

## ***Rhea County High School Band Camp Information***

We are looking forward to next year's Band program and we hope your student will practice over the summer to be ready for the marching season. Our show for next year is entitled: METROPLEX: Three Postcards from New York. It has three movements, each describing NYC in some way. 1-Skyline, 2-Jazz and music, 3-Traffic!

Listed below are several rules, regulations and items of interest that are very important to the success of the Band program and your student.

### **Band Fees:**

Band fees for 2008-2009 include:

- \$40 Camp Fee (Camp fee is due first day of camp)
- \$40 Uniform Rental/Transportation (This will be paid later/2<sup>nd</sup> semester)
- \$30 Rental fee for school instruments (\$15/semester)

### **Marching Shoes:**

The official shoes for marching season will also be ordered during camp. The cost for these is about \$30, which will be due the day we order them. We will announce the exact cost during camp and take orders.

### **Summer Camp Attendance:**

Students MUST attend camp to be assured a spot in the show. If you have any problems with attending camp, you must contact Mr. Denton (W: 775-6526 or H: 775-5986) BEFORE CAMP BEGINS. Work conflicts, transportation problems, etc. are not excused. Special problems will be considered on an individual basis, but need to be decided before camp.

• Please wear proper clothing, including hat and sunglasses, wear sunscreen if needed and bring lots of **water** to band camp. I tend to give a lot of short breaks, so there will not always be time to run inside, bring a water jug. (Water is best, no Coke)

**Summer Camp Dates: (NOTE CHANGES)** Band camp will be held in on the following dates:

These rehearsals run from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.: (You may want to bring a snack)

<b>Wed</b>	<b>July 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b><i>Freshmen, new guard &amp; percussion only</i></b>
<b>Thur-Fri</b>	<b>July 24<sup>th</sup>-July 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Full band</i></b>

This week's rehearsals run from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.: (You will need to bring lunch)

<b>Mon.-Fri.</b>	<b>July 28<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b><i>Full band</i></b>
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### **Regular Season Practices:**

The Band's schedule during football season includes practices every Tuesday and Thursday from 3-6 p.m., Friday night football games, and one/two Saturday competitions. Football season lasts approximately 10 weeks.

STUDENTS MUST ATTEND ALL PRACTICES AND PERFORMANCES TO BE IN BAND. Students are responsible to make sure any other after school activities they plan to be involved in do not conflict with Band. Also, students are responsible to make up any *excused* absences.

Band students are graded on their ATTENDANCE & PERFORMANCE at all Band classes, after school practices, and performances. Attendance is extremely important!

Band is a wonderful opportunity for students to work with a team, developing their musical talents and leadership skills. However, because this is a team effort, every student must be willing to do their part; regular attendance and individual practice are necessities for a strong Band program. If you have any questions concerning attendance problems, practice requirements, etc. please contact me at 775-6526 (Band office), or 775-5986 (home) before camp begins.

Thank you,

Brad Denton  
RCHS Band Director