June 30, 2019

Dear Drum Major Campers,

I am very excited about seeing you at this year’s camp. Once again we have a number of talented young drum majors from all over the state.

We will be working a great deal outside; you will need appropriate clothing, extra pairs of socks, and good, comfortable athletic shoes. For your safety, please refrain from wearing sandals during scheduled activities. The staff also encourages you to bring your own insulated water bottle to ensure that you will always have quick access to water. You can find them at WalMart for approximately $10. We will still supply water, but the water bottle will allow you to constantly stay hydrated.

Other suggested things would include: materials for the talent show, spending money, colored highlighters or pencils, a notebook, a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, personal items, a fan for your room, pencils, erasers, a black felt pen, and all of your creative drum major ideas and problems. A whistle and lanyard will be provided.

Intermediate and Advanced students bring your instrument for conducting classes. You will also need some kind of light khaki shorts for the final performance on Friday. Please invite anyone you wish to attend the performance!

You may want to sit down and think of any other supplies (especially extra clothing – Michigan weather? rain? cold?) you should pack. I would advise a little pre-camp exercise so you do not get sore and tired. We will be learning marching basics and a drill so please prepare for those activities.

We may not solve all of your problems, but we will certainly get you started on your way to becoming the best drum major you can be so you may inspire your own band to achieve greatness through leadership and guidance. I am looking forward to meeting you on Sunday, July 7th at CMU for a week of great leadership training.

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