

Dear Band Members and Families,

We are in the final stages of completing the exciting plans for the **2013 Kent City Marching Eagles Band Camp** at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI! We hope you are looking forward to this week of work, study, and fun. The purpose of this camp is to give our Marching Eagles a head start on learning and memorizing our 2013 competitive marching show.

MANDATORY PARENT INFORMATION MEETING:

Tuesday, July 9 at Kent City High School Auditorium, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

REQUIRED LUGGAGE CHECK:

Sunday, July 21 at Kent City High School Band Room, 6:00-8:00 p.m. (drop-in)

"AWAY" (Ferris State) DATES:

Monday, July 22 through Saturday, July 27, 2013

Optional send-off breakfast:

For STUDENTS and CHAPERONES ONLY, there will be a continental breakfast of juice and doughnuts from 8:00-9:00 a.m. on July 22 in the high school band room. Breakfast is required and VERY necessary every day so if you do not attend, please get some nutrients in you. The days are long, outside, and dangerous if not eating.

DEPARTURE:

9:00 a.m. July 22, 2013 from Kent City High School Band Room. Buses will be provided for all students. Students are NOT permitted to drive to band camp. **ONLY a carry-on backpack and students' pillows will be allowed on the bus the morning of departure. All suitcases and "luggage" will have been checked, sealed, and loaded the night of July 21.**

PERFORMANCE & PICK UP:

Students will perform our accomplishments for family and friends at Top Taggart Field on Ferris State's campus on Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. **STUDENTS WILL NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL OR BAND;** all students **MUST BE PICKED UP** on Saturday, July 27.

STAFF:

Band Camp is staffed by the Kent City Bands **AND** Ferris State University. Students and their rehearsal, dining, and residence areas will be patrolled by campus security and live-in F.S.U. staff who are on duty 24 hours a day. Kent City is bringing several chaperones and staff to instruct and over-see our day to day operations.

HOUSING:

????? (pending dormitory availability) on Ferris State University Campus.

MEALS:

All meals beginning with lunch on July 22 and ending with breakfast on July 27 are included in each student's band camp payment. **ALL meals are REQUIRED.** Students **MUST** have breakfast before our departure.

MEDICAL AND PERMISSION FORMS:

All permission forms & emergency medical forms are due **at the July 9 meeting.** (You may find the forms online at www.kentcitybands.com or you may fill them out when you arrive to the meeting.) Please provide the most complete and up-to-date information possible. Please inform us if there is anything about your child's medical history we should know. Make sure that all forms are completed and signed with both parent and student signatures. **ALL FORMS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND BAND CAMP!**

The University provides immediate medical and emergency attention and support to our students while at camp. One of our chaperones will also be serving as "camp nurse" to make sure students are tending to their own specific needs.

PAYMENT:

Camp is required of all students and is due by luggage check-in. The cost for freshmen is \$290, for returning members is \$240, and for chaperones is \$215.

ASSISTANCE:

Should any family need financial assistance due to hardship, a guardian should email Jerri Coates at jcoates@kentcitybands.com to inquire about opportunities to assist your student. No student will be denied from the Kent City Band program due to financial hardship.

**MONDAY NIGHT REHEARSALS, FOOTBALL GAMES, & COMPETITIONS:
After band camp the following mandatory rehearsals will take place:**

Band Rehearsals take place every Monday night from 6pm-9pm during marching season and are required of all students.

Football Games are also required; dates TBA.

Saturday competitions are currently being scheduled; dates TBA.

State Finals for MCBA Marching Band are Saturday, November 2 at Ford Field.

