**2016 -2017 Aggie Pride**

**Band Camp Survival Guide**

**Summer Music Rehearsal Dates:**

July 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th,21st

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

FCAHS Band Hall

* You are required to attend AT LEAST 2 rehearsals. You choose the dates.
* Percussionists are required to attend the rehearsals on 7/19 and 7/21. (But you are certainly welcome at all rehearsals).

**Summer Band Camp Dates:**

July 18-22: Color Guard Camp *(required for all guard members)*

July 22-23: Band Retreat, 5pm – 12 pm *(required for all band members)*

July 25-29: Full Band Camp, 8am – 4pm *(required for all members)*

Please drop off and pick up on time. We can help work out rides/carpools as needed.

**What should I wear?**

All members should wear comfortable, breathable clothing. We will be moving a lot, and we will be outside in the sun and heat. Athletic shorts/pants and light colored t-shirts or tank tops are always a good option. *Every member is required to wear closed-toe athletic shoes at all times.*

* No shorts shorter than mid-thigh.
* No jeans.
* No revealing, body-hugging spandex bottoms OR tops.
* Tank top straps must be at least 1 inch wide. Sleeveless shirts must be worn with an undershirt if the openings plunge below the armpits.
* No bras or bra straps showing.
* No low-cut tops.
* All writing on clothing and hats must be school appropriate.

If you have to ask whether your clothing is appropriate, wear something else!

**What should I bring?**

Every band member should bring the following items *every day*:

* Water Jug/Bottle/Container – Water for refills will be provided.
* Lunch – Label your lunch! Cooler storage will be provided.
* Instrument, Music, Pencils
* 8 ½ x 11 Binder & Sheet Protector Sleeves
* Hat, Sunglasses, SUNSCREEN!
* Flip Folder (available for about $5 the first day of camp or from Mississippi Music any time)
* Lyre for YOUR Instrument (will hold flip folder)
* Enthusiasm & Great Attitudes!!

**Other Requirements and Important Information**

* Students will receive the FCAHS Band Handbook on the first day of band camp. It must be fully completed, signed, and returned by Wednesday July 27th.
* Bring two (2) 12-packs of soda or water by Friday July 29th – any brand is OK!
	+ Your contribution of these items will help us make sure that students have drinks available on Friday nights during the marching season. Help us keep them hydrated!

**Other Helpful Information**

* Students must comply with FCAHS Behavior and Dress Code Policies.
* It’s never too early to get ready!
* Do some exercise in advance so that your body is prepared.
* Start practicing your instrument now so that your chops are ready.
* Get plenty of rest and eat a healthy breakfast each morning.
* Be on time!
* If students arrive at camp at 8 am then they are already late.
* Students should be at camp 10-15 minutes early each day so that they can properly warm up and be ready to begin camp at 8 am.
* Pick up is at 4 pm SHARP!
* Be sure you have a ride home that is on time.
* If you don't know, ask! The staff and veterans are here to help you.
* Don't worry about learning to memorize, march, AND play. We’ll teach you everything you need to know!
* Uniforms will be fitted during the first week.
* Participation in camp is mandatory and essential for all members.
* One student missing camp affects the entire band.
* If a student misses camp then a spot in the marching show cannot be guaranteed. The student in question may be selected to hold an alternate (non marching) position with the band.

***Most of all... have fun! Perform your best and enjoy the time together. You will make life long memories and friendships in band!
Go Aggies!!!***