

Dear Camper,

Welcome to the 39th annual HPU Band Leadership Camp. We want this to be the beginning of a successful 2012-2013 year for your band. Below you will find the details and information for this year's camp. Please come prepared for a great experience!



REGISTRATION: Registration will take place on Monday, June 18 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Davidson Music Complex (there will be a sign on the front of the building). Make all checks payable to: Band Leadership Camp. **AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE REGISTRATION PROCESS**, you may proceed to unload and move in your assigned dormitory. **DO NOT UNLOAD LUGGAGE AND EQUIPMENT AND ATTEMPT TO MOVE INTO DORMS UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED REGISTRATION.** The university requires a \$10.00 refundable key deposit if you wish to have a room key. Please bring a \$10.00 bill for this. At least one key per room is required. During registration, campers will also be required to meet with members of camp staff for placement interviews for proper group placement.

HOUSING: All students, directors, and sponsors will be staying in the dormitories on the Howard Payne University campus in Brownwood, Texas. Campers are responsible for their own towels, blankets, sheets, pillow, and toilet articles. The dorms are known to get cold at night so you may want to bring extra blankets.

MEALS: Meals will be served in the University Center located across the street from Veda Hodge Hall. Your first meal will be served on Monday at noon and the last meal will be served at noon on Friday. There will be concessions at most break times.

PARKING: Parking is available in the dormitory parking area. Large buses may park behind the dormitory. Students are not allowed to drive their personal vehicles off campus during the week of the camp.

TELEPHONE: There are phone jacks in each dorm room. You may bring a phone to use in the room. Long-distance calls can only be made by accessing your personal long-distance carrier's operator through an 800 number printed on the back of your long-distance credit cards.

If someone needs to contact you only in the case of an emergency or to leave a very important message, the camp office can be contacted through the numbers listed below. (Calls cannot be transferred to individual rooms.)

HPU main number: (325) 646-2502 (8:00AM - 5:00PM only)

HPU Band Hall: (325) 649-8502

MAIL: Mail will be received daily and should be addressed to:

Your Name

Howard Payne University Band Camp

HPU Station Box 865

Brownwood, TX 76801

ILLNESS/INJURY: If a student becomes ill or injured during camp, he/she should immediately notify the camp office or a staff member. Please bring a copy of your personal insurance card to place on file in the camp office in case of emergency. Howard Payne University, its employees, or camp staff is not liable for any injuries, accidents, or illnesses incurred during this camp week.

FLAG EQUIPMENT: Each flag line should bring flagpoles with practice silks and a cassette player(s)/recorder(s) with plenty of batteries. Since there will be four levels of flag groups, it would be helpful for you to bring more than one cassette player. During registration there will be placement interviews with the instructional staff. All flag lines are invited to perform a prepared routine in the School Showcase Showdown competition on Thursday night of camp. Please bring a pair of black athletic shorts to wear with your camp T-shirt for the exhibition on Friday afternoon.

PERCUSSION EQUIPMENT: Individual percussionists and/or entire lines should bring marching drums, mallet percussion, equipment stands, other percussion accessories, and marching carriers. Also, if you already have your percussion feature, feel free to bring it for individualized instruction as time allows. School Drum Lines are invited to perform in the School Showcase Showdown competition on Thursday night of Camp.

DRUM MAJORS/OFFICERS/BAND MEMBERS: Drum Majors and leadership team members need to bring good marching shoes (NO SANDALS), and your **concert instrument**. As you know, our camp takes pride in the air-conditioned camp band rehearsals that we have during the hot afternoons of band camp. We will play a wide variety of band music. During registration there will be a required placement interview/audition for campers. This year we will have the following groups: Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band and Jazz Band. For proper placement in the Camp Bands: Students need to print the audition music off of the camp website (bandleadershipcamp.com)

DIRECTORS/SPONSORS: There will be scheduled "credited" sessions (Comp. credit) and activities for directors who are at camp. There will also be a special Director Conference Room that will be available for planning, study, and band chat. Make yourself at home.

SCHEDULE: You will receive a complete schedule during registration. Generally, there are scheduled activities from 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. each day. Our 14th Annual School Showcase Showdown competition will be Thursday night at 9:30PM in Mims Auditorium. Parents and directors are invited this year to watch the showdown of talent. Parents coming into town for the Showdown are encouraged to get a local motel room and stay for the last day of camp and Final Exhibition. The Final exhibition and awards will be on Friday at 9:30 a.m. and the camp band concerts will begin at 11:15 a.m.

CLOTHING: Appropriate attire is expected. Please remember that HPU is a Christian institution. Halters, bare midriffs, crop-tops, see-through fabrics, extremely short shorts, or any other clothing that allows for unnecessary exposure, and tee-shirts with inappropriate emblems or slogans will not be worn. Caps or hats will NOT be worn in any of the buildings at HPU. Sandals are not appropriate for instructional marching sessions. Since you will be spending a large amount of time in the sun, please wear sunscreen at all outside instructional sessions and bring a water bottle or small insulated thermos. Also, bring bug repellent in case you need it in the early evening hours.

BEHAVIOR: No alcoholic beverages, drugs, narcotics, tobacco products, or smoking is allowed anytime, anywhere. Remember that you are representing your school and community and act accordingly! The Camp Director/HPU Officials reserve the right to remove anyone from the camp who violates the rules set forth by Howard Payne University and Band Leadership Camp. Those removed will not be reimbursed any expenses.

We look forward to having you on the HPU campus for our 39th annual camp! Feel free to contact us if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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