

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
MARCHING BAND
2017

INFORMATION
PACKET

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR MARCHING BAND

Welcome to marching band at Washington High School! We are delighted to have you with us in the band program at Washington. The first thing we do in band is marching band. We believe you'll find it to be both challenging and rewarding plus a whole lot of fun!

This packet contains a lot of information you'll need prior to the start of school. Please be sure to share it with your parents so everyone knows what to expect. ALL of this information can be found online at the Washington performing arts page. Look for the band tab and scroll to marching band. Everything is there. <http://washppa.com/> There is also a google calendar at the bottom of the website that contains ALL dates for the entire marching band season. Be sure to take a look at what's coming.

We start marching band BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS! The very first thing we do is go to band camp. This does NOT happen at Washington High school so please take a close look at that information. Although we DO provide transportation to band camp, we do NOT provide it to any of our rehearsals that are taking place in Kingston Stadium. Be sure to look closely at WHERE rehearsal is being held on any given date. Band camp is first up on AUGUST 9 and runs for 3 days. We expect you will be at all rehearsals unless you are out of town. Please do everything you can to be present for all rehearsals.

At some point this summer you will receive a phone call from your section leader or a drum major. They will be checking to make sure you are aware of when band camp starts, what to bring, what to expect, etc. They are there to help, so please ask questions!

If you do have a conflict, please let us know ahead of time. Email is best if you know well in advance.

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CELL PHONE: 319-270-0773 (Mr. Miller)

Check the website first: <http://washppa.com/>

Chances are your question can be answered there!

See you in August!

Mr. Miller & Mr. Nagel
Band Directors
Washington High School

MARCHING BAND INFORMATION

BAND CAMP: August 9 – 11

We run a full Band Camp for Marching Band August 9 - 11. This camp takes place at a church camp called IO-DIS-E-CA located about 10 miles southeast of Cedar Rapids. All Band Students are required to attend. We actually stay overnight on the property during camp. The fee for Band Camp is all-inclusive, including all meals, transportation, lodging, and instruction.

STADIUM CAMP: August 12, 14 – 16 & 19

We have Stadium Camp for the full Marching Band August 12, 14 – 16, & 19. The practices run from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Kingston Stadium. (Saturday practices are 10:00 am – 6:00 pm) There is no break for dinner at the evening rehearsals – we ask that you eat prior to rehearsal. (There is a lunch break on Saturdays). These practices are for every section in the band including wind players, pit, battery, and color guard.

Daily Rehearsals:

During Marching Band season, (1st Semester of the school year) Band starts promptly at 7:30 am and runs until 8:30 am. We also practice on Monday nights from 6:00 – 9:00 pm *in the Stadium*. Percussion and Color Guard students can expect extra rehearsals on a weekly basis – usually 1 night per week for a couple of hours.

Color Guard:

Color Guard will practice throughout the summer. Locations, dates, and times will be made available via phone calls and texts. While we expect students to be busy with vacations etc. during the summer, we have a simple rule: If you are in town – come to rehearsal!

Performances:

There are 2 kinds of performance for Marching Band: Competitions (or contests) and Football games. Competitions are always held on Saturdays starting in mid-September, concluding in October. Check the schedule for dates. We don't know the timing for these events until about 2 weeks prior to the date. However, most of the contests take the entire day. While some are over in the afternoon, others may not start until early afternoon and run into the evening. If it says "All Day & Night" on the date, it means time will be required both during the day and the evening. Rule of thumb: Do not schedule anything else on these dates.

Home Football Games are on Friday nights with an occasional Thursday night game. (Usually 1 per season.) Students can plan on needing to be at the stadium from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM. A note of caution: The stadium is not located at Washington High School. All home games are played at Kingston Stadium. We do not provide transportation.

UNIFORMS

We provide uniforms for Marching Band. The uniform is the same for girls and guys. (Color Guard wears a different uniform to be determined each year) Cleaning of all uniforms is covered through the \$100 band participation fee that all students are required to pay.

FEES

\$110 – Band Camp. *[ALL STUDENTS]* We run a full Band Camp for Marching Band in August. This camp takes place at a church camp called IO-DIS-E-CA located about 10 miles southeast of Cedar Rapids. All Band Students are required to attend. We actually stay overnight on the property during camp. The fee for Band Camp is all-inclusive including all meals, transportation, lodging, and instruction. This is a yearly fee.

