

# springlakebands

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Dear marching band students, parents and guardians,

As the current school year comes to a close, the new marching band season is already underway. Percussion and color guard rehearsals start soon. As you may be aware, our musical theme for 2019 is "Elevation" – The band will be performing Flight (from KA: Cirque du Soleil), On Top of the World (Imagine Dragons), Defying Gravity (from Wicked), Fly Me to the Moon (in the style of Frank Sinatra) and Magic Carpet Ride (Steppenwolf). We are looking forward to another exciting year with outstanding performances and life-long memories.

Spring Lake High School marching band camp will be held at Grand Valley State University in Allendale from July 22-26. The cost of band camp this year is **\$320**. Freshman and others that need shoes will be able to order black Drillmaster marching shoes (\$35-new, \$12-used, if available) at the freshman uniform fitting time or the freshman marching rehearsal (see calendar on page 6). All checks can be made payable to Spring Lake Bands or Spring Lake Public Schools. Parents/guardians with multiple children in band should contact Mr. Truskowski at [mtruskowski@springlakeschools.org](mailto:mtruskowski@springlakeschools.org) for their discounted band camp rate. Students may use funds in their student fundraiser accounts to help pay for band camp, although many upperclassmen used their available funds toward recent band trip payments.

Parents, please plan to pick up your child from band camp on Friday, July 26. If you cannot pick up your child please make arrangements with another parent to pick up your child or let Mr. Truskowski know if your child needs a ride. There will not be a bus to return students to school after band camp.

On Friday of band camp, the band will perform at 2:30pm at GVSU in lot D. It's always wonderful to see the performance and how much the band has accomplished in four and a half days! Students may go home with parents after their room is clean and they have checked out with a chaperone (with returned key).

**A band camp informational meeting for parents will be held on Tuesday, July 9 from 7:00pm-7:45pm** in the High School Band Room. Students are welcome too. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00pm. Band camp payment and medical forms can be turned in from 6:30-7:00 or following the meeting. If you cannot attend, please deliver payment and the forms to the Spring Lake High School Office. Call ahead for office hours.

New parents, please be aware that all scheduled rehearsals and performances are mandatory. Since each band member has an individual spot in our show or is the only one playing their part, every absence hurts the entire group, especially at performances. Students, please clear your schedule so you are able to make all rehearsals and performances. If you have conflicts, please let us know as soon as possible by using the e-mail address [absent@springlakebands.org](mailto:absent@springlakebands.org) which goes to both band directors.

We hope that the information contained on the following pages will help answer most questions about band camp and the marching season for both new and returning marchers. Please review everything and most importantly, put the performance and rehearsal dates in your calendar ASAP. Contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
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## CHAPERONES

### We Need You!!

Amy Kleppe and Lisa and Kevin Schmuker (Head Chaperones) will be at band camp all week. We also rely on many volunteer band parents to chaperone in shifts to ensure the health and safety of the students, the directors and the staff. Please volunteer for one or more shifts. We welcome freshman parents/guardians to come and see what band camp is all about and we would like parents of seniors to strongly consider chaperoning the final night (Thursday) of camp. Chaperones are required by the school district to have a background check completed. Background check forms will be available at the July 9 parent meeting. Only chaperones with completed and approved background checks are permitted in the dorms.

Chaperones are responsible for:

- Monitoring students' behavior, safety and health during rehearsals, free time, breaks and evening/night hours
- Room checks after lights out
- Providing water during the day
- Providing emergency first aid and/or transportation to emergency facilities when appropriate. An ambulance may be called when deemed necessary.
- Assisting with evening activities.

We need volunteers during all parts of the day. We also need volunteers for other jobs as well, such as drivers to tow band trailers and a crew to help pack the trailers at the end of camp. Volunteers will be able to sign up online for shifts. Please sign up using the sign up genius link that will be provided via e-mail soon.

## STUDENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Band camp is a school-sponsored activity. All Spring Lake High School handbook rules including those regarding the use and possession of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs and weapons are in effect. In addition, GVSU rules and regulations apply as well. Any student found guilty of damage or destruction to GVSU property, Spring Lake Band equipment or another student's private property will be personally responsible to pay for damages. **Violations of any rules will result in disciplinary action including the possibility of being sent home.**

The dorm room buildings that the band will be housed in have not yet been finalized by GVSU. However, the dorm rules are not affected - During free time, students may hang out in the lobby and common areas of either building, but are not allowed to enter the dorm hallways if they are in the dorm building of the opposite sex. No student is permitted to enter the room of another student.

No student may leave camp without permission from Mr. Truszkowski and the head chaperones.

No student vehicles are allowed at camp.

No visitors are allowed at camp other than immediate family members. Others will be asked to leave - especially "significant others."

Please do not invite alumni to band camp. They are however welcome to attend the performance on Friday.

Curfews and lights out will be enforced. Lights should be out and all games and activities should be done at 11:15 pm. Everyone needs enough rest to be able to work effectively during the day. Students need to be in their assigned rooms and are not to leave their room after room checks unless in the case of an emergency (we will have night time chaperones on duty each night).

Students are expected to be on time and prepared for all activities. Reporting five minutes early is considered on time.

Students are to eat all meals at the Grand Valley dining hall or where designated. Everyone must eat something at all meals and drink fluids at each meal.

The daily schedule, as well as changes to the daily schedule will be listed on a white board in the dorm room lobbies. Students should review the white board whenever entering or leaving the dorm.

Appropriate clothing must be worn at all times. Students will be sent back to their room to change clothes if their clothing is deemed inappropriate by the band directors or head chaperones.

Students are not allowed to switch room assignments.

Students are not to take keys from other students.

Lost keys will result in a replacement fee from GVSU.

No public displays of affection will be tolerated (hand holding is OK).

**DO NOT BE INVOLVED IN ANYONE ELSE'S CHOICE TO BREAK THESE RULES.**

## BAND CAMP PACKING CHECKLIST:

(Only **ONE** suitcase per student. Sleeping bags can be packed separately. **All luggage and bags will be checked prior to leaving for camp.**)

### CLOTHES

- \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirts
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 pairs of sneakers/tennis shoes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Socks
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jeans/Shorts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sweatshirt
- \_\_\_\_\_ Underwear
- \_\_\_\_\_ SENIORS ONLY-Nice clothes for senior dinner

### TOILETRIES

- \_\_\_\_\_ soap
- \_\_\_\_\_ deodorant
- \_\_\_\_\_ shampoo
- \_\_\_\_\_ toothbrush/toothpaste
- \_\_\_\_\_ comb/brush

### LINENS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Twin size bed sheets
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pillow and case
- \_\_\_\_\_ Blanket or sleeping bag
- \_\_\_\_\_ Towels/washcloth

### MISCELLANEOUS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunscreen (**MUST HAVE!**)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Water bottle (**MUST HAVE!**)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hat
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunglasses
- \_\_\_\_\_ Watch
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fan (No AC in rooms)

### MUSIC

- \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument in good working condition
- \_\_\_\_\_ Supplies (reeds, valve oil, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mechanical pencils
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lyre and folio with music
- \_\_\_\_\_ ½" 3-ring binder for drill sheets

### OPTIONAL

- \_\_\_\_\_ Snacks
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spending money for bookstore visit
- \_\_\_\_\_ Skit night supplies
- \_\_\_\_\_ Card games/Board games

### Clothing dos and don'ts:

- Sneakers/walking shoes AND socks (past the ankle) **MUST** be worn during rehearsals. This is required to help prevent injuries and pain and to insure proper marching style.
- Flip flops and sandals are fine for the dorm, but are not to be worn at rehearsals.
- Plan clothing for cool mornings, hot days and rain.
- Ladies: no bare midriffs, no low cut tops, no tube tops, no short shorts.
- Guys: shirts must be worn during all rehearsals.

### What NOT to bring:

- A bad attitude
- Instruments other than your marching instrument. No guitars, ukuleles, kazoos or accordions.
- Any thoughts of damaging property.
- Inappropriate DVDs or movies. They will be confiscated.
- Expensive electronic devices. Though theft has not been a major problem, it has occurred and you will be responsible. Neither Spring Lake Bands nor GVSU is liable for lost, stolen or damaged items. You will have a key to lock your room, so please use it.

