

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 will be *Seasons of Hope*.

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 2009-2010 include: \$40 Camp Fee (Camp fee is due first day of camp) (a \$40 fee will also be assessed in January 2010)
 \$15 per semester Rental Fee for school instruments (includes Percussion)

***-These fees are payable by cash, check (RCHS Band) or by PayPal or credit card through Charms (after June 15th)

Note-Any Student dropping band after June 12th will be responsible for the band camp fee. This fee pays for the show design and music, which will already be ordered based on enrollment.

Marching Shoes:

The official shoes for marching season will also be ordered during camp. The cost for these is about \$25, which will be due the day we order them. We will announce the exact cost during camp and take orders. Returning members do not have to order new shoes each year.

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:

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)

Wed	July 22rd	<i>Freshmen, guard & percussion only</i>
Thur-Fri	July 23rd-July 24th	<i>Full band</i>

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

Mon.-Fri.	July 27th-July 31st	<i>Full band</i>
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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