

*NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL
MARCHING BAND*

2015 - 2016

**SUMMER BAND CAMP
PACKET**

Northgate High School's Annual Band Camp will be held at Camp Spencer from Sunday August 2nd through Friday August 7th. **Report time on Sunday is 2:00 P.M. at the High School with departure from Northgate set for 3:00 P.M.** The close of camp is highlighted by the **Parent's Night Show at 7:00 P.M. Friday evening.** The show is scheduled to be held at the field at **Camp Spencer**

You will be required to either pick up your child or arrange for him or her to be taken home after the Parent's night Show.

Sectionals (Summer Band) will be held at the high school July 6th through July 24th Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

Pre-Band Camp will be held at the high school July 27th through July 31st. **Instrumentalists will practice from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. on those days.**

Band photos will be taken Friday July 31st.

This packet contains information essential for all members, particularly new members. **Please read each page of this packet very carefully.**

The cost of Band Camp is included in the 2015 – 2016 assessment. **The first payment of \$100 is due May 31st, 2015.**

Payments may be mailed to:
Sandy Garvin
Treasurer, Northgate Band Boosters
527 Union Ave
Avalon, PA 15202.

Final payment must be received on or before the due date of August 1st, 2015 in order to participate in Band Camp. **Remember that participation in Marching Band requires attendance at Pre-Band Camp and Band Camp.**

Forms turn in is set for Sunday, May 31st from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Bellevue Memorial Park Pavilions. Uniform sizing date TBD.

PLEASE BRING THE COMPLETED FORMS PACKET (GREEN PAPERS) TO THE May 31st FORMS TURN-IN NIGHT. YOU FIRST PAYMENT IS DUE THIS NIGHT.

ASSESSMENT COSTS

Each member of the Northgate Marching Band is required to pay for his/her participation in the band. The first payment of \$100 is due May 31, 2015. The final payment is due July 31, 2015. **If you are not paid in full by August 1, 2015, your child will not be permitted to attend band camp.** To determine your child's assessment, find the heading that best describes your child's involvement. **REMEMBER** there are plenty of fundraisers to help defray your cost! The more you fundraise, the less you pay!

Bandfront – FIRST YEAR	COST	Bandfront – Veteran	COST
Band Camp	\$ 204.00	Band Camp	\$ 204.00
Black Under Armor T	10.00	Miscellaneous**	20.00
Black Field Shoes	33.30		
Black Jazz Pants	19.20		
Miscellaneous**	20.00		
Assessment Paid to Boosters	\$ 286.50		
Summer Uniform (Shirt/Shorts)***	44.00		
Warm-up Jacket	30.00		
Amount Paid to Cutting Edge	\$ 74.00		
Total	\$ 360.50	Total	\$ 224.00

Instrumentalist – FIRST YEAR	COST	Instrumentalist – Veteran	COST
Band Camp	\$ 204.00	Band Camp	\$ 204.00
Miscellaneous**	20.00	Miscellaneous**	20.00
Assessment Paid to Boosters	\$ 224.00		
Summer Uniform (Shirt / Shorts)	44.00		
Amount Paid to Cutting Edge Embroidery	44.00		
Marching Shoes			
Amount Paid to Dinkles	24.95		
Total	\$ 292.95	Total	\$ 224.00

Drum Line members are also required to pay for their own berets at \$25.00 each. The Uniform Chairperson will coordinate this purchase.

There may be other miscellaneous costs for the Bandfront as determined by the Bandfront Coordinator.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

INSTRUMENTALIST

	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
1 st Payment	\$100.00	May 31, 2015
2 nd Payment	Optional	July 11, 2015
Final Payment	Balance Due	August 1, 2015

BANDFRONT

	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
1 st Payment	\$100.00	May 31, 2015
2 nd Payment	\$100.00	July 11, 2015
Final Payment	Balance Due	August 1, 2015

Please note this is the minimum payment due. Final payments must be received by August 1, 2015 in order for your child to participate in Pre-Band Camp and Band Camp.

Checks made out to Northgate Band Boosters

Payments may be mailed to:

Sandy Garvin
Treasurer, Northgate Band Boosters
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Avalon, PA 15202.

