

2018 Summer Band Camp Information and Reminders:

- Directors will return to the office on Monday, July 23, 2018 and Tuesday, July 24, 2018. We will be at a mandatory training conference the remainder of the week.
- The main high school doors will open next week during office hours if you still need to pick up your music and instrument on Wednesday (July 25) and Thursday (July 26) of next week. I will make sure the inside high school band doors are open. Check with the receptionists if the doors are locked.
- **Administrative Days** are Monday, July 30th, Tuesday, July 31st, and Thursday, August 2nd. It will consist of marching auditions (See Albin's Google Classroom), orientation packets/information, locker issues, uniform measurements and alterations, student & parent questions, measuring for shoes sizes, paying band fees, booster information, charms updates, and more. **You should attend your assigned day. If for some reason you cannot attend your assigned day, you must attend one of the other days. All students must complete an administrative day by Thursday, August 2nd. All band AND guard members will need to attend an administrative day.**
- **Meal Plans** for the Summer Band Camp, Football Season, and Marching Contests are included in your fees. We will accommodate vegetarians, gluten free, and allergies. You should have already emailed Lucy Bobalik jandlb@sbcglobal.net if your child needed a vegetarian meal plan, gluten free meal, or has certain food allergies. Thank you, Lucy Bobalik for feeding the troops this year. Last year was a huge success with the meal plan and we will continue to build on that success.
- **Medical Forms** **Complete your medical form online before Monday, July 30th. Every student must have one on file before the first day of summer band. Follow the link below:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/L7FEH0jHSzHb58MG3>

- **REMIND** All Students must join the Aledo Band Travel REMIND.

text [@ahsbandt](https://twitter.com/ahsbandt) to 81010

This REMIND will come from Mrs. McBrayer. This will be any information from the directors that needs to get to the students quickly. Parents are more than welcome to join this also.

- ALL, band and guard, students will need to join or rejoin this REMIND. It has been wiped clean from last year. Please do this now. REMINDS will start coming soon! You don't want to miss out on anything!

- **Charms** Please go into your students Charms account and update all information. This will save you time during your administrative day! Please check everything! Please fill out and update as much information as possible - names, contacts, phone numbers, address, emails, ...everything! Charms is our #1 way to communicate with you!

Please do this before Monday, July 30th!

- **Work Days** Monday, July 23rd and Tuesday, July 24th - Leadership Team and Tri-M Work Days

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (If you are in town, you are needed)

➤ Summer Band Camp Schedule

- **Monday, July 30th – 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Camp (Everyone)**
Senior and Junior Administrative Day - 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, July 31st - 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Camp (Everyone)**
Sophomore Administrative Day – 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, August 1st – 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Camp (Everyone)**
- **Thursday, August 2nd – 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Camp (Everyone)**
Freshman Administrative Day – 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

(Please bring a snack for yourself during your admin day if you find it necessary.)

This and the rest of the detailed summer schedule are on the Charms website calendar for your reference. <https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calendar.asp>

➤ The Regiment's first performance will be on August 14th for all Aledo ISD Employees. See calendar for time. This is no open to the public. We will perform for the parents and the community at Meet the Bands. You will receive more information at a later date.

➤ Top Items for Summer

- Please memorize your Marching Show Music by July 30th and practice your stand tunes. Remember the main high school doors will be open this week and next week to pick up music and instruments. (Monday – Thursday only)
- Start preparing your body physically and mentally for summer band. Drinking lots of water and walking every day will help your body's preparation for this heat. (Yes, You will be outside during summer band.) Watch Mr. Albin's videos here: <https://youtu.be/ua10igyc8eI>
- **Personal marching and concert instruments need to be in great working condition.** Woodwind players can purchase a box of reeds at In-Tune Music.
- TMEA All State Music will be released next week from the state. All State Jazz Music is in the Google classroom. We will schedule all state masterclasses soon.
- Wear sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses. **(10th-12th grade -Bring your filled Regiment Water Jug.)** Dress cool and athletically. Pants and dark colors are not a good idea. Tennis shoes and socks are required. No sperrys, toms, sandals, or flip flops.

➤ **Bottled Water** Every student must bring 1-2 cases of 16.9 oz bottled water for trips and general activities where water coolers are not effective alone. Please bring them on administrative days with your name on the case. There will be a check list. This was a tremendous success last year.

