

# SMF High School Marching Band

## SMF Band Parents Association



# **Marching Band Camp 2026**



TO PARENTS AND BAND MEMBERS:

Your directors and camp committee are completing plans for the **2026 Marching Band Camp**. We hope you are looking forward to this week of hard work, practice and fun.

### FACTS ABOUT MARCHING BAND CAMP:

- DATES:** Sunday, July 26th - Friday, July 31st, 2026
- DEPARTURE:** Sunday, July 26th 12:00 noon, from the High School
- RETURN:** Friday, July 31st, 4:00 PM
- PLACE:** PennWest Edinboro, Edinboro, PA
- TRANSPORTATION:** Students will be transported by school busses. All suitcases and sleeping bundles will go by truck and band bus. Packing will be on Saturday, July 25, from 1:00- 2:00 PM. A small number of students may be selected to ride to camp with the chaperones to set up the dorm. All other students are expected to ride the bus.
- STAFF:** Band Directors, College Assistants, Female & Male Adult Chaperones
- HOUSING:** Students and staff will be housed in a college dormitories. Biological males & biological females will be housed separate dorms. The dorms at PennWest Edinboro are suites and house **four students per suite**. Roommate sign-ups will be done during band on voting day and before the reading session (Freshman - May, 22). **NO REQUESTS FOR CHANGES IN ROOM ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE MADE AFTER SUBMITTED.** **Students will submit one card per room with students names and grade.**
- MEALS:** All Meals will be provided by the cafeteria staff of PennWest Edinboro. Students must eat something at each meal. Cereal and peanut butter & jelly are available at each meal. In the afternoons, chaperones will take orders for pizza if students choose. Pizza will be delivered at 9:00 PM.
- RECREATION:** Swimming pool, basketball, volleyball, pool tables, electronic game room, tennis courts and a running track.
- COSTS:** **Freshman: \$495.00** (\$425.00 camp + \$70.00 {uniform user fee, new cords, t-shirt})  
**For 1 Student: \$465.00** (\$425.00 camp + \$40.00 {uniform user fee & t-shirt})  
**For 2+ Students: \$435.00** (first student = \$465.00, for second or more  
{ \$395 camp + \$40 (\$435) uniform user fee & t-shirt.})
- ASSISTANCE:** Should a student need financial assistance with camp fees, scholarships are available. Contact Mr. Newman: [st\\_newman@smfcsd.org](mailto:st_newman@smfcsd.org). If you wish to be considered for financial assistance, please understand that the Band Parents Association **DOES** expect those applying to actively **participate** in all Band Fundraisers and be willing to assist with any **volunteer** capacity throughout the year.

**PAYMENT:**

The **DEPOSIT**, 1/2 of the band camp/uniforms cost is **DUE BY MAY 1, 2026** Balance of payment is **DUE BY JUNE 1, 2026**.

An invoice will be sent via email from Quickbooks by April 24th/May 25th and payments will be made electronically. Emails containing the link to pay your band camp invoice will be sent to the address(es) that Mr. Newman has on file. If you don't receive an email by Monday, May 1st, please let the Treasurer know via an email to [stowbandtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:stowbandtreasurer@gmail.com).

**NECESSARY FORM COMPLETION: Accessible on June 15th!**

All forms, permission and acknowledgement need to be completed through FINAL FORMS and are due by JULY 1st. Click [here](#) to get to FinalForms. Use the link [here](#) for instructions.

**CONDUCT:**

**All school and band rules as listed in the Band Handbook apply at band camp.** If you have any questions, email the band directors.

**WITHDRAWALS/REFUNDS:**

No refunds will be given to any student or family withdrawing after the start of Pre-camp or leaving early for team practices.

**WHAT TO BRING:**

A detailed list will be given in July, but in general:

**1 Medium Sized Suitcase:** with clothing, good socks, alarm clock, personal hygiene items, towels, band aids, lip balm or chapstick, insect repellent, sun block (30+), rain gear, swimsuit, jacket or sweater, water bottle (for when on field) 2 pairs of shoes and hat. **SANDALS OR BARE FEET ARE NOT PERMITTED FOR MARCHING. SOCKS MUST BE WORN TO PREVENT BLISTERS. COMPRESSION SHORTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PREVENT CHAFFING DUE TO MARCHING.**

**Bedroll:** In a garbage bag with **Fitted sheet measures 39"x80"x10"**, **Flat sheet measures 66"x100**, pillows, blanket and/or **sleeping bags**. The university does not provide linens.

Due to lack of space on the box truck, TV and monitors are not permitted.

