

Feb. 04, 2010

Dear Harriman High School Band Members and Parents,

The 2010 band camp will be the week of **Aug. 1 - 6** at Fall Creek Falls State Park. One week prior to this, starting **July 26**, we will have pre-band camp from **4 to 9 pm** Monday through Friday. Pre-camp time will be spent rehearsing music, practicing marching fundamentals, fitting uniforms, etc. Although attendance for both weeks is required, I realize that many of you have vacations that must be set around this time. If you must go on vacation around this time, please try to schedule your trip during the week of pre-camp. As I write the marching show at camp, I will only write for those I know will be in band. Next year I will **ONLY** place people on the field who **DO** attend camp. No Exceptions. Also, there will be a couple evening practices (from 4 till 9) after camp until school starts.

This summer, I will have rehearsals on Tuesdays and Thursdays from **6-8 pm** beginning June 15 and going through July 8. This will be open to all band members, but wind players and new members are especially encouraged to come so we can begin developing playing while marching skills. The first hour will be spent working on playing and the second on marching.

Color guard and percussion members will begin the week before pre-camp July 19-23. Exact times for these practices will be announced before the end of school.

The cost of band camp is \$150. This cost includes housing, transportation to and from camp, and 3 meals a day. In order for us to know how many rooms to reserve a \$50 deposit will be required on or before May 21. This will also give me an idea of how I will write the show. The remaining amount will be due during the first week of pre-band camp.

Additional information as to what to take, schedule for next year, etc. will be handed out at pre-camp.

Any parents (especially males) interested in chaperoning should contact me before the end of school.

Dates:

Shoe orders: Any time at Rush's Musical Services (not needed until the first ball game)  
Summer Band: Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 15 – July 18 (6:00 – 8:00)  
Perc. & Guard: July 19-23 (times announced later)  
Pre-camp: July 26-30 (4:00 – 9:00)  
Camp: Aug. 1-Aug 6  
Camp fee: \$150.00 (deposit of \$50.00 due by May 21)

To help in making plans for camp housing and music please fill out the attached form and return it as soon as possible. More information will be available before the end of school.

**Harriman High School Band  
Band Camp Registration Form**

Camp dates are July 26-30 (HHS), and Aug. 1-6. Cost is \$150 per student, which includes boarding and meals, instruction, and transportation to Tech. Please enclose a \$50 deposit with this form, payable to **Harriman Band Aides, Inc.**

Please print this form, complete it, and return it to school or mail it to:

**Harriman Band  
920 N. Roane Street  
Harriman, TN 37748**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

**T-Shirt Size:**    **S** \_\_\_\_\_    **M** \_\_\_\_\_    **L** \_\_\_\_\_    **XL** \_\_\_\_\_    **XXL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate any conflicts with you may have with camp:**

## Middle School Band Students

This fall there will be a few openings for upcoming seventh and eighth grade students for the 2010 Rhapsody in Blue Marching Band. Marching band is not for all middle school students as the music is difficult; it is physically challenging, and takes a significant amount of time. There is no pressure for middle school students to join and middle school grades will not be affected for those not participating.

Middle school wind instrument players are required to participate in the week of pre-camp, band camp and as many Tuesday – Thursday “Summer Band” sessions as possible. Wind instrument players must be able to play the attached scales by memory along with a short audition piece.

There are currently no openings for the marching percussion section, however there are a few openings in the sideline “pit” percussion section. This consists of xylophone, bells, and some varying stationary drums and cymbals. Middle school percussionists are **not** required to come to the Tuesday-Thursday sessions, but are required to attend the percussion week July 17-21. Interested percussion students must be able to play the attached scales and rudiments.

Auditions for the Rhapsody in Blue Marching Band will be after school Monday through Thursday the week of May 17. A sign up sheet for times will be posted the week before.

When school starts the marching band practices after school on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30 until 5. Section rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 3:15 until 4:15 and are usually inside. Performance requirements are for all Friday night ball games: 10 regular season games and up to 5 weeks of playoff games. Our contest schedule begins around the last week in Sept. and ends the first or second week in Nov. Attendance at all rehearsals and competitions is required.

Although there is a lot of work involved, there are a lot of rewards to performing in the band and the band students have a lot of fun along with the work. If you feel that you would like to be a part of the Rhapsody in Blue band, please fill out the attached form and return by May 21.