North Hills Marching Band
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Mr. Len Lavelle, Director

Dear Marching Band Families,

Your students have had a remarkable summer together. It is inspiring to see them doing such great things together and look forward to all that the time ahead holds for them.

As we approach the end of summer band, it is time to think ahead to Band Camp. Just as North Hills Bands have for over 68 years, our 2019-20 band will spend camp at YMCA's Camp Kon-O-Kwee in Zelienople. We want Band Camp to be a time when our students come together to grow musically, grow personally and create a successful group for the season.

Our Marching Band learns the majority of its music, drill, and routines during Pre-Band Camp and Band Camp so attendance is mandatory.

PRE-CAMP SCHEDULE AT THE MS:

July 29: 3-9 PM Rehearsal @ MS Bring a bagged dinner

July 30: 3-9 PM Rehearsal @ MS Bring a bagged dinner
4-8 PM: *Turn in Day for Band Camp*
8:30 PM: *Band Camp Meeting in Auditorium for students and parents*

July 31: 6-9 PM PHOTO DAY @ MARTORELLI; forms to follow
Individual pictures start at 5 PM
Wear comfortable rehearsal clothes under your uniform – we will rehearse after
Pants must be properly hemmed by photos – please refer to the handbook
If rain is in the forecast, a message will be sent through Remind indicating move to MS

August 1: 3-9 PM Rehearsal @ MS Bring a bagged dinner **Medication turn in**
(PHOTO RAIN DAY – if rain on Wednesday, we switch Wednesday and Thursday schedules: we would start at 3 PM at the MS on Wednesday, and 5 PM on Thursday)

August 2: 9AM-12PM Rehearsal @ MS **Medication turn in**
Please arrange for rides to this morning practice if necessary

Students, please pack and prepare for camp during your weeks off so you are not asking your parents for things at the last minute.

BAND CAMP AT KON-O-KWEE SCHEDULE:

Saturday, August 3: Meet at MS at 9:30 AM (Load trucks/take pictures)
Depart at 10:15 AM
PLEASE BRING A BAG LUNCH FOR THE BUS RIDE – MUST BE NUT FREE
(Lunch packs very well in your water jug inside small carry-on bag.)

Friday, August 9: **Marching Band Preview Performance at 7 PM – Please Join Us!!!**

Saturday, August 10: **Depart Kon-O-Kwee around 10 AM**
Arrive at **NH MIDDLE SCHOOL** around 10:45 AM

Please check the website for our rehearsal and performance schedule once we return from band camp including Kennywood Day and our Saturday Band Festivals.

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Reminder: Tuesday, July 30 there will be an important meeting for all parents in the Middle School auditorium, beginning at 8:30 PM. At this time, an outline of plans and events for the coming season will be discussed as well as questions you may have about Band Camp.

Final contributions toward the $375 goal are due at this time. Come from 4-8 PM PM to the auditorium lobby to make any additional contribution payments to meet your goal. Giant Eagle cards will be available toward the Band Camp goal until this time.

NHIPA Consent and NHSD Overnight Forms are due at this time. Both forms are included in this packet and will be reviewed that evening.

Band Camp Packing List
The packing list is included to help you prepare during the weeks off.

FORMS
All students must have completed for band camp:

-PMEA Medical Form – due at the beginning of summer band
-NHIPA Consent Form – **due July 30, included in this packet**
-NHSD Overnight Field Trip Form – **due July 30, included in this packet**
-NHSD Permission to Administer Medication Form – ***required for all medication, even OTC, that is not included in the NHSD Standing Order***. This should be turned in with the medication before we leave for camp and is always available under the forms tab of our website.
NOTE: this form requires a doctor's signature.

All of these forms are also available on our website, www.nhipa.org >Forms.

Additional Medical Information
There will be an upcoming letter from our nurse, Mrs. Hartle, who will also attend our Camp Meeting for questions.

Dietary Needs/Food Allergies
Please register them at www.nhipa.org >Forms>2019 Dietary Needs and Food Allergies.

Questions
Please contact a staff member or NHIPA board member if you have questions at any time. We are here to help and make this a great experience for all our students!

Thank you
It is humbling to be a part of a group with so many wonderful young people. We look forward to them growing into a group that makes us all proud.

Thank you for all that you do and a special welcome to all of our rookie parents and students. It is going to be a great year!

