



**Stephen F. Austin State University
Middle School Band Camp
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Camp Handbook**

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All camps are sponsored by and located on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University. SFASU is located in historic Nacogdoches, Texas, in a setting of natural beauty in the pine forests of East Texas.

About SFASU Band Camps

Description of Camp

The Middle School Band Camp is designed to accommodate band musicians of all levels. This camp is open to students entering grades 7-8 in the fall of 2023. Whatever their level of proficiency, each camper will have new and fun challenges and opportunities that will increase their abilities, build confidence, and develop good habits and attitudes as musicians.

Staff

Every activity of camp life is supervised and attended by one or more of the following:

1. Camp Faculty—Faculty consists of SFASU professors, administrators, outstanding band directors from across the state, distinguished music educators and performing artists. Together, we have more than 70 music professionals that are employed by the SFASU Summer Band Camps, teaching full band, sectionals, and master classes.
2. Resident Assistants—“RA’s” trained and certified by the SFASU Housing and Student Life personnel.
3. SFASU Band Camp Counselors—SFASU undergraduate and graduate students, most of whom are studying to become music educators.

Our camp directors are Dr. Tamey Anglley and Dr. Dan Haddad

Tuition and Discounts

\$475	Full Resident Camp Cost
\$200	Commuter Camp Cost
\$200	Residential Deposit - Holds a spot in camp
Dorm/Fast Pass	(deadline May 30 th)

- Resident Camp fees include housing, instruction, all meals, t-shirts, and evening activities.
- Commuter Camp fees include instruction, all lunches, and t-shirts.

Registration Information

Register online at music.sfasu.edu/bandcamps. If you are unable to pay online, please contact the SFASU Band Office. You may mail cash or check to the SFASU Band Office. Credit cards are only accepted online on the Summer Band Camp Marketplace Website

Refunds and Fees

Refunds will not be given after registration/check in begins.

SFASU has a safety policy that in the event of a lost or broken dorm key, a fee of \$70 will be assessed. This fee must be paid before leaving camp.

Deposit of \$200

Your deposit will secure your spot in camp. Remaining payments can be made online or by mail before the start of camp. If you would like to take advantage of the early registration discount or fast pass, all payments and waivers must be turned in by April 28th. Otherwise, you may pay the remaining balance at registration on the first day of camp.

Dorm and Commuter Fast Pass

This pass allows you and your student to skip the registration line and go straight into Dorms (for resident campers) and Wright Music Building Lobby (for commuters) for check in. The office must receive FULL payment and signed waivers postmarked prior to or on May 30th. The Fast Pass will only be emailed, please print it out or present the digital copy at check-in for camp.

Group Rates - must register as a group

Schools bringing 10 - 19 students can receive \$10.00 off per camper.

Schools bringing 20 + students can receive \$15.00 off per camper.

Insurance

All campers must have a signed medical, liability, and photo release form on file. Your personal insurance will cover any accidents that occur while your student is at camp. Minor medical needs will be handled by counselors. Parents will be contacted **immediately** in cases of major medical needs.

General Information

What to Bring to Camp

- Modest, hot-weather, casual dress for rehearsals and camp activities
- A light jacket, the buildings can get cool during classes
- Comfortable shoes, there is a lot of walking
- Twin size bed sheets, pillow with case, blankets- the dorms get cool at night
- Toiletries/Towel
- Swimsuit
- Sunscreen/Bug Spray
- Sunday best for Friday concert (girls: dresses or slacks with a nice top; boys: shirt and slacks)
- Instrument in good working order, and CLEARLY labeled with your name and school! Keep track of it at all times! We will have larger instruments available if school owned instrument can't be used.
- Reeds, neck strap, valve oil, slide oil, etc.
- Trumpet and Trombone players bring straight and cup mutes if possible. French horn players should bring a mute if possible. **Label them!**
- Percussionists bring concert snare drum sticks, timpani mallets, xylophone mallets, and marimba mallets. Label all equipment!
- ALL bassoons and oboes need \$15.00 for reed making supplies. **Cash preferable, checks made to faculty member (TBD).**
- Pencil and notebook with paper for your classes
- Umbrella, rain poncho, rain boots.... **Prepare for the possibility of rain!**
- Snack, if wanted
- Money for snacks, etc.

Be sure to safeguard all “pocket money” and personal belongings. Initial or label all your personal property. SFASU is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen articles. Cell phones are to be turned **OFF** during **ALL** classes and rehearsals. **Hoverboards, skateboards, scooters, Heelys, etc. should be left at home!**

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SFASU Band and Drum Major Camps do not tolerate cases of vandalism, fighting, substance abuse, or other violations of camp safety regulations.

