

Band Camp

The first fall performance of the Golden Bear Marching Band occurs before school begins in the late summer. To be ready for the first performance, the band begins rehearsal in early August. Band camp includes rehearsals at school and a week at Camp Swoneky. Band camp is hard, intense, and fun.

The goals of the first rehearsals of camp include learning the fundamentals of marching. During the second week of band camp, we will use the fundamentals taught to learn the pregame, maneuvers, and halftime show(s). During band camp, the unit becomes a team. We work together and get to know each other.

Camp Swoneky

Camp Swoneky is located near King's Island at 605 Middleboro Road, Oregonia, Ohio 45054. The camp telephone number is 513-932-1794. The telephone should only be used in vital emergencies. The camp is not equipped with staff who are able to take messages or retrieve students. Please only use this telephone number in emergencies.

Camp Swoneky is a summer camp run by the Salvation Army. Swoneky stands for **SouthWest Ohio** and **NorthEast Kentucky**. The Salvation Army runs week long camps at Swoneky through out most of the summer. The marching band has arranged to use the camp during the first free week after the Salvation Army programs. It is a beautiful camp and very appropriate for a marching band camp. UA is lucky to use Camp Swoneky.

A typical day at Camp Swoneky will follow this schedule:

7:00 ----- Wake Up	4:00-6:00 ----- Memorization time
8:00 ----- Breakfast	6:00 ----- Dinner
9:00-11:30 ----- Full Marching Practice	7:00-9:00 ----- Full Marching Practice
12:00 ----- Lunch	9:00-11:00 ----- Organized Activities
1:00-2:00 ----- Sectionals	11:30 ----- Lights Out
2:00-4:00 ----- Music Rehearsal	

Cabins

Students sign up for cabins at the first rehearsals before we go to camp. Each cabin has two rooms that sleep 10 students each and one room that sleeps 8 students. Usually, students sign up for cabins with their friends and/or students from their class.

Activities

Much of what makes the band a cohesive unit comes outside of practice. The Seniors and Juniors organize activities including pool parties, dances, skit night, game night, senior dinner, etc., that are welcoming to new members and just plain fun.

Transportation

Busses are provided to transport the band to Camp Swoneky. Parents are responsible for picking up their student. Luggage will be loaded on school busses before departure. Instruments are loaded on the band trailer. Space is limited for luggage and at camp. Please limit your luggage to one large suitcase.

Directions to Camp Swoneky

Take I-71 south to exit 36 (Wilmington Road). Exit east on to Wilmington Road and take an immediate right onto Middleboro Road. The camp is on Middleboro Road about 1 mile on the right. Look for the signs at the exit of I – 71. Driving time from Columbus is about a 1-1/4 hours.

Medications

We prefer students to self medicate at band camp. If you feel your student is unable to self medicate, please contact the director to make alternative arrangements.

Parents' Day & Coming Home

Parents and visitors are invited to camp on the final day for a special preview performance of the band. Look for times and day in summer mailings. The booster group also signs up volunteers at this time, so bring your calendars. After the performance, students will help load equipment and instruments on the trailer. All other luggage must return with the student and parents.

What to Bring to Band Camp

- Bedding - a sleeping bag or sheets and a pillow. All beds are single beds.
- Instrument & music
- Clothes for 6 days of hot rehearsal. Good athletic shoes with socks are necessary. Sandals are not for marching.
- Band T shirts will be distributed at camp to be worn at the performance on Saturday.
- Jacket or sweat shirt for cool nights
- Swim suit
- Pen, pencil, small note pad
- Flashlight
- Rain wear
- Bug spray or repellent and
- Sun screen
- Towels
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.)
- Snacks if you like
- Money for pop if desired
- Each cabin may want to get together to arrange to bring a small fan or a small portable stereo
- Cell phones are permitted
- Water Bottle or plastic cup with your name on it for practice breaks
- Band Attitude

What Not to Bring to Band Camp

- Visitors
- Televisions
- Game Systems
- Air Conditioners
- Hot Tubs
- Jacuzzis
- Jewelry or anything else of value
- Drama
- Bad Attitude
- Energy drinks

Band Camp Rules

Taking over 100 teenagers into the woods for a week requires all students to follow these reasonable expectations. If the students in the program were unable or unwilling to behave properly at camp, the band would not go to camp. Students who have come before have enabled current students to go to an away band camp. If our past students were unable to behave correctly, the band would not be going this year. Band students in future years will be able to participate in an away band camp assuming proper behavior by this year's band. Like Woody Hayes used to say, "Pay Forward."

If a student is unable to or unwilling to follow rules, he or she has no place in the UA band program. Students who are unable to follow the rules will be removed from band and band camp at the discretion of Mr. Edge. Students have been sent home and removed from the band for violation of band camp rules.

- Always maintain a courteous, respectful and positive attitude.
- Do my part - know my music, be at rehearsals, practice, participate fully, and do it as well as I can.
- Men are not permitted in women's cabins.
- Women are not permitted in men's cabins.
- Abstain from behavior that is inappropriate or questionable.
- Abide by band and school rules.
- Abstain from illegal activities, including the use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal substances.
- Do nothing that brings dishonor to the group.
- Care for my instrument, my uniform, and equipment of the band and present them in a manner that shows pride in the organization.
- There are no visitors at band camp.
- Do all I can to promote the Upper Arlington Marching Band as a group that has **CLASS & DIGNITY.**