➤ **SAT** If you are planning to take the SAT, your first opportunity is on August 25. This would be a good time to take it that would not interfere with any marching contests. **Please do not sign up for the SAT on October 6th or November 3rd.** The Regiment has BOA contests those days.

➤ **Regiment Water Jugs** Freshman and new members **only** will be issued a new personal water jug with a name tag and Bearcat Regiment Koozie. Current members were issued a complete set (jug, name tag, and koozie) last year.

- **If you need to replace your water jug only** (you have your koozie), please purchase a white, black, or orange water jug with a white or black lid at your own expense. Make sure it is the correct size to fit inside your Regiment koozie.
- **If you need to replace your koozie**, it will cost you an additional \$25 over the cost of your band fees. You will need to bring \$25 to your admin day before one will be ordered. It must be paid for in advance. Be sure to let us know that you will need a new one. This was explained to you last year when your complete set was issued.
- **All students must have a water cooler and Regiment koozie to use during the season.**

➤ **Band & Guard Fees** Base line fees for the 2018-2019 school year are \$600.00. Everyone should have paid their down payment of \$100.00 at the beginning of the summer. This fee will help offset other expenses not covered by the district and band boosters. It includes your new personal Regiment Water cooler (freshman and new students only), uniform accessories, travel expenses, all group district football meals, play-off game meals, July/August camp meals, group marching competition meals, shirts, shorts, gloves or wristbands, snacks and drinks for games, uniform cleaning, alterations, replacement items, composite board picture, recordings/copyright fees, master classes, clinicians, marching band drill supplies, spring contest fees for UIL/Percussion/Guard, etc. Hopefully, we have thought of everything to avoid any surprises of asking for any money on a weekly basis.

- **Pay on July 30th , July 31st , August 2nd at your administrative day**
- Pay by check, cash, or money order...**make checks payable to Aledo Band.**
- You can pay by credit card on administration days, but you must pay the entire amount. A fee of 1.65% to each payment covers the fees we are charged. For example, if you pay \$600.00, it will cost you, \$609.90 total.
- ➤ Please write student's first and last name on each check. Please send separate checks for siblings. It's just cleaner for the books and less confusing. **Please bring the checkbook on administration days as multiple checks may be written.**

➤ Extra Band Fees

- **Wind Players:** Rental & Maintenance Fee is \$100.00 each **per instrument** (School instruments only)
(Example: If you rent a bassoon for concert band and rent a tenor sax for marching, that is \$200 for the year.)
- **Percussion:** Rental & Maintenance Fee - \$150.00.
- **Tri-M Music Honor Society Dues** - \$30.00 (members only-must be inducted)
- **BAND SPRING TRIP** – Disney World / Universal Studios (more information will be sent at a later time)

➤ Booster Memberships There will be an Aledo Band Booster Representative at all administrative days. This will be your first opportunity to sign up and join Band Boosters. Please see the Booster flyer that was attached to this email for details.

➤ Uniform Representative “Shadow” Needed Our Uniform mom will be “graduating” this year. We are looking for a dedicated person to take over for her during the 2019-2020 school. We would love for someone to be able to “shadow” her this year to learn what all is involved. We are looking for that hard working, dedicated person that would be willing to take on this job for our Bearcat Regiment students. We would like to possibly have a parent with a freshman or sophomore, that would be able to continue through the years with your student. (But it is not necessary). If you are that person, please contact Mr. Paul at jpaul@aledoisd.org

➤ Prop Parents Still Needed We are still in need of prop parents to help the Regiment during the season. Prop Parents are parents who are willing to meet us at games and contests. Your sole job would be to possibly help unload/load props to/from the truck, assemble props if necessary, and to help push the props on/off the field during halftime/performance times. You get to watch the show from the sidelines! Contest entry for you will be free with a badge from us! There will be a lot of props and it takes many hands to get these set up quickly! Please make sure that you can attend games, away and home, and contests. Please also understand that you will be meeting us at the location, you will not be riding a bus. You will also have to complete a background check online and be cleared by the district. If this is something that you would like to do, please email Mrs. McBrayer mcbayerj@ymail.com and she will pass your name along to Mr. Albin. Thank you in advance! Our students love parent help! This is a fabulous way to get involved and to meet other parents.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the directors or Mrs. McBrayer.

Sincerely,

Joey Paul, Jake Albin, Stephen Segura, and Junior Marquez