If you have any questions regarding your child's account, please contact Sandy at 412-760-5519 or treasurer@northgateflamesband.org.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Camp Spencer Program Services Director's Office
724-758-6238-877-962-2565 (If no answer, leave message on machine)

WHAT TO TAKE TO BAND CAMP

Linens

- Pillowcase, Light Blanket, Towel, Washcloth, Sheets, and/or Sleeping Bag (it occasionally gets chilly over night).

Personal Shower and Bathroom Items:

- Soap, soap dish, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo & hair care items, contact lens supplies, etc.
- Container to transport items to and from showers (small bucket, etc.)
- Footwear for to and from showers (flip flops, slippers, sandals etc.)

Clothing:

- At least 2 sets of clothes per day to allow for maximum comfort or in case of rain
- Athletic Shoes (at least 2 pairs in case of rain. Quality, broken in shoes.)
- Plenty of Socks (mandatory). Changing socks at mid-day gives the feet a break; extra needed in case of rain.
- Swimwear, hats, and loose-fitting **light colored** clothes to wear in the sun.
- Jackets or sweats (morning and evenings are usually cool) and rain gear.
- Dress clothes for the Thursday night dance / award ceremony.
- Suitable practice attire at the discretion of Ms. Haberman. No midriffs, tube tops, or spaghetti straps

Sunscreen

- Know your skin, at least SPF 15 for face, lips & nose.

Insect Repellent

- The field is full of bugs in the evening.

Flashlight

- For going to and from the washrooms after dark.

Watch and Alarm Clock

- Coordinate with your roommates

Garbage and Laundry Bags

Fan for your room and power strip extensions (there is only one outlet per room/cabin):
Coordinate with your roommates

Snacks:

- You may wish to bring some to have before bed. There are no vending machines in the lodges. Coolers are suggested. The camp provides and distributes ice.

Work with your roommates to cover all needs and eliminate extras.

Remember

- The Parent's Night Show uniform is our official summer uniform, which consists of the band red golf shirt, khaki shorts, white socks and band shoes.
- Bring your Instrument / Pom-Poms / Flag, music lyre, flip folder, pencils and other needed supplies. Instruments in hard cases **ONLY!**

Due to trash issues, water bottles will not be provided by the Band Boosters. There will be ample water and cups available at all times during practices.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND INFORMATION

SPENDING MONEY -- is only needed for optional uses such as snacks, pop and phone calls. The store *might* be open in the dining hall.

EAT -- You should eat a well-balanced meal each time we eat. Students must attend all meals (roll will be taken). This is not the week to go on a diet. Our schedule requires us to be well nourished. The dining hall offers a wide variety of menu items that will appeal to everyone. If you have special dietary needs please advise Ms. Haberman by pre-band camp

FLUIDS -- Drink plenty of fluids during meals and breaks. Water and fruit juices are best to help prevent dehydration. AVOID excessive amounts of caffeinated soda. Water is provided during all breaks.

COMFORT -- Brass players with braces should pack plenty of wax (consult your orthodontist). Sax and percussion players should bring towels to place under straps and carriers. Everyone should wear cool, loose fitting clothing **HOWEVER, no spaghetti straps, strap tops, halters, tube or crop tops.** During breaks, a cool towel around your neck is helpful.

WEATHER -- Bring jackets or sweats for the mornings and evenings. Hats, sunglasses and visors are helpful in the sun. Pack your SUNSCREEN. Apply sunscreen before all outdoor practices. Don't forget your nose and ears.

FOOTWEAR -- Quality footwear is essential. No sandals are to be worn during practices. Avoid cheap generic shoes as they provide very little support. All students must wear socks during practices and activities along with good, quality athletic type shoes. You should pack at least two pairs of quality, broken in shoes and least two pairs of socks per day. Changing socks and shoes mid-day helps relieve the feet.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES -- The use of diet pills, caffeine pills, or other stimulants to diet, avoid sleep, or compensate for lost sleep is strictly prohibited. Violators will be subject to School District Substance Abuse Policies.

LUGGAGE -- Put your name on everything. One suitcase, one carry-on, a fan and a boom box size radio is all we have room for. Component stereo systems are not permitted. All instruments must be in hard cases. No gig bags.

BAND CAMP POLICIES

The use of ALCOHOL AND /OR DRUGS BY ANY person who is associated with the band will not be tolerated. Usage of said substances will result in immediate dismissal from band camp and the notification of the proper school authorities.

