



# 2019 Camp Guide

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

### Description of Camp

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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

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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 master classes, rehearsals, and/or sectionals. 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.

Each day, all campers have afternoon recreation time. Students are allowed to choose from a list of supervised activities. (Activities include Texas Union Underground arcade and bowling; campers interested in the Texas Union Underground should bring cash--admission is approximately \$8 for bowling and billiards. The Texas Memorial Museum also charges \$5 for entry).

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

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Campers will audition at the Butler School of Music on Sunday afternoon. In order to eliminate long lines at audition rooms, audition times will be assigned. We are unable to accept audition time requests. Campers will be informed of their audition time by email during the week prior to the start of the respective camp and must audition at their assigned time. The audition process will begin at 2:00 p.m. and should end by 4:30 p.m.

Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to assigned audition time to allow time for parking, warming up, and finding room. Audition rooms are posted in the music building and counselors will be on hand to assist. There will be a designated warm up area for students.

Specialists on each instrument will hear each camper's individual audition. 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 p.m. 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> when registration opens.

# Arrival Day

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The dorm will open for check-in at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. If your child has an early audition time, please report to the Butler School of Music first to audition; then proceed to the dorm. If your child has a late audition time, you may check-in at the dorm (starting at 1:00 p.m.) prior to coming to the Butler School of Music. The Jester West Residence Hall is located at **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 in the designated area prior to auditioning. Parents are welcome to wait in the designated area while students audition, 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

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On Sunday, commuter campers will report to the Butler School of Music at their individual audition time. Following auditions on Sunday, commuter campers will gather in the Music Building, until the required meeting with their counselors. Sunday evening pickup time is 8:45 p.m. 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 at 8:15 a.m. (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 8:15 a.m. Monday through Thursday, commuter campers will depart campus from the Winship Circle at 5:30 p.m. GPS coordinates for this are 300 E 23rd St, Austin, TX 78712. The Friday evening pickup time is 10:15 p.m. at Jester. Commuter campers electing not to attend the Friday banquet may be picked up at the Winship circle at 5:30 p.m.

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

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All camps culminate with a student performance in Bates Recital Hall. All performances are free and open to the public. All campers must participate in the final performance.

A live webcast of the performance is available at <http://bsom.live/>.

### **SESSION 1**

#### **Tentative Concert Schedule for Saturday, June 15**

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| Concert Band 2 | 11:15 a.m. |
| Concert Band 1 | 12:00 p.m. |

#### **Dorm Checkout Schedule for Saturday, June 15**

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| Concert Band 2 | 9:30 a.m.  |
| Concert Band 1 | 10:00 a.m. |

## **SESSION 2**

### **Tentative Concert Schedule for Saturday, June 22**

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| Concert Band 3 | 11:00 a.m. |
| Concert Band 2 | 11:30 a.m. |
| Concert Band 1 | 12:15 p.m. |

### **Dorm Checkout Schedule for Saturday, June 22**

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| Concert Band 3 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Concert Band 2 | 9:30 a.m.  |
| Concert Band 1 | 10:00 a.m. |

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 Jester to pick up the camper's luggage. Campers may store their luggage, if necessary, in a secured area at Jester 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 2019 Longhorn Music Camp Handbook for additional general camp information.**