

2024 BAND CAMP REGISTRATION PACKET #1

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WELCOME!

Welcome Students and Parents to the Skyline Band Family! As your child will soon realize, band camp is not only a fun activity that they thoroughly enjoy, but a way for them to spend a week with their closest friends and meet many more before the first day of school. What a comfortable feeling to walk into a new building already knowing so many faces.

This year will again prove to be an exciting year full of opportunities for many great traditions to begin. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you as the school year begins. If you ever have a question or concern, please feel free to contact me at any time by email or by phone.

BENEFITS OF BAND CAMP

Band camp is an amazing opportunity for incoming 9th grade students to jump start their transition to high school and the Skyline band program. It's also a great opportunity for upperclassmen to get back into shape, both physically and musically for another great year.

Band camp is already an exciting and highly anticipated beginning to each school year. Lifelong friendships are forged with new members, leadership responsibilities increase as students move up in class, and traditions are born as the Skyline band becomes ONE.

Skyline band camp is a wonderful experience for all students. Band camp provides essential concert musicianship skills, as well as opportunities to meet directors and instructors who have been invited up for the week to work with your child, learn the basics of life at Skyline, rehearse concert music and drill marching fundamentals & pregame, all of which will be invaluable as students progress through their years in the Skyline bands. The band camp experience enables Skyline band students to form lasting relationships with fellow students in every grade before school begins, thus making their transition into and through high school easier. When a freshman band student walks into Skyline on the first day of school, he or she already knows many faces, many of whom will share classes and schedules. The band camp experience provides a smaller learning community to our 9th grade students. It's a wonderful way to ease into a high school like Skyline.

Band camp is a core part of the Skyline band program, as well as an ideal way for all band students to make new friends each and every year. Campers will spend their week at band camp living in a cabin with other members of the band. By the time students return to Ann Arbor and school begins, it is unlikely that any freshman band student who attended Skyline band camp will walk into any Skyline classroom and not see a student he or she has already met, and right away freshman students feel at home both in the band program and at Skyline High School.

INTERLOCHEN ARTS CAMP – GENERAL INFORMATION

Our summer band camp will be held at the world famous Interlochen Arts Camp (IAC). Any present or prospective member of the Skyline Bands is expected to attend. Band camp introduces both concert and marching fundamentals in a fun and friendly environment. In one short week, students prepare for a Sunday concert at the end of the week's activities. Students also drill marching fundamentals and learn pregame, which will prepare them for their marching shows at the home Varsity football games.

On August 13, 2024, the band, choir and orchestra from Skyline head north for their Interlochen experience. Skyline campers will spend their time refining musical skills and learning how to march high step and glide step. Campers rehearse in small sectionals (by instrument or instrument families) and rehearse and perform as one band. Rehearsals occur throughout the IAC campus. The Skyline band camp week culminates with our Sunday afternoon concert in beautiful Kresge Auditorium which precedes the marching demonstration to which family and friends are encouraged to come and enjoy. There is also time for socializing at band camp. Most nights have dances, games, and other activities to enjoy.

CAMP REGULATIONS

All Skyline High School rules and consequences are followed at Band Camp. Ann Arbor Public School students have routinely used good judgment at camp. Please read the following:

All band students are guests of the Interlochen Arts Camp and are expected to abide by IAC and AAPS student code of conduct. The right is reserved to send home any student, without refund of any fees, who fails to conform to rules and accept supervision.

The following activities are specifically prohibited at band camp:

1. Hazing of any sort.
2. Smoking/vaping of any substance.
3. Consumption of drugs (illegal drugs and those not listed on your medical forms).
4. Consumption of alcoholic beverages.
5. Leaving your cabin after lights out or before reveille without permission.
6. Entering a cabin to which you are not assigned.
7. Leaving the Interlochen Arts Camp grounds for any reason without approved written permission.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

Parents must complete the HEALTH INFORMATION FORM for each student attending band camp.

It is important that the health form be filled out completely and signed by parent/guardian.

A nurse will be available to our students during Band Camp week. Traverse City is only 5 minutes away, and all emergency services are available at the Traverse City Munson Medical Center.