The use of all tobacco products is strictly prohibited.

Foul, obscene or offensive language is not appropriate for anyone associated with the Northgate Band. Please be courteous when addressing all persons, including fellow band members.

We are the guest of Camp Spencer and therefore must treat their staff and facilities with respect. Willful damage to Camp Spencer property will not be tolerated. Any willful destruction or vandalism will be the financial responsibility of the band member and his / her parents / guardians. This is also the case for the property of Northgate School District and your fellow band members.

Instructors and chaperones are here for your safety and shall be treated with the respect their age and wisdom dictates.

The following activities are prohibited in the dormitory and all other indoor facilities

- Playing with or tampering with fire safety equipment
- Water battles, shaving cream fights, initiating, etc.
- Throwing objects from windows
- Horseplay and running in the halls
- Cooking, open flames and incense burning
- Moving furniture in rooms, halls and lounges
- Ball playing or the use of other outdoor equipment
- No two way radios (walkie-talkies) are permitted
- **NO AIR CONDITIONERS, REFRIGERATORS, TELEVISIONS, OR CONSOLE VIDEO GAMES**

"Initiating", "rookie-ing" is strictly prohibited. This is a Northgate School District policy as well as state law. Any person involved in such activities will be turned over to the proper authorities and will be immediately dismissed from the band

Visitors are permitted at the camp at any time. Upon arrival, they **must sign-in** with the chaperone on duty before going anywhere on the campus. For the safety of the students, **ALL VISITORS and CHAPERONES MUST WEAR AN IDENTIFICATION LABEL** except for Friday when parents will arrive to view the show. Please call in advance in case of an emergency, parents included.

The schedule requires mandatory attendance at all times. All students will participate in all rehearsals, activities and most importantly, meals.

The band director reserves the right to search and seize, if necessary with due cause all band member items in violation of band camp rules and regulations.

PLEASE NOTE: All general rules of the "Code of Conduct" packet apply during pre-band camp, band camp and all band activities throughout the season

All Northgate School District Rules, Regulations, and Policies will be in effect throughout Band Camp and during all band activities.

The Medical Form must be completed and include current medications. **THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED.** Please be sure to update this information if necessary (in written form) before we board the buses for band camp. Please make sure students have all medications and essential medical supplies (bee-sting and asthma kits, etc.). Students are responsible for the administration of their medications. Please provide them with the necessary instructions.

Students must ride to camp on the buses provided. One suitcase and one carry-on bag are permitted. Any additional items such as fans, boom boxes, etc. may be taken at your own risk. Camp Spencer prohibits unsafe extension cord hook-ups.

Students are not permitted to leave the immediate camp area used by the band. Chaperones will be on duty in all areas occupied by the band.

Males may not enter the female cabins/areas and females may not enter the male cabins/areas.

No bare feet outside the cabins at any time. Socks and shoes are to be worn by ALL members at all times. This is to protect your feet from blisters and injury.

To protect you from the sun, **all students must wear shirts during practice.** Bare shoulders are not recommended.

Serious fraternizing with local residents and others not associated with the Northgate Band is not permitted. Do not travel alone at any time.

FREE TIME DETENTION will be assigned:

- After two warnings for minor offenses.
- Immediately for serious offenses. The length (hours/days) will depend on the offense.

It is further understood that the parents/guardians of band members will be notified by a collect call of any disciplinary problem that may be posed by their child. Should any band member violate the intent of the above stated rules, or prove to be a disciplinary problem, he/she will be dismissed from band camp and transportation will be the full responsibility of the parent/guardians. No portion of the band camp fee will be refunded.

The above listed policies are listed for the protection of all members of the Northgate Marching Band. Students are expected to adhere to all rules. Members and parents are required to affix their signature to the permission form attesting to their understanding of the rules and policies of the Northgate Band.

Body Piercing

Visible body piercing jewelry must be removed during all band performances, festivals and all other band activities. This includes all earrings and facial jewelry.

All visible piercings must be acquired at least eight weeks before band camp to allow for sufficient healing time. Acquiring new piercings that require jewelry to be in place during the Band Performance season is prohibited. The Band Director and Visual Ensemble Coordinator will inspect the Band and Bandfront Units and note the location of visible piercing. This includes earrings, facial jewelry and any piercing location that the Band Director specifies as trend change.