

CLAIBORNE
BLUE BATTALION BAND
CAMP
SURVIVAL GUIDE



Band camp is one of the most fun things in the world.
The worst thing in the world is to come to band camp
unprepared.

The following guide should help you arrive at band
camp prepared, and more importantly... survive.

This packet is a good reminder for all band members of what they should do to have a successful band camp.

Band Camp Schedule

Dates and Times:

Thursday, July 16 - Friday, July 31

Leadership, Percussion and Rookie Pre-Camp (Thurs, July 16 - Fri, July 17)

8:00am - Noon, *Lunch will NOT be provided these days*

Week 1 (Monday, July 20 - Friday, July 24)

8:00am to 5:00pm, *Wednesday dismissal at 2:00pm*

8:00am	Visual Block
11:30am	Lunch Break
12:30pm	Sectionals
3:00pm	Full Band
4:00pm	Ensemble Block
5:00pm	Dismiss

Week 2 (Monday, July 27 - Friday, July 31)

8:00am to 9:00pm, *Wednesday dismissal at 2:00pm*

8:00am	Visual Block
11:30am	Lunch
12:30pm	Sectionals
3:30pm	Full Band
5:00pm	Dinner
6:00pm	Ensemble Block
8:15pm	Team Building
9:00pm	Dismiss

All leadership, freshmen, new members, and percussion members are required to attend the rookie/pre-camp and are required to attend both weeks of camp and stay for the entire day. Anyone who is consistently absent or leaves early will be considered unavailable for marching season. Same goes for after school rehearsals, once the school year begins. See the benching policy in the band handbook for more information on this.

Things YOU Should Know Before Band Camp

All Claiborne High School rules and regulations are in effect at all band rehearsals, performances, and trips. Please refer to the Claiborne Band Handbook.

Cell phones should be silenced and put away during rehearsals; you'll be able to use them during break time.

Remember that we are having camp to learn our show, we are not on vacation. The music, routine and marching should be the most important things on your mind during our time together.

BE YOUR BEST

Success, as we measure it, is striving to be the best we possibly can be every day, every practice, and every performance. The only band we want to beat is the band we were yesterday.

EXPECTATIONS

The Claiborne Marching Band rules and expectations are based on three concepts:

SHOW RESPECT

BE PREPARED

BE ON TIME

If these expectations are followed regularly, the band experience will be rewarding, enjoyable and successful.

SHOW RESPECT:

Respect yourself. Respect others. Respect the band facilities, equipment and uniforms. **Good behavior, self-discipline, and positive attitude are expected of all band members.** Uniform, instrument, equipment, music, pencil, notebook, and other equipment must be cared for, put away properly and brought to rehearsals and performances as requested. Uniforms are provided to make the band look “uniform”. They must be worn properly, and band members must conform to hair and jewelry requests.

BE PREPARED:

Band members are responsible for doing their best, working on their individual skills, and practicing. All equipment must be brought to rehearsals as requested.

BE ON TIME:

Students should arrive at the building before rehearsal is scheduled to begin in order to get equipment, get to the right location, and be ready to start on time. Generally, the band room will be open at least 20 minutes before call time.

Early is on time, on time is late!

I. What To Bring

These are the essentials that you must have:

Socks and tennis shoes. (NO SANDALS, FLIP-FLOPS, or OTHER SHOES INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE MARCHING FIELD!)

****Your instrument/Equipment**** (Yes, there have been a few that have forgotten this before...) Music, Accessories (reeds, valve oil, etc.), folder, equipment, pencils, etc.

Clothing: Please keep in mind that we will be outside during the morning and evening. Please check the weather and dress appropriately for the forecast. A cooling towel is a good idea, too. Shorts and light colors should be worn. Band camp will take place rain or shine.

Sunscreen: Sunburns are not exactly pleasant. Yes, you will get a "*band tan*" even if you use sunscreen, but believe me, even if you never wear sunscreen, YOU NEED IT at band camp. Even if it is cloudy you can still get a sunburn. Apply sunscreen often. With all the sweating you will be doing it will probably sweat it off!

PLEASE BRING SUNBLOCK.

PLEASE USE THE SUNBLOCK.