Sincerely,
Your Band Staff and the NHIPA

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Items Needed for Band Camp

FORMS

Completed PMEA Health Form, NHSD Overnight Field Trip Form, NHIPA Consent Form, NHSD Permission to Administer Medication Form (if necessary)

MUSICAL EQUIPMENT – Large instruments can be left on Friday morning to be loaded

1. Instrument(s) in good working order (Do you need to make a trip to the repair shop?)
2. All marching band music and lyre
3. Plenty of reeds for woodwind players, valve oil for brass players, drumsticks/mallets for percussionists
4. Chapstick/Blistex, vitamin E for at night

SLEEPING GEAR (in a strong plastic garbage bag MARKED WITH YOUR NAME ON TAPE)

1. Sleeping bag and pillow

Students should take 1 LARGE camp trunk, suitcase, duffle or packing bin for the following:

TOILETRIES

1. Toiletries including contacts, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, etc.
2. Plenty of towels (can be added to sleeping gear bag if preferred)

CLOTHING

1. **At least** 2 pair of athletic shoes appropriate for marching (one will get wet at some point)
2. White or lightly colored t-shirts, 2 per day (Tank tops/spaghetti straps are not recommended for practice)
3. Comfortable shorts (Jeans/jean shorts are not a good choice for the practice)
4. Good, comfortable socks, 2 – 3 pair per day
5. Sunglasses/hats/visor; bandanas for back of neck to prevent sunburn
6. Sweatshirt for cooler evenings
7. Swim suit
8. Summer Band uniform
    - A. Winds and Percussion
        1. White collared summer band shirt
        2. Black dress pants (not black jeans)
        3. White marching bucks with black socks
    - B. Bandfront: Please pack uniform, equipment, and accessories according to your coach's instructions

MISCELLANEOUS NECESSITIES

1. **Required/prescribed medications**
    These MUST be turned in to the camp nurse, along with required paperwork
2. Water Jugs and Drink Mix if desired
3. Rain gear
4. Sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher)
5. Insect repellent
6. Flashlight
7. Extra garbage bags for cleaning cabin and repacking sleeping gear

All property should be labeled with the student's name!

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ITEMS THAT MAY NOT BE TAKEN TO BAND CAMP

Many students go camping with family and friends. But as this is a school function, any items that are not permitted in school are not permitted at Band Camp. These include, but are not limited to:

- Weapons of any kind
  -Do not bring any type of knife, Swiss army knife, Leatherman etc.
- Tobacco products of any kind
- Lighters and/or matches
- Alcohol of any kind
- Drugs of any kind
- ***NOTE: No aerosol cans of any kind are permitted at camp – Kon-O-Kwee Policy***

SCHOOL POLICIES APPLY DURING BAND CAMP. ANY INFRACTIONS CAN BE REPORTED TO ADMINISTRATION. BAND CAMP IS AN EXTENSION SCHOOL.

Contact/Emergency Information

As a matter of safety, parents must call the camp office if there is a need to enter the campgrounds for any reason other than for our Friday night performance. You can imagine our concern if an unexpected vehicle would appear in the compound. In the event of a concern/family or medical emergency while we are at camp, you may contact your child or the staff by calling the camp office at (724) 758-6238. Your call will be returned immediately.

Letters to Camp

Students love to receive mail while at camp. Letters and packages should be addressed:

Student's name
c/o North Hills High School Marching Band
Camp Kon-O-Kwee
126 Nagel Road
Fombell, PA 16123

Directions to Camp Kon-O-Kwee

- Follow I-79 North to Exit 83, EVANS CITY
- Continue North on Route 19 to Zelienople.
- Turn LEFT at the second traffic light W. New Castle St/PA 288
- Follow Route 588, bearing left at the Y, shortly after the railroad crossing
- Travel 3.9 miles and look for the Camp Kon-O-Kwee.

Entrance on the right side of the highway.

We are looking forward to an amazing week of Band Camp!

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NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
OVERNIGHT STUDENT FIELD TRIP FORM

Student's Name: _____
Field Trip Dates: August 3-10, 2019
Field Trip Title: Band Camp @ Camp Kon-O-Kwee YMCA

This activity will take place away from your child's school, there are some special considerations and procedures which apply. We have outlined these below:

Your child's participation in this special activity is voluntary. Your written consent at the bottom of this form is necessary for your child to participate.
Participation in activities away from school may potentially involve risks and responsibilities for you and your child that are beyond the scope of those normally associated with traditional school functions under our supervision. These may include, for example, personal injury or damage to personal property. We encourage you to inquire in advance concerning the nature and details of each field trip and of any potential risks which will be assumed through participation. By signing below, you acknowledge that you have made yourself aware of any potential risk associated with the field trip and that you voluntarily and knowingly assume all such risk.

