



2020 Camp Guide

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

Description of Camp

The Middle School Band Camp is designed to accommodate musicians ranging from the most talented and proficient to the less experienced, with a minimum of one year of training on their chosen instrument or voice. It is open to graduates of grades 6, 7 or 8. Outstanding band directors from around the state conduct the five concert bands. This session provides an excellent opportunity for young musicians to improve their individual performance skills. Instruction includes rehearsals, sectionals, master classes, supervised practice, and optional private lessons. Students who have completed the 8th grade may register for Middle School and/or High School Band Camp. Whatever the level of proficiency, all LMC campers will find new challenges and opportunities that will enhance their abilities as musicians!

The camp culminates with a required student performance in Bates Recital Hall.

Typical Daily Schedule

Residential campers are awoken by counselors. Everyone eats breakfast as a group and then walks to the Butler School of Music together. All campers spend mornings in rehearsals and/or sectionals (by ensemble). All campers are escorted by counselors back to the dorm for lunch. Lunch breaks are organized by ensemble. The afternoon is spent in rehearsals and/or sectionals.

Each day, campers will have afternoon recreation time. Students are allowed to choose from a list of supervised activities. Some activities will require separate advance payment (i.e. bowling at the Texas Underground, visiting the Texas Memorial Museum). Payment for these activities will be collected on the day of registration and billed to each student's account in our online registration system. **Beginning in summer 2020, Longhorn Music Camp can no longer accept cash as payment for any recreational activities.**

Once per week on their assigned day, students will attend master classes instead of recreation time. Master classes expose students to important repertoire and instrumental techniques unique to their instrument. Students work on basics of tone production, breath support, articulation, and ensemble performance.

Commuter campers depart after recreation time, and residential campers eat dinner in the dorm as a group. Evening recreation is always a camp-wide activity. Past activities have included movie night, game night, attending a UT Longhorn Summer Band concert, and Water Olympics. Friday night is the banquet and dance at the Texas Union Ballroom. After evening recreation, campers go back to the dorm for a floor meeting and time to shower, call home, and go to sleep.

Audition Information

NEW for 2020: Campers will audition for ensemble placement by video recording. Videos will be submitted on the Longhorn Music Camp website according to instructions that will be posted there. Students are required to submit their video audition by the posted deadline. ***Students who do not submit their video by the deadline risk forfeiting their spot in the camp if there is a waiting list of students on their instrument!***

Specialists on each instrument will evaluate each camper's individual audition video. Based on this audition, each camper will be placed in the ensemble best suited for his/her playing ability. **Please remember that all of our campers are outstanding musicians and are often the top players from their schools/regions.** Audition results are carefully tabulated and checked by camp staff. Band assignments will not be altered after posting. Results will be announced at the conclusion of the 6:00 PM camp meeting and parents will be notified via email soon thereafter. Campers are encouraged to contact their parents with their band placement.

Audition music has been selected to make a critical judgment of the camper's current ability. The camper should be adequately prepared to play his/her best. It is not necessary to memorize any of the audition music. Audition music will be available for download at <http://www.longhornmusiccamp.org> on **Monday, March 23, 2020**. Registered campers will receive an email when music is posted and available for download.

Arrival Day

The dorm will open for check-in at 1:00 PM. on Sunday. Arrival times will be assigned via email message prior to camp registration day, and will be staggered to prevent long lines. **Session 1 camps** will be housed in Moore-Hill Residence Hall (204 E. 21st St., Austin, TX 78705) and **session 2 camps** will be housed in Jester East Residence Hall (201 E 21st St, Austin, TX 78705).

To see a map, visit <https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/fasweb/parking/nlogon/garages/> and click "Brazos Garage" (the closest garage available). Please follow all posted parking regulations.

The Butler School of Music is located at **2406 Robert Dedman Drive**, near the corner of Robert Dedman and Dean Keeton. You may park along Dean Keeton and walk over or in the San Jacinto Parking Garage (a fee applies).

To see a map, visit <http://facilitieservices.utexas.edu/buildings/UTM/0131> or <https://parking.utexas.edu/maps/visitors>. All street and surface level parking on campus now requires a permit at all times. Please follow all posted parking regulations.

All students must register during their assigned registration window. Parents should accompany students, after which overnight campers should be escorted to the dorm to check-in, while commuter students and their parents will attend a required meeting with camp coordinators and counselors (a message with more

specific information including meeting location and time will be sent to registered email addresses prior to registration day).

Once overnight campers are settled in their room, parents may depart from campus.

Schedule for Commuter Campers

On Sunday, commuter campers will report to the Butler School of Music during their registration window and then attend a mandatory meeting with their parents before the Sunday evening camp-wide meeting for students only. Sunday evening pickup time is 8:45 PM at the Music Building. **Commuter campers must attend the rehearsal on Sunday night.**

Monday–Friday, commuter campers should arrive at the Butler School of Music between 8:30 and 8:45 AM. (drop-off point is along Robert Dedman Drive near the sign that says, “Sarah and Ernest Butler School of Music”). In case of rain, enter and remain near the main doors of the Music Building. Campers must check in with their counselor upon arrival and departure. Parents will be called if camper is absent at drop-off or pick-up time. Parents are asked to remain with camper until counselor is present at 8:30 AM. Monday through Thursday, commuter campers will depart campus from the Winship Circle (300 E 23rd St., Austin, TX 78712) at 5:30 PM. For commuter campers electing to attend the Friday evening banquet, pickup time is 10:00 PM at Winship Circle. **Students electing to stay for the banquet must stay for the duration of the entire banquet; for reasons of student accountability, we are not able to allow students to check out early.** Commuter campers not attend the Friday banquet may be picked up at the Winship circle at 5:30 PM.

On Saturday, commuter campers should check in at the Butler School of Music at least 30 minutes prior to warm up and rehearsal of their ensemble.

Camp Concerts

All camps culminate with a student performance. All performances are free and open to the public. All campers must participate in the final performance. **Live webcasts of camp closing concerts will unfortunately not be possible during the summer of 2020 due to facility renovations.**

SESSION 1

Tentative Concert Schedule for Saturday, June 15

Concert Band 3	10:00 AM
Concert Band 2	10:30 AM
Concert Band 1	11:15 AM

Dorm Checkout Schedule for Saturday, June 15

Concert Band 3	8:00 AM
Concert Band 2	8:30 AM
Concert Band 1	9:00 AM

SESSION 2

Tentative Concert Schedule for Saturday, June 22

Concert Band 3	10:00 AM
Concert Band 2	10:30 AM
Concert Band 1	11:15 AM

Dorm Checkout Schedule for Saturday, June 22

Concert Band 3	8:00 AM
Concert Band 2	8:30 AM
Concert Band 1	9:00 AM

All campers must check out of their rooms Saturday morning (with a counselor inspection) prior to the final concerts. Parents may pick up their camper at check-out (collecting their belonging at that time) and drive to the Butler School of Music in time for their warm-up. Parents may also elect to meet their camper after his/her concert and return to the residence hall to pick up the camper's luggage. Campers may store their luggage, if necessary, in a secured area at the residence hall until the end of the camper's concert. Luggage must be removed from the storage area within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the final concert of the day.

**Please refer to the 2020 Longhorn Music Camp Communications Plan
for additional general camp information.**