Mailing

If mailing a package or letter to your child, please allow ample time for delivery. We suggest either mailing with a tracking number and/or mailing the Friday before camp begins to ensure it reaches your child. If mailed afterwards, your child will not receive their package in time.

Audition Information

Campers will audition after they have gone through check-in. Auditions will begin at 1:00 p.m. and **must be complete** by 4:30 p.m. The audition rooms will be posted throughout the Wright Music Building with counselors to help you locate your audition room. The band hall room 121), and Regents Suite A in the BPSC will serve as warm-up areas.

Specialists on each instrument will hear each individual audition. Based on this audition, each camper will be placed in the ensemble that is best suited for their playing ability. Please remember that all of our campers are outstanding musicians and are often the top players from their schools. **Band assignments will not be altered.** Results will be posted at the dorms and throughout the music building as they are received. Campers are encouraged to contact their parents with their band placement and their performance time for the Friday concert. Parents, campers will know band placement by Sunday evening!

Audition music will be available at music.sfasu.edu/bandcamps when registration opens.

All campers must go through registration before auditioning. You will not be allowed to audition without your camp nametag.

What to Do the First Day of Camp – Day of Check in

Campers with DORM FAST PASS (see deadlines)

Resident campers that have a Dorm Fast Pass will report to the assigned dorm and check-in. They will then proceed to the Wright Music Building to audition for their band/chair placement.

Commuters with FAST PASS (see deadlines)

Commuters with a fast pass will check-in at the Wright Music Building Lobby.

New Registration/need to make final payment or missed the deadline

Check-in is held in the Wright Music Building. Please proceed to the registration check-in line (not fast pass) at Cole Hall Lobby (MUS 100).

All campers must go through registration before auditioning. You will not be allowed to audition without your camp nametag.

After your audition, you may go unpack in your dorm. Dinner will begin at 5:00pm. Show the cashier your meal card and they will scan the bar code. After dinner, there will be an orientation and your first rehearsal with your band.

Commuters must attend the orientation and rehearsal.

Classes

The student will participate in an assortment of classes such as master classes, musicianship classes and sectionals. Master classes are divided by instrument and taught by a member of our staff. The students will focus on technique and repertoire that is unique to their instrument. Musicianship class teaches the students basic music history and music theory that they will be able to take home with them. Sectionals are larger instrument groups that focus on helping students learn and perfect their concert music.

Housing –Dorms for camp are assigned by the university in mid-late May.

Campers stay in SFASU residence halls for the duration of their camp. They will stay with a roommate and share bathrooms. Camp counselors stay on the same floor with their assigned campers and can be easily reached at any time. Though it is not necessary to request a specific roommate for the duration of camp, students wishing to room together must indicate so when registering for camp.

To view the dorm features and amenities, you may visit Residence Life website at: <http://www.sfasu.edu/reslife/102.asp>.

Meals

Residential campers are provided with three meals daily in one of two university dining halls. Commuters will eat lunch in the dining halls (included in their fees). There is a wide variety of food served at every meal to accommodate everyone's tastes. Campers are encouraged to keep healthy snacks in their dorms for after evening activities. Energy drinks are **STRICTLY** prohibited.

Recreation

Evening activities are an exciting part of the camp experience. These activities may include: swimming, dances, concerts, volleyball, basketball, and Band Camp Olympics, and of course the practice rooms are always available!

Commuters need to be dropped off at the Wright music building between 7:45 a.m. and 8 a.m. They will need to be picked up at 5 p.m. at the music building.

Sample Schedule

All bands attend the same classes although the times may vary. Meals and recreation are the same time for all campers regardless which band they make.

Monday - Thursday

7:00 - 7:45	Breakfast
8:00 - 10:00	Full Band Rehearsal
10:00 - 11:00	Master Class
11:00 - 12:00	Musicianship
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:10 - 2:30	Full Band Rehearsal
2:30 - 3:00	Assembly
3:10 - 4:00	Sectionals
4:10 - 5:00	Free Time
5:00 - 6:00	Dinner
6:00 - 7:00	Attend a concert*
7:00 - 9:30	Evening Recreation
9:30	Return to their dorms, normally have some free time to talk to friends/play games before returning to assigned room and lights out.

*(*On specific nights, faculty and chamber ensembles put on evening concerts.)*

Student Performances - Friday

SFASU Band Camps conclude with a concert. Performance times are determined by ensemble placement. The concert schedule will be posted on the band camp website and Facebook page. You can follow the SFASU Summer Band Camp Facebook page @sfabandcamps.