

South Fort Myers High School Band Camp

Welcome Letter



DATE: Summer 2019 July 29th to August 3rd 9am to 5pm

TO: New, Returning Band and Color Guard Members and Parents

FROM: Mrs. Staci Hatmaker, Director of Bands, South Fort Myers High School

Welcome! You will find information about the South Fort Myers High School Band Camp on our school web site. Our camp is filled with exciting and musically rewarding itineraries of musical enrichment for all participants.

Our Purpose: The SFMHS Band Camp is designed to prepare the Band and Color Guard for fall athletic field shows. Our Camp is designed to train students in the skills of music and visual performance, including outdoor Drum Corps-style precision marching.

Please understand that this camp is mandatory for all students who wish to participate in fall performances. Students are expected to attend every day of camp. If you have a conflict that requires special consideration, please contact Mrs. Hatmaker via

Email – Mrs. Hatmaker: stacilh@leeschools.net or

Email the Music Boosters: sfmhswolfpackmusic@gmail.com

Camp Location: South Fort Myers High School:

Camp Hours: 9am to 5pm

Family and friends are invited to join us from 4 PM to 6 PM on Saturday for a Cookout, and a private “Season-Teaser Concert” of the Fall Marching Band Show!

2019-2020 Marching Band Fees:

The Program Fee is \$150.00 per student.

Informal uniform - \$40 (Due by the end of band camp due to order time line)

If your student is new to band or has outgrown their shoes, they will need to purchase new shoes which are \$40.00. We will have a representative size your student during band camp.

What to Bring To Camp:

Comfortable shoes and socks for walking and marching

(no bare feet, no flip-flops, no sandals, no open-toed shoes).

Shorts, tee shirt

and similar clothing appropriate for being outdoors in the summer

(no halter tops, bathing suits, or clothing that is not consistent with school rules)

Water bottle

Deodorant

Healthy, brown bag lunch/dinner and snacks

Sun screen (SPF 50 or above)

Hat and or visor

Pencil and music folder

Instruments, music and drill books once assigned (Band members)

Marching band lyres (music holders; Wind and Perc. players only)

Marching Snare Drum sticks, practice pad (Percussion only)

Issued flags and poles (Color Guard members)

Food during Camp:

Students are expected to eat breakfast before arriving to camp each morning.

Students are encouraged to bring nutritious snacks and water every day. You are also expected to bring brown bag meals for lunch.

Please note: We will NOT provide food minus the BBQ on Saturday

In addition, NO ONE is allowed to leave the school campus on their own to purchase food.

Parental Support:

Support from parents will be needed, to help with cookout, meal breaks, and other logistics. We appreciate any assistance.

Please see the Band Booster president for needed assignments. They will be posted on the Facebook page and e-mailed closer to band camp.

South Fort Myers High School Band Classroom Requirements:

Students registered for Band class will also participate in the Marching Band. The Marching and Concert Band are co-curricular requirements that will enrich and strengthen each musician making them a stronger, more self-reliant, musician in the SFMHS Music Program. Students will receive a syllabus the first day of class.

The SFMHS Band (Marching) meets after school twice a week as part of the Band class.

Rehearsals are every Monday and Wednesday, after school during the marching band season. Attendance at these rehearsals is mandatory and will be graded.

More information will be available in our class syllabus.

*Note: If you have a scheduling conflict that requires special consideration, please notify Mrs. Hatmaker in writing, prior to the conflict date as she will do her best to work with your schedule if an emergency arises.

How to Register for Camp:

Please complete and forward the registration and forms on school website (https://sfm.leeschools.net/our_students/student_life/activities_clubs/band), plus a check for

\$150.00 (made out to SFMHS Band Boosters). If you need more time to pay, please contact the Band Boosters on the first day of Band Camp to set up a signed agreement for a payment plan.

You can stay up-to-date on Band and other Music activities at: South Fort Myers WolfPack Band Facebook website (Sfmhs Band Boosters) at <https://www.facebook.com/SfmhsBandBoosters/>

We're looking forward to having a great year.

When we "Band Together!" it is amazing what we can accomplish.

This motto will serve as our unifying philosophy for the season and will be the subject of many Pep talks.

"Band Together" and make memorable music for our school, and community!

Staci Hatmaker

Director of Bands

South Fort Myers High School