**Spending Money:** may be needed for buying soda and ordering pizzas in the evenings.

\*\*\*\*\* **The Instrument/Luggage Trucks** will be packed on **Saturday, July 25th from 1:00-2:00PM**. All students should drop off instruments and luggage during these times. Percussion and tubas are required to drop off their instruments by 12:45 PM as they need to be loaded first.

**INSTRUMENTS:**

Be sure your instrument is in good playing condition. Bring extra supplies to keep it working (oil, reeds, drum sticks, tape, etc.) Please have it inspected before camp. As always, **FLIP FOLIOS ARE A REQUIRED ITEM FOR EVERYONE!** Flutes will need a *flutist friends lyre*. Music lyres are also required for all instruments except percussion and tubas. Percussionists should purchase page protectors and rings to keep their music together.

**CELL PHONES:**

Students are permitted to bring cell phone to camp, however they are permitted to use them during free times (3-5, 9-11). Cell phones should never be used to contact parents if students ill. Directors & nurses should be advised & they will call parents.

**CHAPERONES:**

If you can help pack or unpack the truck please contact Kevin Galimoto: [kagalioto@outlook.com](mailto:kagalioto@outlook.com)

EMAIL ANY QUESTIONS TO:

Mr. Newman: [st\\_newman@smfcsd.org](mailto:st_newman@smfcsd.org)

# GENERAL BAND CAMP RULES:

1. All school and band rules as set in the SFMHS Band Handbook apply at camp.
2. Be on time and prepared for all activities. (i.e. extra reeds, valve oil, etc.)
3. Hazing is not permitted by Edinboro University, SMFHS Band Program or SMF City School District.  
*“Hazing is defined as doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act which causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. Permission, consent or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the offense. Restraining a students may also constitute hazing.”*
4. Students are only permitted on their own dorm floor unless accompanied by an adult chaperone.
5. NO SKATEBOARDS or Rollerblades.
6. Do not fraternize with college students.
7. No band member will leave College Grounds for any reason without the permission of Mr. Newman. When moving around campus always travel in groups---never alone!
8. Returning to dorms during rehearsal times or full group activities (including meals) without permission of the directors is not permitted. You must always take a chaperone with you.
9. **School dress codes are in effect at band camp.** Students should choose appropriate clothing that is both cool and offers protection from the sun. No bare feet or sandals are permitted on the field.
10. The inside & outside of dorms will be kept clean. Rooms will be inspected each morning.
11. No one is to hang out of windows or remove screens at any times.
12. All rules are enforced by chaperones and camp staff for your safety. Always be polite and respectful. Any changes in or deviation from the schedules can only be made by the directors. Don't assume anything.
13. Parents should monitor what your child takes to band camp. Due to room on the truck, TV's are not permitted. We discourage students from bringing Stereos, Computers or other expensive items to camp.
14. **Cell Phones** are only permitted during free times. They are never permitted in rehearsals at anytime. Failure to follow this rule will result in the phone being confiscated & returned upon returning home.
15. **Alumni are only permitted to visit between 6-9 on Thursday evening. These guests are not permitted during free time and are never permitted in the dorms.**

## Medical Guidelines:

1. **ALL** MEDICATIONS MUST BE GIVEN TO AND WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE NURSE.
2. If you become ill, you must inform a director, chaperone and the nurse first! Please do not call parents without first talking to a nurse. For legal reasons, in the event a parent must be called, the call will be placed by the nurse or director.
3. Any student who can not participate in field drills due to injury, will refrain from activities which may lead to further injury during free time. Failure to follow the advice of the nurse or director will result in the loss of the students free time. Students who are injured and on the sidelines, must following what the band is learning unless informed otherwise by the nurse.

**Parents: please consider consulting your physician about halting any medications that cause sun sensitivity during the week of band camp (ex. acne medications).** We've had problems with severe sunburns on kids taking these kind of medications. If it can not be stopped, have your child plan accordingly: hat, sunglasses, high SPF & clothing that covers the shoulders, please!

## Resident Hall Rules:

1. Articles Prohibited in Resident Hall Rooms Include:
  - No alcohol, drugs or vaping
  - No water balloons, squirt guns, etc
  - No bicycles
  - No animals or pets of any kind
  - No guns, knives, fire arms or weapons
  - No firecrackers and open flames
2. Main doors to rooms must be propped open when a student is inside unless the student is sleeping or dressing. Once a student leaves the room, doors must be locked.
3. The student is responsible for damage or theft of university property & is liable for the full replacement cost.
4. Room keys/meal cards are the responsibility of the student. The university charge is \$80.00 for a lost room key and \$20 for a meal card.
5. Students must be on their own floors by 10:00PM. Lights out at 11:00 PM.  
From 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM no one is permitted out of their rooms for any reason.