EQUIPMENT/PACKING ITEMS – OTHER INFORMATION

Camp Concert Uniform: White blouse/shirts and black skirt/pants with black shoes/socks are to be worn for the Sunday concert presentation – no jeans, shorts or t-shirts or tennis shoes, please. A complete packing list is available in Band Camp Bulletin No. 2 (available online on the band website for you to download). Plan to pack your everyday clothes and don't forget plenty of socks, tennis shoes (for marching), sweatshirts, sweater or fleece jacket, slacks, swimsuit, raincoat and a flashlight. Bring your band camp t-shirt (which you will get on band registration day). Pack a sleeping bag, sheets, pillow, two bath towels, washcloths, soap, shampoo, toiletries, hygiene products and a reusable water bottle for marching rehearsals. Bring clothespins (for holding music to your music stand) and a pencil for rehearsals. Bring your musical instrument (both concert and marching), and folding music stand. All items should be marked with your name. If you wish, bring money for the Interlochen Store – gifts and snacks are available. You will need to bring \$10 for lunch for the bus trip TO camp AND \$10 for lunch for the bus trip home!

FINANCIAL AID

Please contact Mr. Smith before the May 10th deadline for more information on Financial Aid. There is a financial aid application on the Skyline Band Website (by clicking on Band Camp Registration) available for download. Please fill out and turn in with your deposit (a deposit must be made in order to be considered for financial aid).

TRANSPORTATION

Charter bus service is provided to and from band camp with stops for lunch. Students attending camp are expected and encouraged to ride the bus. Families who need to make exceptions to this should indicate this on the online band camp enrollment form.

PRACTICE AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONING

The Skyline Bands will be playing a demanding and varied repertoire. Band members are encouraged to maintain a daily practice regimen to sharpen their technical and musical skills. Scales, flexibility drills, and etudes all will increase your ability as an instrumentalist. Band members who practice with intention on a regular basis will succeed. Band members should complete at least 30 minutes of instrumental practice each and every night.

Marching is a very demanding physical activity, and your success and ability to enjoy the season, both at Band Camp and throughout the fall, depends in a very large way on your pre-camp physical condition. To prepare for the physically demanding marching season, it is important to sustain a daily exercise program throughout the summer. Many members find running, biking, swimming to be very helpful.

CAMP EVENTS AND FINAL CONCERT

BAND CAMP FACULTY

Camp faculty is drawn from the Ann Arbor Public Schools instrumental music staff as well as local colleges to be counselors, assist and to teach at Band Camp at the ratio of 8-10 students per adult. Our well-qualified college-age and above counselors are either current music majors, participants in college ensembles or Skyline alumni. Our counselors are instructors for sectional rehearsals and other musical activities. Parents can be assured that our students are given personal attention and that they will have a lot of fun at band camp.

CONCERT PRESENTATION & MARCHING DEMONSTRATION

On Sunday, August 18, 2024, parents and families are cordially invited to a concert of the Skyline Band, Choir and Orchestra at 1:30pm in Kresge Auditorium. Parents and guests see for themselves what our band students have been drilling all week long in preparation for concert and marching seasons. Parents and families are invited to come to band camp Sunday and look around the camp grounds, and meet other families as we celebrate the start of another great year.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR INTERLOCHEN ARTS CAMP

Website: <http://www.interlochen.org>

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DEADLINE AND REGISTRATION FEES

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Band Camp registration takes place during the spring of the school year. All students are able to download all the Enrollment Forms online on the Skyline Band Website. Forms can be uploaded online through the Google Form and the Band Camp Registration Website and deposits can be returned by mail to the address provided on the form (see address below). **In order to notify Interlochen of our expected enrollment, the following deadlines are enforced.**

MAY 10, 2024 - \$100 non refundable deposit is due (families needing financial assistance must also make the deposit to hold your spot. *You may also pay the full \$500 at this time. *Please mail your check, made out to SFA, to the address below. Please note that we encourage checks, but PayPal payments are also an option. PayPal amounts are higher to cover processing fees*

JUNE 7, 2024 - \$400 remaining balance is due. No registrations accepted after the June 7th deadline.

Band camp registration occurs on the Monday of Band Camp Week – **MONDAY AUGUST 12, 2024**. At band registration, Skyline band students go through several stations which will ensure they are prepared both for the school year and for camp. Some will pick up a school instrument; the school will provide large instruments and special marching instruments as well as get fitted for their marching band uniform and place a marching band shoe order. Please bring your checkbook with you to registration. All band students (regardless of whether they are going to band camp or not) need to attend band registration day on **August 12th**

Please go to the Skyline Band Website (skylinehsband.weebly.com) and click on the link Band Camp Registration on the left hand side of the page. No registrations will be accepted after the June 7th deadline. All Health Forms and Field Trip Consent Forms need to be uploaded via the Google Form by June 7th, 2024. Please note that if you are paying by PayPal, an additional charge will be added to cover service fees.

Make checks payable to SFA (Skyline Friends of the Arts) and mail to:

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2024 Band Camp Registration
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