\$30.00 - Marching Band shoes. *[ALL STUDENTS]* (Color Guard Shoes may cost more). Each student is required to purchase a pair of shoes for Marching Band. These shoes are purchased through the Band.

\$2.00 - Marching Band Gloves. *[ALL WIND INSTRUMENT STUDENTS]* Each student is required to purchase a pair of gloves for Marching Band. Gloves are purchased through the band. (This does not include students in the percussion section or the Color Guard).

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR MARCHING BAND BAND CAMP GENERAL INFO

BAND CAMP is the term given to our yearly out of town rehearsals. The actual Band Camp week occurs at a church camp located near Cedar Rapids. You will find all the detailed information about the camp (IO-DIS-E-CA) in your MB information packet. Be assured that each student has their own bed to sleep in and the cabins are all air conditioned. We have parent volunteers to help out at camp and it is well supervised.

We take the entire marching band to the camp for the duration spending 3 days and 2 nights at the camp. This is absolutely loved by all the students as they have a great time and we get an enormous amount of teaching accomplished. In addition, relationships with fellow band members are developed at camp. Students leave this setting feeling like they just made 100 new friends. –Which they have! Therefore attendance at Band Camp is crucial.

Once we leave on Wednesday morning, we are there for the entire time. We have had students involved in every fall sport and we accommodate them. Every year we find parent volunteers to drive students back to Wash for their sport practice and then back out to camp for band. All of the coaches know what we are doing and work with us to accommodate as well. No one will miss out on any sport for Band Camp.

We do charge a fee (\$110) which covers the cost of lodging, transportation and all meals. If you have financial hardships in your family, please let us help you! We don't want money to be a hindrance for any student.

Please note the parent pot-luck which occurs on the Thursday evening of camp. This is your chance to meet other band parents plus visit your band camper in person at the camp! We hope you can join us for this fun evening.

STADIUM CAMP happens the week after Band Camp and is held at Kingston Stadium. The students will begin to learn the drill and movements for the marching band. Attendance is absolutely crucial this week as well.

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND CAMP @ CAMP IO-DIS-E-CA

WHEN: Wednesday, August 9 - Friday, August 11

LEAVE: Report to Wash High School by 8:00 AM August 9

RETURN: To Wash High School by 6:00 PM, August 11

WHERE: Camp IO-DIS-E-CA located southeast of Cedar Rapids approximately 10 miles.

TRANSPORTATION: Provided (buses) from Wash To and From Camp (Required mode of transportation for ALL students)

WHAT TO BRING:

- * Sleeping Bag and/or Sheets with Blanket & Pillow
- * Toiletry items
- * Bathing Suit
- * Enough clothes for 3 days
- * Comfortable, supportive shoes
- * Sun block, shades, and a hat
- * Your Instrument or Equipment
- * Lyre (Horn Players)
- * Completed MEDICAL FORM

COST: \$110 per person. Includes all meals (except Pot Luck), lodging and transportation expense. Checks payable to Washington High School at the start of camp. Please: BRING A CHECK to camp.

POT LUCK: Thursday evening, August 10 @ 6:00 PM. All parents, friends, family are required (OK, encouraged!) to attend. Bring food for your kids and spend the evening with us! Check the list below:

Seniors: Dessert (Enough for your family plus 12)

Juniors & Sophomores: Main Dish & Side Dish (Enough for your family plus 12)

Freshmen: Main Dish & Side Dish (Enough for your family plus 12)

ALL: Provide Drinks and Table service

For students whose family cannot make it: We will have table service and drinks.

It's time for Band Camp!



Below are several items about Band Camp.

Most importantly, please read and sign the Medical Release Form, and complete the Emergency Contact Form with phone numbers. Students should bring this form (tear at dotted line) along with the \$110 payment, on Wednesday, August 9.

Have your name on your personal items. Please bring a minimal amount of items. This is a working camp, not vacation. Don't bring items that you cannot afford to have lost or misplaced. We will not be responsible for any misplaced or damaged items.