NHSD is not liable for injuries or any damages your child may incur. All NHSD school board policies apply while on the field trip. If your child fails to abide by District rules of conduct and teacher/sponsor/coach instructions during the trip, it may become necessary to discontinue his/her participation in the activity. In that case, you may be responsible for picking up your child immediately.

I hereby give my permission for my student to attend the above referenced field trip. I hereby release and hold harmless the NHSD, its Directors, Board Members, officers, agents, employees, teachers and authorized volunteers from any and all liability, liens, claims, demands, actions or cases of action, whatsoever arising from my student's participation in the above reference field trip.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Medical Emergency/Consent for Overnight Field Trip

I, _____, being the parent or legal guardian of _____, give my consent for emergency medical and surgical treatment in a licensed medical facility by a licensed physician should my child's condition require it in my absence. I understand that in such a case, reasonable attempts would first be made to contact me, time and conditions permitting.
I confirm to the North Hills School District that my child is in good health and that his/her participation does not pose a hazard to his/her health or that of participating students.
As long as the medical or surgical treatment considered necessary in the situation is in accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice for the particular type of injury or illness involved, I impose no specific prohibitions regarding treatment unless stated here:

My student has the following medical condition(s), which may require emergency care (include allergies):

Insurance information / group number /plan /phone number

Signature of Parent or
Guardian_____ Date_____

Emergency Contacts for Overnight Field Trip

Mother/Guardian_____ Work#_____ Home#_____

Mother/Guardian Cell#_____ Father/Guardian Cell#_____

Father/Guardian_____ Work#_____ Home#_____

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NHIPA PARENTS AND STUDENT CONSENT AGREEMENT
PART 1

The undersigned student(s) and parent(s) hereby consent to the participation of:

(Name of Student) _____

in Band Camp at YMCA Camp Kon-O-Kwee from August 3 – August 10, 2019.

We understand that the chaperones are volunteering their time to assist the directors in monitoring the students during the trip and that the directors and chaperones cannot assume any responsibility for the behavior of individual students.

We hereby waive any claims against, and release, and forever discharge any liabilities of any and all directors and chaperones for any damage or injury to the student or his or her property, which may occur during the trip, except for willful misconduct or recklessness.

We acknowledge and understand that our personal policies for liability and medical insurance shall be the primary insurance coverage.

We certify that the student has no known medical problems or allergies, is not taking any medications and has not been recently exposed to any communicable diseases except as described on the attached Student Medical Information Form. We understand that if a medical problem or condition arises, every reasonable attempt will be made to contact the parent(s) or other responsible adults designated.

We agree that the determination to send the student home due to a medical condition, if necessary, will be made by a director, one or more staff members, and a physician.

We, the parent(s), acknowledge our responsibility for any problem created by the student during the trip, including any disciplinary or other non-medical problem. In the event that a serious disciplinary or other non-medical problem exists, we consent to the administration's decision to send the student home by the quickest available means.

We further understand that if any Federal, State or local authorities should take the student into custody for any violation or alleged violation of Federal, State or local law or ordinance, it shall become the responsibility and obligation of the parent(s) to secure the student's release.

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NHIPA PARENTS AND STUDENT CONSENT AGREEMENT
PART 2

If the student must be sent home for any of the above reasons, we, the parent(s) agree to pay for airline tickets, and/or other special transportation costs, or to reimburse others for any such costs incurred on behalf of the student.

In the event of a medical emergency, we, the parent(s), acknowledge our financial responsibility for reimbursement of any expenses that may be incurred to provide care for the student.

If any emergency or problem of any kind arises concerning the student, every attempt will be made to reach the parents(s) or named responsible adult at the telephone numbers designated. If it is impossible to reach any parent(s), or responsible adult, we hereby consent and give authority to the chaperones and directors to take such action as is reasonably necessary under the circumstances. We do hereby release and forever discharge any and all chaperones and directors from any claims, liability, or causes of action whatsoever regarding any damages, suits, injury, demands whatsoever in law or in equity to the student or his or her property resulting from the acts or actions of chaperones and directors, except for willful misconduct or recklessness.

We, parent(s) and student, pledge that during the entire trip there will be no purchase, transportation or use of any tobacco products, intoxicating beverages, drugs or other hazardous, abusive or illegal substances or other illegal articles or property.

We understand that all school policies apply while on the trip.

Cellular telephones are permitted on the trip but will not be in use during our performances or performances that we may be attending.

We have signed our names hereto on (date) _____, 2019, intending to be legally bound.

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

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