What to bring to Band Camp 2013

- Instrument, in good working order (Have your instrument inspected before band camp)
- Lyre, flip folio, and music. **Music lyres and folios are a must!** (Parents may purchase items at the July 9 parent meeting if paying by cash/check)
- 4 marching markers (have to be flat, small enough to hide with feet, large enough to see from far away, heavy enough to not blow away, and light enough to carry them all around at once)
- Instrument extras: valve oil, slide oil, cork grease, extra reeds, extra drumsticks & tape, pencils, rubber bands, etc.
- Prescription Medications, including allergy medication, inhaler and epi-pens (**Note:** we cannot administer any medications without signed forms. In the band camp packet you will find a form for administration of OTC medications. There is also space for you to add specific items your student is used to using regularly.)
- Towel and washcloth
- Personal hygiene items (shampoo, soap, comb, toothbrush, etc.), Lip balm (Carmex is great for Brass), Gold Bond Powder
- Bedding
- Knee and/or ankle braces if needed
- Bug spray, sun-block, sunglasses, sun visor/hat
- Athletic shoes (athletic shoes with solid sides, toes and back, they should be made of leather or canvas, no vinyl or plastic, new shoes not recommended)***BRING 2 PAIRS OF SHOES**
- Plenty of extra socks (higher than ankle to avoid blisters)
- Cotton t-shirts and athletic shorts (you will get dirty, hot and sweaty, so bring plenty)
- Raincoat/gear, sweatshirt and/or light jacket.
- Water bottle
- Alarm clock
- Box fan, clearly labeled with your name
- Compression shorts to protect legs from being chapped. They can be purchased at Target, Walmart, or sporting goods stores. They are worn under mesh or nylon type athletic shorts.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE REMAINS IN EFFECT:

No "short shorts" (volleyball trainers or daisy dukes)
No "spaghetti straps" (use the 3 finger rule for tanks)
No midriff showing (includes men and torn off sleeves)
No plunging neck lines
No apparel that promotes alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or hate

DO NOT BRING: drinks (other than initial water bottle), stereos, laptops, tv's or coolers

COME PREPARED FOR HOT WEATHER... ANY WEATHER!

All meals are provided and required to be eaten in the dining hall; bringing food is not necessary. However, many students choose to bring some snack foods for between meals. You may also want to bring cash for booster-provided drinks or foods in the dorms at night (pizza, Powerade, etc.)

All luggage will be hand checked by the student in front of a same-sex chaperone before loading the trailer on July 21. Please pack accordingly. Carry-on items will also be checked upon boarding the following morning. Again, pack accordingly.

Important Health Reminder:

To the parents of children with asthma/reactive airway conditions: Please do not forget to pack your child's inhaler, even if he/she hasn't used it in a while. The conditions may include dust, pollens, and other environmental allergens to which your child is sensitive.

RULES

All meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) are **REQUIRED**.

No drug, smoking materials, tobacco products, non-prescription drugs, or alcoholic beverages are permitted at band camp (or any Kent City Band function).

ABSOLUTELY no hazing permitted.

The chaperones and camp staff **MUST** be obeyed and treated with respect. They have the same authority as the director.

No band member will leave the campus during the week for any reason.

Genders have been separated by living areas. Boys and girls are not to enter each others' areas.

No returning to the dorm at any time, other than free time, unless accompanied by a chaperone.

No non-band guests should be invited or welcomed into our rehearsal or living spaces while there.

No excuses for tardiness will be accepted.

Dorms will be kept clean at all times. There will be inspections by chaperones each day.

Do not enter any room, other than your own, except by invitation.

Band members are not permitted in any building on campus without an instructor.

ALL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION should have a form signed by physician for self-administration.

Lost keys will be charged at \$50.00 to re-key doors.

In addition, all rules of Kent City High School, and the Kent City Board of Education rules will be in force during the entire duration of the camp. **ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE DIRECTOR.**

Any student not in attendance of required events (meals, rehearsals, sectionals, room checks, etc.) will be sent home.

Any student violating any of the previously mentioned rules or any Ferris State University rule will be sent home.

Agreement to Band Camp Rules

I agree to conform to the camp rules. I realize that any infraction of these rules will result in my dismissal from band camp and subject me to being dropped from the marching band program. My parents will be required to bring me home the same day as my dismissal. I understand the expectations of behavior and professionalism required of all band members and will do my best to uphold them.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____
(band member)

Grade in 2012/2013: 9 10 11 12

Marching instrument: _____

I hereby grant permission for my child (print full name) _____
to accompany and represent the Kent City High School Band to Ferris State University July 22-27,
2013. I understand the rules and regulations of the camp as stated and believe that necessary
plans and precautions for the care and supervision of the students during the week will be taken.
I also understand that if my child breaks any of the rules, he/she will be sent home and I will be
required to pick him/her up the same day as the infraction.

Parent's Name(s) (please print): _____

Phone Number: _____

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____
(parent or guardian)

This form is due on July 9 at the mandatory parent meeting.