand new).

Comfortable clothing for the week (shorts, t-shirts, jeans, sweats, etc.).

Khaki shorts for the performance on Saturday.

Sweatshirts and/or jacket

Rain gear

Hat (for sun protection)

Bed linens (sheets and blanket are probably best because the dorms are hot)

Towels

Sunscreen

Insect repellent

Lip protection (chapstick, blistex, or similar)

Water Bottle

Instrument and all equipment

Music

Pencils

A small amount of money for the camp store, and maybe pizza one night

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

6:00am	Check in, load buses and depart (do not load your things on the buses until you have checked in with the camp nurse). Be sure to eat breakfast before you arrive, as it will be quite a long time until lunch. Rehearsal will begin as soon as we arrive at Hope College.
11:45am	Lunch
1:00pm	Afternoon rehearsal
3:30pm	Recreation
4:30pm	Dinner
5:45pm	Evening rehearsal
Night fall	Evening activity
11:30pm	In rooms
11:45pm	Bed check, lights out, quiet

Check in – Before the students load the buses they will check in with the camp nurse. The nurse will review any important concerns from the physical forms at this point, and collect any medications that need to be dispensed by the med team.

Recreation – We will have use of the athletic complex which houses an Olympic pool, basketball courts, running track, racquetball courts, volleyball courts, weight room, etc. There are also tennis courts near the dorm.

Bed check, lights out, and quiet – Chaperons will be checking each room to make sure that all students are in the correct rooms, with lights out and keeping quiet. This time changes nightly, it is the responsibility of the students to listen for the times and follow them.

TUESDAY-FRIDAY

6:30am	Reveille
7:00am	Breakfast
8:00am	Morning rehearsal
11:45am	Lunch
1:00pm	Afternoon rehearsal
3:30pm	Recreation
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SATURDAY

7:00am Reveille
7:30am Breakfast
8:30am Morning rehearsal
10:30am Clean up and pack
11:30pm Tailgate Lunch/Performance

The uniform for Saturday's performance will be Khaki shorts, white socks, athletic shoes, and the band camp t-shirt.

The Saturday performance will be the culmination of all the hard work done learning the show through pre-camp rehearsals and band camp. All parents, friends and families are encouraged to attend to see what we've been up to with all this work! Parents can plan on meeting the students at the dorm following the morning rehearsal at 10:30am. The performance will be held at the Holland Municipal Stadium (this is located near the intersection of 13th and Lincoln).

RETURN TRANSPORTATION

Just a reminder, transportation home from camp will be the responsibility of the student . . . there will be no school buses for student transportation returning from camp.

HOPE COLLEGE INFORMATION

While on campus the band will be staying in Kollen Hall (located on the corner of Columbia and 13th). Any mail sent to campus should be addressed as follows:

Hope College
PO Box 9000
Conference Services
Attn: Reeths-Puffer Band
Holland, MI 49422

If you must contact us by phone during band camp week, please call:
231-206-5267 (Bob Grabinski)
231-750-3451 (Sue Vos)

Holland Area Map



