

2018 Lakota West Band Camp FAQs

Q: Where is band camp?

A: All rehearsals (Pre, Band and Post Camp) are at Lakota West Freshman Campus. Activities are also planned throughout the week of full band camp. Please see the schedule in the handbook or on the website for activity times and locations. [Handbook link](#). [Calendar Link](#). Any changes from this point will be made on calendar only. We may use Remind Text for last minute changes. [Sign up for Remind Text Here](#).

Q: What are the drop-off & pick-up times?

A: Please refer to the rehearsal and activity schedule in the handbook or on the website.

For the full week of Band Camp only (7/30-8/3):

On Monday, students will leave following afternoon rehearsal around 4pm to see the DCI show in Centerville that evening. Transportation is provided, but dinner is not. Please send some cash with your child to get dinner at the stadium. Food Trucks available at stadium. Students will be brought back after the show to the Freshman building. Appx time is 11:30pm but sign up for Remind texts to receive updates that evening.

On Tuesday & Wednesday students will be on-campus from 7am - 9pm. Tuesday includes an afternoon break time while remaining on campus, and Wednesday includes a movie off campus and transportation is provided. Students should be picked up at 9pm on these days.

On Thursday, students will have a planned sectional break time including dinner. These typically occur at one of the student's homes that are on the Leadership Team. Transportation should be arranged for the afternoon break on these days. Rehearsals end at 9pm. Additionally, students will need transportation to the pool party on Thursday following the evening rehearsal. Pool party runs 9pm – 11pm.

On Friday, rehearsal run 9am-5pm Students will need to be picked up then, and returned to Freshman Building for the Lock-in at 8pm. Lock-in runs 8pm – 1am.

Q: Will there be section dinner(s) as in the past (Band Camp week)?

A: Yes. However, a section dinner is only planned for Thursday (8/2) during the afternoon break. Parents are encouraged to help facilitate the section dinner. Section leaders are coordinating this so please talk to your student and offer support for his/her section during this important team building activity.

Q: What happens during bad weather?

A: All rehearsals will take place as scheduled. Accommodations have been made for indoor rehearsal space.

Q: Should my student bring his/her own water?

A: YES! All students MUST bring a full water jug with his/her name in permanent marker to EVERY rehearsal. A 64oz (half gallon) jug is highly recommended. Plenty of cool water will be provided for refilling jugs at the field.

Q: What are the plans for lunch/dinner?

A: Please refer to the rehearsal and activity schedule in the handbook or on the website.

For Pre-Camp: Students to bring a packed lunch T, W and TH.

For Band Camp: Students will receive lunch at the freshman campus every day as well as dinner on Tuesday & Wednesday. This is covered by your student activity fee.

For Post-Camp: Students to bring a packed lunch T, W and TH. Pizza and drinks are provided by the LW Upbeat Club at the tailgate on Friday prior to their end of camp performance.

Note, we have accommodations for vegetarian, gluten-free, and peanuts or tree nut allergy. If anyone has a soy allergy that is very difficult to plan around, and they should pack their meals for band camp. The same goes for vegan.

Students always have the option to pack even when the meal is provided.

Q: Is Breakfast important? Should I bring snacks?

A: YES! Eat a good breakfast.

- Good Breakfast options include: oatmeal, waffles, pancakes, bagels, low-sugar cereal, whole grain breads, fruits, eggs, Peanut butter, lean bacon
- Many avoid milk due to the effects of the 90 degree heat

Q: What if my student is sick?

A: Illnesses should be reported to the student's section leader prior to the start of rehearsal. (Alternates will fill your place so get back on your feet as soon as possible!)

Q: What items should students bring each day?

A: 1. Full 64oz (half gallon) water jug. 2. Sunscreen 3. Hat 4. Sunglasses (optional) 5. Thick cotton socks & sturdy athletic shoes (blisters await those who think thin socks are cooler) 6. Rain gear and/or large plastic bag for items brought to the field. 7. Did we mention a 64oz water jug? 8. Instrument/music/flip folder & coordinates!!

Q: How can I reach my son/daughter during rehearsal?

A: Students take the field with cell phones off for long periods of time. In the event of a family emergency or urgent need to contact your student, please contact camp coordinator Jen Daiker @ 513 388-8424. The director(s) will be notified immediately who will have the student contact you. The same chain of contact should be used in-person, at the field.

Q: Is participation in band-building activities required?

A: Yes. Attendance will be taken.

Q: Are there additional fees during band camp for the activities or anything else?

A: All activities are paid from the student activity fee (band camp fees). A few dollars for snacks or drinks should be plenty of pocket money. There are beverage vending machines at the Freshman building (if working). Student will also need cash for dinner on Monday (7/30) and there is the option to get drinks/snacks at the movie on Wednesday (8/1). Sections will each design and purchase a section shirt. Cost is usually \$12-15. Individual and full band picture will be optional on picture day (8/14).

Q: If something changes as far as time or location – where will the most up to date information be?

A: Always check the website and calendar (on the band website NOT the calendar in CHARMS) for the most up to date information. This handbook will not be updated to reflect changes once it is published.

Q: How do I know if I have signed up for all the ways to get updates?

A:

1. Charms – [log into Charms](#) and make sure all the parent emails and student email are correct.
2. Sign up for email blasts from our web site. A large number signed up but may have not properly activated it. As soon as you sign up, you will get an email from Feedburner Email Subscriptions. It will ask you to ‘click on the link to activate your subscription immediately’. Please do so! To check, the last email blast came out 7/11 from Lakota West Bands – Home of the Marching Firebirds. If you did not get it, you need to sign up here – [Email Subscription](#).
3. Remind Text – [go to link to sign up](#)
4. Optional – [Facebook](#) , [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)

Q: I forgot to complete the Final Forms, is that important?

A: Final Forms MUST be completed before Monday or your child cannot participate. Information is in the Handbook. Any questions contact president@lakotawestbands.org.

Still have a question? Contact communications@lakotawestbands.org