If you are on medications, bring them and be responsible for them. If you take medication, please understand that you will be responsible for keeping track of and taking it. Provisions will be made for medications needing refrigeration (i.e. insulin).

The camp address is **3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE, Solon IA 52333.**

The emergency number is **319-848-4187.**

(Student name) _____ will be attending the Washington Band Camp and has my permission for any emergency medical treatment that may be required.

Parent/Guardian signature	Primary email address
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Parent/Guardian can be reached August 10-12 at the following phone number(s):			
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	<input type="checkbox"/> work		<input type="checkbox"/> work
	<input type="checkbox"/> cell		<input type="checkbox"/> cell
Student T-shirt size <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL <input type="checkbox"/> XXXL		Dietary restrictions <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Yes --	
Note any medications and/or conditions of which adults should be aware:			
Medications			
Allergy	Symptoms of reaction		
Action to take			
Allergy	Symptoms of reaction		
Action to take			

Attach Payment

Make checks payable to Washington High School

CAMP IO-DIS-E-CA

Driving Directions For Parents Marching Band Pot Luck on Thursday Night August 10

Interstate 380 South to Exit 10 (Swisher / Shueyville)

East (Left) into Shueyville

Right at the Stop sign

Follow the Camp signs, all on paved road

The Camp is very close to Sandy Beach Rec Area, so you can follow their signs as well

If you get to the dead end road, you've gone too far!

* Please see the included map if you are a visual learner!

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Juniors: Main Dish & Side Dish (Enough for your family plus 12)

Sophomores: Main Dish & Side Dish (Enough for your family plus 12)

Freshmen: Main Dish & Side Dish (Enough for your family plus 12)

ALL: Provide Drinks and Table service

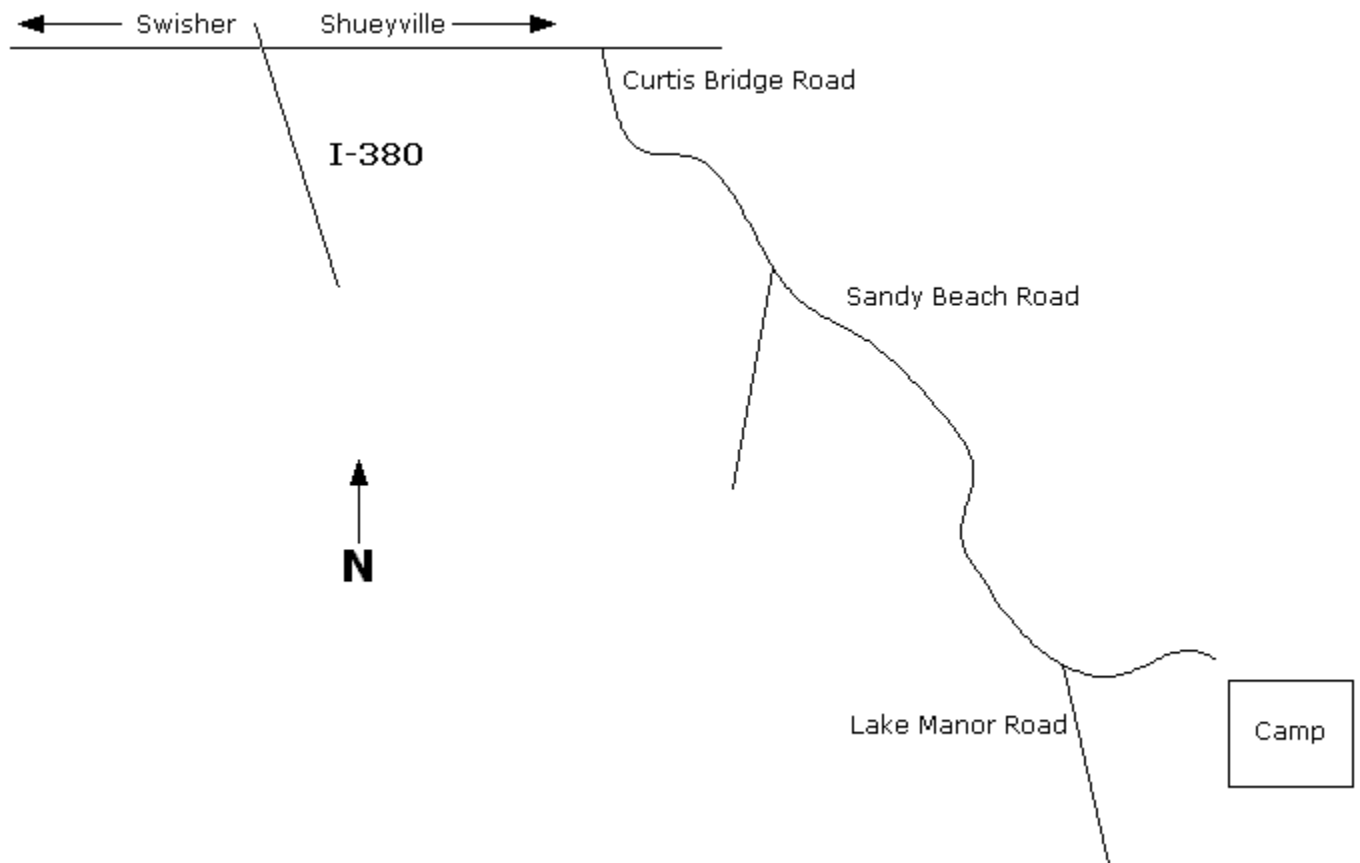
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Washington High School Band Parents