## BAND CAMP TENTATIVE ITINERARY

### MONDAY, JULY 22

8:15 am	Freshmen arrive and load luggage in U-Haul Truck
8:30 am	Sophomores arrive and load luggage in U-Haul Truck
8:45 am	Juniors arrive and load luggage in U-Haul Truck
9:00 am	Seniors arrive and load luggage in U-Haul Truck
9:30 am	Attendance/welcome/rules review (band room)
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Leave SLHS on SL buses</b>
11:00 am	Arrive at GVSU, unload buses and move into dorm rooms
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Music rehearsal/Marching Basics
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Drill introduction rehearsal
9:30 pm	Rehearsal ends
11:00 pm	In assigned dorm rooms
11:15 pm	Lights out/room checks

### TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY\*, JULY 23, 24, 25

7:20 am	Call time for breakfast
8:30 am	Drill basics/Learn drill
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Music warmups/sectionals
2:45 pm	Drill and music rehearsal
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Drill and music rehearsal
9:30 pm	Rehearsal ends
11:00 pm	In assigned dorm rooms
11:15 pm	Lights out/room checks

### FRIDAY, JULY 26

8:00 am	Call time for breakfast
9:00 am	Drill and music rehearsal
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	FINAL REHEARSAL
<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Performance for parents at GVSU LOT D</b>
3:00 pm	Pack and clean, room checks
3:15 pm	Students can leave with parents after room check

\*Thursday – Section Skit performances in the afternoon (time TBA) and Senior Dinner at Peppino's, 9:00pm (please bring dress clothes)

**SPRING LAKE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND**  
**Rehearsal Calendar 2019**  
**(see bottom of page for uniform fitting times)**

July 9	7:00 pm – 7:45 pm	<b>Band Camp Informational Meeting for parents</b> – HS Band Room (\$320 Band Camp fee and medical forms due)
July 15	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Full Band Music Rehearsal – HS Band Room
July 17	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Freshman Marching Rehearsal (Meet in band room with appropriate footwear and socks)
<b>July 22-26</b>	<b>Band Camp at GVSU</b>	
July 29	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
August 5	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
August 12	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
August 19	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
August 26	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
September 3	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b> Night Rehearsal
September 9	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
September 16	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
September 23	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
September 30	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
October 7	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
October 14	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal

*There will also be rehearsals on the days of our invitationals – the rehearsal time will be determined when our performance times are received.*

**UNIFORM FITTING TIMES:**

<i>July 8</i>	<i>6:00 – 9:00pm</i>	<i>seniors, juniors, sophomores</i>
<i>July 10</i>	<i>6:00 – 8:00pm</i>	<i>freshmen boys</i>
<i>July 11</i>	<i>6:00 – 8:00pm</i>	<i>freshmen girls</i>
<i>July 17</i>	<i>6:00 – 8:00pm</i>	<i>Uniform fitting for those that had conflicts with above dates</i>

## **SPRING LAKE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND**

### **Performance Calendar 2019**

August 3	Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival Grand Parade – 11:45 am <i>Call time is 9:30 am in uniform at the high school.</i>
September 6	Home Varsity Football (Fruitport – Hall of Fame Game)
September 21	Rockford Marching Invitational (afternoon)
September 27	Home Varsity Football (Comstock Park - Homecoming)
September 28	Kenowa Hills “Knight Time Classic” (morning/afternoon)
October 4	Home Varsity Football (West Catholic)
October 11	Home Varsity Football (Grand Rapids Catholic Central)
October 12	Grandville Marching Invitational (afternoon/evening)
October 19	East Kentwood Marching Invitational (evening)
October 25	Home Varsity Football (Holland Christian – Parents’ Night)
November 14	“THE HUDDLE” – Indoor Marching Band Concert Two shows - at 6:30 and 7:30pm (HS Aud.)

*Parents and guardians, please plan on attending and supporting the band at the Marching Invitationals...and try to sit by each other - The bigger the crowd the better! We appreciate your support.*

*Please note – unfortunately the marching band will not be able to perform as usual at the Grand Haven Invitational this year because it conflicts with the Homecoming Dance.*

*Call times for football games is 6:10pm at the middle school in uniform, unless otherwise stated.*