

To: Members of the 2007-08 Rocket Marching Band
Fr: C. Hodson and B. Olian
Da: June 21, 2007
Re: Summer activities

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

SUMMER SCHEDULE 2007

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.

<u>SUMMER</u>	<u>Brass, Woodwind</u>	
	July 10 & 17	5:00pm-9:00pm
	<u>Percussion</u>	
	July 10 & 17	9:00am-5:00pm
	<u>Colorguard</u>	
	July 10,12,17, & 19	5:00pm-9:00pm
<u>PRE-CAMP</u>	<u>Freshman, New Members, & Section Leaders</u>	
	July 23, 24, & 25	8:00am-12:00pm
	<u>Percussion & Colorguard</u>	
	July 23, 24, & 25	1:00pm-4:30pm
	<u>Full Band (this includes guard)</u>	
	July 23, 24, & 25	5:30pm-9:00pm
	July 26 & 27	8:00am-12:00pm
		1:00pm-4:30pm
		5:30pm-9:00pm
	<u>Uniform fitting/issuing (black pants only)</u>	
	July 23 Seniors & Juniors	9:00pm
	July 24 Sophomores	9:00pm
	July 25 Freshman	9:00pm
	July 26 Make-up fittings	9:00pm

BAND CAMP

Full Band
July 30-Aug. 4

Camp at Hope College

POST CAMP

Full Band

Aug. 8		5:00pm-9:00pm
9	NORTHSIDE PARADE	5:30pm-9:00pm
13		6:00pm-9:00pm
15		6:00pm-9:00pm
16		6:00pm-9:00pm
17	TAG DAY	3:00PM-9:00PM
20		6:00pm-9:00pm
22	DRESS REHEARSAL	12:00pm-9:00pm
23	FB Game	3:00pm-9:30ish
27		6:00pm-9:00pm
29	DRESS REHEARSAL	12:00pm-9:00pm
30	FB GAME	3:00pm-9:30ish

PRE-CAMP REHEARSALS

New band members have morning rehearsals Monday thru Wednesday 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 thru Wednesday of this week.

Arrive early at the July 23 full band rehearsal to turn in any outstanding forms or fees. Please note that all students should have a physical form on file in the band office by July 23. Rehearsal starts at 5:30pm, so have all of this business done by that time.

Horns and equipment should be in top shape. Lyres, music in flip folders (and on a string that can be worn around your neck), 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. 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!*

UNIFORM FITTING AND ISSUING

All band members will be fit for uniform black pants before we go to camp (we will be wearing the band shirt with the uniform pants and shoes until the new uniforms come in). Please note the assigned times for fitting in the pre-camp schedule.

CAMP FEES

All fees for camp and shoes are to be paid in full by July 23. If this will be a problem or concern please call Dianne or Carol in the band office 744-1674 ext. 3771.

PHYSICALS AND MEDICATIONS

All students must have a physical form turned in before going to camp. Please turn in these forms on or before July 24. Forms are available in the band office, or the athletic office at RPHS. We follow the MHSAA (Michigan HS Athletic Assoc.) rules. If the student has had a physical for sports (after April 15, 2006) that same physical is good for band, we must have a copy of the official MHSAA physical form on file in our office.

Students are not allowed to dispense any medication on their own. All medications for band camp and/or travel must be turned in to the "med-team". The "med-team" will handle the dispensing of those medications (this applies to prescription or "over the counter" drugs).

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. Additional rules for camp procedures will be covered at the orientation meeting Monday at camp. 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. No visitors are allowed.
4. Hazing of any form will not be tolerated.
5. 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.
6. 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 performances on Thursday night and 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 the students will be bringing to camp. ALL MEDICATIONS, PRESCRIPTION OR NON-PRESCRIPTION, MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE NURSE WHEN YOU CHECK IN.

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
4:30pm	Dinner
5:45pm	Evening rehearsal
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SATURDAY

6:30am	Reveille
7:00am	Breakfast
8:00am	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 (preferably white), 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 at the corner of Columbia and 13th St. 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, please call conference services at 616-395-7220.

To: Members of the 2007-08 Rocket Marching Band, and
Parents/Guardians of all members
Fr: C. Hodson and B. Olian
Da: June 21, 2007
Re: Items due on July 23, 2007

The items checked below need to be completed and/or turned in on or before July 23.

- Band camp balance (see statement enclosed).
- Candy money (see statement enclosed).
- Physical (on MHSAA form enclosed, dated after April 15, 2007).
- Medical information form
- Band permission and intent form
- Band information form
- Band parent volunteer survey