At the band camp potluck you will have the opportunity to:

- Meet other band families
- Hear about the upcoming marching band season
- Volunteer for one of the many Performing Arts Events
- Sign up to provide snacks/drinks for competitions
- Sign up to be a part of the Pit Crew or Wagon Crew
- Order band shirts
- Purchase discounted football tickets (50% of the proceeds go back to the marching band account to support your students IF you purchase them from the band representative!)

Please join us on Thursday, August 10, 6 p.m.
Camp IO-DIS-E-CA



KINGSTON STADIUM

Kingston Stadium is the district owned stadium and is shared by all 3 high schools. It is located on the West side of town next to the Kernels baseball stadium. It is the site of ALL home football games. Newly renovated, it features a state of the art artificial playing surface that is a dream on which to march and play. It is also the site of some of our competitions as well as all Monday night rehearsals.

We do not provide transportation to any games or rehearsals. We have found car pooling a good alternative which saves the band program lots of money in transportation costs.

Start and end times are definite for rehearsals. (6:00 – 9:00 pm) Football game arrival times are 6:00 pm with end time dependant upon the length of the game. Most games end between 9:00 and 9:30.

Kingston Stadium is a great place to watch the band with excellent viewing from nearly every seat. In fact, it is recognized as one of the best venues in the state. We are fortunate to be able to call it our home stadium and practice facility. Plan now to attend the games and competitions to watch your child – you'll be glad you did!

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STADIUM CAMP**

WHAT: Stadium Camp

WHEN: Saturday, August 12
Monday, August 14 - Wednesday, August 16
Saturday, August 19

TIMES: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Monday – Wednesday
[No dinner break – eat before you arrive]
10:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturdays
[Lunch break on Saturdays – you provide or plan to go out]

WHERE: Kingston Stadium (next to the Kernels Baseball Stadium)

TRANSPORTATION: You must provide

WHAT TO BRING:

- * Comfortable, supportive shoes
- * Sun block, shades, and a hat
- * Your Instrument or Equipment
- * A lyre (Horn Players only – purchase at music store)
- * Sack lunch for Saturday or money to go out

COST: ZERO

WHAT WE DO:

Begin to learn the drill which is your “spot” on the field. We will also work on the music for the show. First timers continue to work on how to march.

NEEDED: YOUR PRESENCE!!

WARRIOR MARCHING BAND

AUGUST DATES

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9 – 11: Band Camp @ IO-DIS-E-CA Church Camp

12: Stadium Rehearsal (10:00 am – 6:00 pm)

14 – 16: Stadium Camp (5:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

19: Stadium Rehearsal (10:00 am – 6:00 pm)

21: Stadium Rehearsal (6:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

26: Stadium Rehearsal (10:00 am – 6:00 pm)

28: Stadium Rehearsal (6:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

*Check the website for ALL Marching Band dates including September and October for marching band dates including: Rehearsals, Football Games, and Competitions.

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