



2021 Lakota West Band Camp FAQs



Q: Where is band camp?

A: All rehearsals (Pre, Band, Post Camp, and Bonus Week) are at Lakota West Freshman Campus. Activities are also planned throughout the week of full band camp. Please see the tentative schedule in the handbook for activity times and locations. [Handbook link](#). Any changes from this point will be made on calendar only. [Calendar Link](#) - This is the most up to date resource. 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(7/26-7/30):

On Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday students will be on-campus from 7am - 9pm. The days include an afternoon break time while remaining on campus.

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 your student to get to and from their sectional dinner.

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

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 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 are the plans for lunch/dinner?

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

For Pre-Camp: Students 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. On Monday, we will have Food Trucks on campus for dinner where students will bring money to purchase their dinners and picnic with friends. Thursday night is reserved for Section Dinners.

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

For Bonus Week: Students bring lunch T, TH. Pizza dinner will be provided to the students on Friday night at the Parent 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, they should pack their meals for band camp. The same goes for vegans. Students always have the option to pack even when the meal is provided. Any questions contact bandcamp@lakotawestbands.org

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 (7/29). Section leaders will let students know what the plan is for dinner. Plan to pick up at 5:00 to transport your student to dinner. Your student will be free for the rest of the evening. Parents are encouraged to help with 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: 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 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!! An addition is ear plugs for the indoor rehearsals (only!)

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 Best @ 814-969-1379. 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). Students will also need cash for Food Truck dinner on Monday (7/26). Sections will each design and purchase a section shirt. Cost is usually \$15-20. Individual and full band pictures will be optional on picture day (8/13).

Soaring Sounds is a DCI (Drum Corps International) show that the band will tentatively attend on the evening of 8/10. The cost of the ticket and transportation will be paid for by the band, but there will be food trucks on site for dinner. Your student will need to bring cash if they intend to eat.

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. Subscribing to Remind Text is also a good idea.

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

A: Final Forms MUST be completed before Monday 7/19, or your child cannot participate. Information is in the Handbook. Any questions contact president@lakotawestbands.org or LWUpbeat@gmail.com

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

1. Charms – [log into Charms](#) and make sure all the parent emails and student emails are correct.
2. Sign up for **email newsletters and announcements** from our website. NOTE, this is a two-step process. You will receive an email with the subject line "Please confirm your subscription to LakotaWestBands." You MUST confirm your subscription by clicking 'click here to confirm' in this email. You are all set! [Subscribe to Emails here](#).
3. **Remind Text** – [Click here for information to sign up](#).
4. Optional – [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)

Still have a question? Contact bandcamp@lakotawestbands.org