

DeLand High School Marching Bulldogs

Preseason Summer Band Camp – What to Expect

Band Camp is an annual tradition in high school marching bands across the country. This time together before school starts is absolutely necessary for our band to have a successful marching season. Camp is hard, but well worth it. Students will learn show music, stands tunes, marching fundamentals, band traditions, and get started on our halftime show. This is also the time when our band family creates their initial bonds, our new members learn their way around campus, and we have a lot of just plain fun together. This is also an opportunity for parents to volunteer. For more information about opportunities to volunteer during band camp, please check out the Charms calendar or email delandbpa@gmail.com.

What to bring, what to wear, etc.:

- Wear cool, comfortable, athletic clothing to camp every day. Athletic shorts and light-colored t-shirts are best. No denim of any kind should be worn during camp.
- Wear good sneakers OR marching shoes WITH SOCKS. Sandals, flip flops, crocs, etc. are not safe to march in. It is ok to change into flip flops while we are indoors for music rehearsal, but proper shoes with socks should be worn anytime that we are marching.
- Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses – all of these things, every day.
- Bring an insulated water cooler (gallon or larger) filled with ice and water with you every day. You will have opportunities to refill it at school, but you should bring it each morning already filled. DO NOT leave your water jug in the band room overnight. These must be taken home each day to be cleaned & refilled. Water jugs left in the band room will be confiscated as this is not sanitary. You can also choose to use a “camelbak” style hydration pack wear during practice. This way you don’t have to wait for a water break to have water – it’s on you all the time.
- Drink lots and lots of water ... like all the time, even while at home. Try to eliminate sugary drinks and sodas from your diet during marching season, but especially during camp. It’s also a good idea to avoid dairy in the morning before we go outside so that you don’t get sick to your stomach in the heat.
- Eat a healthy breakfast before you come to camp each morning. This is not optional. Please do not show up to camp with an empty stomach. We start each day with a morning block outside. You must have something to eat before you arrive to keep from getting sick. Avoid dairy.
- Bring healthy options for lunch and snacks each day. Students **will not** be allowed to leave campus, nor will they be allowed to have food delivered. **All food must be brought from home.** Try to avoid junk food and candy throughout the 2 weeks of camp.
- Instrumentalists – make sure you bring everything you need to play your instrument each day – reeds, valve oil, mouthpiece, sticks, etc. You also need a pencil for music rehearsal.
- Guard – make sure you bring all equipment that you need for indoor and outdoor rehearsals. It is highly recommended that you have knee pads for ground-work, especially while inside on the hard floor surfaces.
- All woodwind and brass players will need to purchase a flip folder and appropriate lyre for their instrument (these can be ordered from the music store or Amazon). All percussionists will need a 3-ring binder with clear page protectors for their music.
- ALL band members need a 3-ring binder with clear page protectors for their drill charts.

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Other important information about camp:

- Band Camp Olympics are will be held again this year...get excited! Each day of Full Band Camp (2nd week) we will play a different game at the end of morning block.
- PDF's of the marching music will be uploaded to the "students" page of our band website (www.delandhsband.com). Start working on your music EARLY so that you can be prepared.
- There will be other school events happening during band camp such as schedule distribution, etc. Special arrangements will be made for band members so that they do not have to miss camp in order to take care of these tasks. Please do not worry when you see these time conflicts arise. Ms. Leimer will always make sure that members of the band are taken care of.

Band Camp Spirit Days

- Monday - Dad/Grandpa Day
- Tuesday - Character/Twin Day
- Wednesday - On Wednesdays we wear pink!
- Thursday - America Day (nothing political please)
- Friday - Section Pride Day (section shirts)

Participation in the dress up days for Spirit Week will earn your team points for Band Camp Olympics, so make sure to wear clothes that fit the theme day (but also keep in mind that you need to be dressed appropriately for camp).

Friends & Family Night

Friends & Family Night takes place on the evening of the final day of band camp. This is our Marching Bulldogs' first performance of the year. The band will perform their show music as well as other stands tunes and demonstrations of what they learned at camp. All friends, family, teachers, and community members are invited to attend. The performance will take place in the auditorium.

Instrumentalist Uniform Day

Uniform Day is an exciting time – especially for our new band members. This is when our new members get to put on the Marching Bulldogs uniform for the first time. The schedule for fittings is listed on the Preseason Band Camp Schedule. Colorguard members will be measured for uniforms during band camp.

Uniform Day is also an opportunity to pay your band fees – and is the last day to pay in order to receive the Early Pay Incentive discount. You can also purchase extra show shirts, extra ball caps, previous year show shirts (discounted), and other DeLand Band spirit items.