

# 2009 Summer Band Camp Frequently Asked Questions

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## Resident Specific Questions

### **1. Is resident space still available?**

Yes, there is still plenty of space available.

### **2. Where are residents housed?**

This year, residents will be housed in Colby Hall. For those students that attended Band Camp two summers ago, Colby Hall has a layout identical to Sherley Hall.

### **3. What amenities are available in the dorms?**

All dorms are equipped with a microwave and refrigerator. There is a common phone in the lounge that can make local calls; otherwise, students should bring a cellular phone (or prepaid phone card for the lounge phone). The dorm has a TV in the lounge.

### **4. Are the rooms suite style this year?**

Colby Hall has single room and community bathrooms at the ends of hallways. Students are encouraged to bring a pair of "flip-flops" to wear in the shower.

### **5. Are linens provided?**

Due to the sharp increase in the cost of linen usage, the camp will not provide linens this year. Every student should bring bed sheets (TCU beds are extra-long twin), a pillow with a pillowcase, bed covers (blanket, bedspread, etc.) and towels.

### **6. How are the hallways separated?**

We will separate the hallways by gender and age. This better facilitates group interaction. Campers are not allowed to be in the room of a member of the opposite gender at any time.

### **7. How are roommates assigned?**

First, we assign all mutual roommate requests, then all requests that were not mutual in which the requested roommate had not been assigned (the only guarantee is a mutual request). After that, students will be assigned based on age, mutual school or district, and then instrument. We also try our best to accommodate requests for groups that wish to room close to each other. We spend a great deal of time making sure students are placed in their preferred location.

### **7. What if my child wishes to change their roommate request?**

Please email [tcubandcamp@gmail.com](mailto:tcubandcamp@gmail.com) to update roommate requests.

### **8. So...will we have Student Officers or not?**

CITs (formerly Student Officers) we announced at the end of the 2008 Summer Camp.

## Commuter Specific Questions

### **1. Are commuters able to stay and participate in part evening social activities?**

For safety and logistics purposes, we cannot host commuters past 4:30 p.m.

## **2. What hours will my child be on campus? What is the schedule for the last day?**

Traditionally, the camp day starts at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. It is imperative that commuters be picked up on time, so counselors can resume their scheduled evening duties. Lunch is provided as part of the camp tuition. On Thursday, students will not need to be picked up until their concert has concluded. Dinner will be provided for all students that evening. Students will need to bring their concert attire with them that morning.

## **General Questions**

### **1. My child is entering the 9th grade. Which audition requirement should they select?**

Students entering the 9th grade may elect to play either requirement. Additionally, middle school students are welcome to play the high school selections. Requirement and scale selection, speed, and range will have an effect on the camper's audition placement.

### **2. What are the evening activities?**

Typically, the activities schedule is as follows:

Sunday-CAMP OLYMPICS

Monday-RECREATION CENTER: SWIMMING, HOOPS, VOLLEYBALL, TABLE GAMES

Tuesday-MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday-CAMP DANCE

Thursday-CLOSING CONCERT

### **3. Who should bring their own instrument?**

Every student should bring their own instrument except Percussionists. Middle school percussionists should bring a pair of snare sticks, a pair of mallets, and a practice pad. High school percussionists should bring the previously mentioned items plus their own snare (if they own one).

### **4. What should I bring to registration?**

All forms

Instrument (Bring extra reeds, mutes, etc. as necessary for your instrument)

Audition Music

Balance of Camp Fee (Cash or Check only, please)

### **5. Do I need to pay the entire fee up front?**

No. If you prefer, you may pay one-half of the balance as a deposit and then pay the remainder at registration. If you need to make alternate arrangements, please contact the camp office at 817.257.6815 or [tcubandcamp@gmail.com](mailto:tcubandcamp@gmail.com). The full balance must be paid by the first day of camp.

### **6. Do you offer online registration?**

At this time, online registration is not offered.

### **7. Do you accept credit cards?**

We currently only have the ability to accept cash and checks.

### **8. Does the "All-State" discount apply to State Solo and Ensemble?**

No. The All-State discount is available to students who were selected as members of the TMEA, ATTSB or TPSMEA All-State Bands.

### **9. Do you offer scholarships?**

We do not have funds to offer scholarships. Many school band booster programs offer scholarships to students who wish to attend band camp. Tuition discounts are offered to All-Staters and families sending more than one student.

**10. What should I do if my student received a tuition award for this summer?**

If your student received an award last year, please copy the award and send it in with your application. The award covers the cost of tuition, but not room and board (the award qualifies the student to pay the "All-State" rate).

**11. What should I do if part of my student's tuition will be paid by an outside source?**

If a booster or scholarship organization is funding part of your child's camp fee, please note this on the application form. Most of these organizations send one large check and instruct us as to how the scholarships should be applied. We will process your student's application and leave the balance showing on his/her account until the organization has paid it. All balances must be paid in full by camp check-in day.

**12. Could you describe some of the electives?**

Theory-Introduction to the basic elements of music composition  
Conducting-Introduction to the element of ensemble leadership  
Marching-Covers the basic fundamentals for marching performance  
Color Guard-Covers the basic fundamentals for guard members  
Styles-Introduction to the elements and performance of Jazz

**13. Can my child leave campus?**

During camp hours, your child must remain on campus unless they have received permission from the camp director to leave. Such permission should be requested by the parent in writing, and submitted during registration. Residents must remain on campus for the duration of the camp.

**14. How safe is the campus?**

TCU has an active police force that is on duty 24 hours a day, and students remain with a large group of counselors and staff at all times. Students are carefully supervised day and night. TCU's campus has a very low crime rate.

**15. Are auditions for admission to the camp?**

No. Camp auditions are only for placement in one of our four bands. All residential registrants whose materials are received by the deadline are admitted to camp. All commuters are admitted to camp.

**16. What is the deadline for registration?**

For residents, we follow a June 1<sup>st</sup> (postmark) deadline so we have plenty of time to set the room list, plan activities, order meals, etc. For commuters, we accept registrations through the first day of camp. If you are mailing a registration form (commuters), it is best to mail the form one week before the start of camp so it can pass through US and TCU mail systems. This year, we recommend postmarking your form by June 13<sup>th</sup>. If you mail your form and we don't receive it, you can still follow on-site registration, then we will destroy your other form and payment. We can also accept registrations via email or fax, however, your student will not be considered "registered" until we receive a payment of at least half of the camp fee.

**Still have questions? Please call the camp office at 817.257.6815 or email [tcubandcamp@gmail.com](mailto:tcubandcamp@gmail.com).**