SUNBLOCK IS YOUR FRIEND.

YOU **WILL** GET SUNBURNED WITHOUT SUNBLOCK.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET SUNBLOCK.

Water: This one is obvious. You probably will sweat a lot at band camp. During breaks, you will need to fill up with water. *Important note: Do not bring water bottles filled with carbonated sodas it will just make things worse.* Water is best, but sports drinks are acceptable too. Water coolers will be provided, but you must bring your own CLEAN bottle to fill. No sharing of bottles or drinking from the coolers/fountains!

PLEASE DRINK **LOTS** OF WATER.

WATER IS YOUR OTHER FRIEND.

YOU SHOULD DRINK WATER ON EVERY BREAK.

Chapstick: Only if you think you'll need it - many brass players use this especially.

Sunglasses: These definitely keep the UV light from your eyes and make the glare bearable, since you have to look up, sometimes into the direction of the sun where there may be a glare.

Hat (or some other appropriate head covering): It will keep the sun out of your eyes and face (preventing tan lines around your eyes, which look silly in pictures.)

Meals: *Eat breakfast BEFORE you arrive at camp. Even if you don't normally eat breakfast, you HAVE to eat breakfast before band camp!* Every day of Band Camp, a school breakfast and lunch will be provided. Students may also bring their own food from home or money to purchase lunch from a local restaurant. A limited menu will be available each morning and orders will be taken during breaks. Dinner will be provided by local businesses/volunteers. ***Students will not be allowed to leave campus for lunch or dinner unless accompanied by a parent/guardian.***

Daily Restaurant Options

(if students choose to order out)

Monday McDonald's

Tuesday Taco Bell

Wednesday Wendy's

Thursday Little Caesars

Friday Frostee Freeze (or maybe Zaxby's it's open by band camp.)

Our dinner menu will be at the discretion of the volunteers/business who are donating. The dinner menu will be announced the day prior to serving, or as soon as they are confirmed during the 1st week of band camp.

II. What To Expect

Expect to **work**, and **work really hard**.

Expect a sun tan with tan lines from your shirt and socks.

Expect section leaders and officers to give constructive criticism and feedback.

Most of all, expect to learn the majority of this year's show, have some fun doing it, and expect to be proud of the hard work you will put into making the Claiborne Blue Battalion Band the PREMIER performing organization in our region!

III. What To Do

There are several things you can do to make band camp a little easier on yourself.

Show up: There have been a few cases of people who completely messed up and didn't realize that there was a band camp, or that band camp was required to be part of the Claiborne Band.

Be on time: You are responsible for being on time. You cannot blame this on traffic, on car trouble, or on your parents. You take full responsibility for it. The only exception is if you call the band room at (423) 626-3532 ext 2358 or email claibornebandtn@claibornecsd.org or one of the directors BEFORE the time you are supposed to arrive and explain the situation (i.e.: car trouble, parents overslept, etc).

Early is on time, on time is late!!

Behave: Just get in line, stay in step, do what is asked of you. If you work hard Mr. Howard will take note - as well as the other staff and band members around you. Also, behaving tends to get things done a lot quicker (nothing worse than rerunning a drill set over and over again because the band isn't behaving correctly!)

Keep cool: Both literally and physically. First make sure you are not overheating (the intent is not to make anyone sick), but also keep a calm mind. So you can't hit the line the first time you try it? You can't sight read your part perfectly? That's ok, as long as you keep trying your hardest and listen graciously to advice, you WILL eventually get it.

IV. Final Notes - The Most Important Things to Remember

Respect the directors, staff, officers & upperclassmen (they have done this before and know what they're talking about). •

Drink plenty of water during every break (sodas are not allowed during rehearsals).

Wear shorts, t-shirt and tennis shoes.

Wear a hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses.

Bring your instrument and other equipment.

Get to know the people in your band family - freshman, go out of your way to meet upperclassmen (it will be worth it) and upperclassmen, please remember when you were a freshman!!!

Band camp is hard work, but you will find that working hard and then seeing the results of that hard work is something to be really proud of. Remember, excellence is not just for sometimes, excellence is for all of the time!!!