

Everything you'll ever need to know about band camp!

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Band camp runs from Monday afternoon to Wednesday night, prior to Freshman Orientation. It takes place at a camp in the Poconos, about three hours away by coach bus. Band members arrive at Lehigh for move in on Monday morning, and return from band camp on Wednesday night.

Band camp is not required unless you're an executive or rank leader (or are thinking about becoming either), but it's definitely recommended, because it's a lot of fun!

General Monday schedule:

You will receive more specific details by email later in the summer (so make sure you're checking your Lehigh email!). We'll make sure you know what's happening throughout the days while we're at band camp.

- Uppers living on campus report to [Farrington Sq. D](#) to check in between 8-10:30am. You should have received a separate email with exact details.
 - If you have a car, drop it off on Goodman campus for the duration of band camp and we'll shuttle you back to ZAC. No parking permit is needed for this.
- Freshmen report to [Iacocca Hall](#) on the Mountaintop campus in the morning to check in. The freshman managers will be there to greet you.
- Everyone report to [Zoellner Arts Center](#) on the main campus for the pre-band camp lunch at 11 AM in Butz Lobby. Families are invited, too! Drop your band camp bags off at the Penske truck outside, and make sure to keep anything you want/need to have on the bus with you.
- After lunch, we go to [Rauch Business Center](#) to sign policies and participate in an anti-harassment training session. Parents can use this time to learn more about the 97 and the Booster Club.
- The bus will depart at approximately 1 PM. There will be time to say goodbye to your families before getting on the bus to go to band camp.

What should I pack for band camp?

- Clothes: Three days worth. Check the weather before you pack. Usually t-shirts and shorts are good for the days, but it gets cold once the sun goes down so pants and a jacket are a good idea as well. Don't forget to pack extras (especially socks)! Uppers, don't forget your dink.
- Rain Gear: We will still practice outside if it rains. Be prepared for that.
- Sneakers: You'll be on your feet a lot. Bring comfortable shoes that can withstand the outdoors.
- Sleeping Bag: And a pillow, and anything else you need to sleep. The cabins have beds with mattresses, but a sleeping bag is recommended since it gets cold at night.
- Toiletries: The cabins have clean bathrooms with showers, sinks, and toilets. You need to bring soap, flip flops, shampoo, a toothbrush, toothpaste, towel, hygiene products, and any prescription medications. Please don't forget to pack deodorant!

- Outdoor Gear: Sunscreen, a water bottle, sunglasses, bug spray, flashlight, etc.
- Bathing Suit: There will be time to go swimming in the lake. You might also want to bring an extra towel.
- Pencil: To mark your music with.
- Personal Instrument: If you're bringing your own instrument, don't forget it! If you're using a 97 instrument, we will take care of getting it to band camp for you.
- Dorm/house key and Lehigh ID card: You really don't want to be locked out when we get back from camp.
- Water Weaponry: (*Optional but recommended*) Water balloons and/or water guns.
- Snacks: (*Optional*) The dining hall is well supplied and you definitely won't go hungry, but just in case you want something to eat on the bus or in your cabin.
- Things to pass the time: (*Optional*) You'll be busy for most of the time at band camp, but there will be some time to relax (not to mention the bus ride). Feel free to bring frisbees, playing cards, or even a book for the bus.

What should I not bring to band camp?

- Large sums of money: There is absolutely nothing to spend it on in the Poconos.
- Excessive Electronics: You can bring your cell phone (and charger), but there is little to no reception at the camp, so be emotionally prepared. You don't need alarm clocks, laptops, iPads, etc.
- Valuables: They will only get lost or stolen.
- Drugs/Alcohol: Don't bring it, don't consume it. See the Drug & Alcohol Policy for more information.