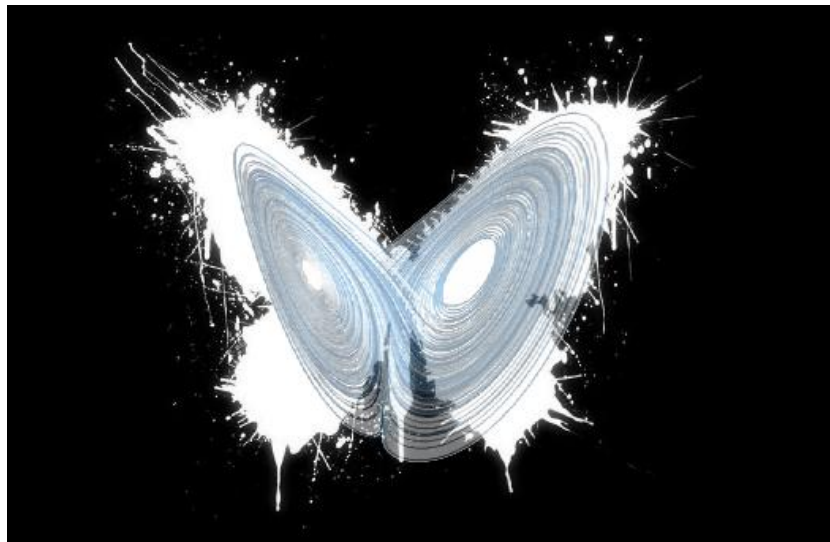


2021 Huron Valley Marching Band

Presents...

The Beauty of Chaos



Band Camp Packet

**Blue Water Campground
Lexington, Michigan
Friday, August 6 – Friday, August 13th, 2021**

The following packet will provide you with all of the basic information you will need to prepare for this year's band camp. Please look over this packet very carefully and make sure that you are prepared for the week and have everything you will need.

Important Medical Reminder for all before departing to band camp:

Make sure you submitted your completed medical form (DUE JULY 1), notarized (with raised seal) for the season. You cannot go to band camp without this form turned. **We will not take anyone who does not have their medical form complete to band camp with us, and you will not be able to march with the band this year if this happens!!! No Exceptions!!!**

Departure and Return Information Regarding Band Camp:

Departure – Friday, August 6th, 2021 (DEPARTING FROM MHS FRONT PARKING LOT (Staff lot).

Check-in time for Friday's departure is at **5 pm**. We will be riding school buses to band camp. **No students are allowed to have cars at band camp.** Visitors are not allowed on camp to see you unless Mr. Green is notified ahead of time and he approves. Please realize band camp is the time for the band to become a family and to get a lot of work done!!! We will depart as quickly as we can load. **Eat Dinner on Friday before you arrive. You can bring water/snacks for the bus but make sure you keep the bus clean.**

******WE WILL HAVE A LUGGAGE SEARCH ON FRIDAY BEFORE WE DEPART***

Return – Friday, August 13th, 2021 (PARENT PICK UP AT CAMP)

On Friday, August 13th, we will have a BRIEF parent meeting at 6 pm at camp (outdoor pavilion) so please plan to meet there first and then we will move down to the field for the show. Parents, please allow enough time to arrive at camp to attend the meeting. We will keep it brief 😊. **If you arrive early, please do not try to see your son/daughter and pack their bags up. They will be practicing and getting ready for their performance.** The Parent Performance will be at approximately 6:45 pm at the football field. Students will be dismissed after the performance. **There are no buses returning home on FRIDAY, so please make arrangements to be at camp to pick up your students. Please make arrangements to transport whatever your student takes to camp home with you on FRIDAY (Large Instruments/Equipment will be able to return with the trailers this year).**

*****Please note on FRIDAY 8/13 at camp we will only have access to the bathrooms by the field after 5 pm. All other buildings will be locked and will be in the process of being cleaned for inspection.**

*****Parents – we have very few opportunities to meet with all of you in the same room at the same time each year. Please come to the pavilion at 6 pm for the meeting first and then we will move to the field by 6:45 pm for the performance. We just want a chance to share all updates and the success of the week with you all.**

Band Camp at Blue Water Campgrounds

The information that follows gives a brief overview of Blue Water Campgrounds and our band camp for parents.

Blue Water Campgrounds is a private camp located in Lexington, Michigan. Lexington is a town about 30 minutes north of Port Huron. We go away to camp for 2 reasons...to get as much done as possible without the distractions of life at home...and to bond and become a true “family”. Although the kids are housed in cabins and the lodge and stay at camp overnight, their schedule is really well balanced between work and fun. **WE REHEARSE NO MORE THAN 10 HOURS A DAY, WITH AN HOUR FOR EVERY MEAL, AND FREE TIME EACH AFTERNOON.**

The guys stay in cabins at one end of camp with the “dads” as chaperones. They have their own shower and restroom facility at their end of camp. The girls stay at the opposite end of camp in the lodge with the “moms” and have their own shower/restroom facilities as well.

The camp provides 3 meals a day with a variety of menu items and options. Students are not allowed to “skip” meals. We do check attendance for every meal. We have our own staff and chaperones present on camp for the students and the camp has a staff/manager as well. We bring our own camp health officer for the entire week. We have water/drinks available to the students for our outdoor practices. We have a curfew for the students every night. We also do not allow boys in girls rooms and vice versa without adult supervision.

Camp Info: **Blue Water Campgrounds**
 7291 County Farm Rd.
 Lexington, MI 48450
 (810) 359-7760

A note about our camp licensing/safety:

Our band camp, because of the facility we use, requires us to have a State of Michigan Child Camp License. This process involves a yearly application, many hours of paperwork and accounting, and much more to assure that our camp is in full compliance with the requirements of the State of Michigan. We have a camp nurse who must meet State criteria, our menu and our kitchen are inspected every year, we have to have fire/weather emergency plans in place and inspections are done annually in this area as well. In addition, all volunteers have to be on file, all of our activities and schedules are checked, and all our medical information must be complete (medical forms, etc.) and present at camp. We have never had anything but FULL COMPLIANCE IN EVERY CATEGORY FOR EVERY YEAR. In other words, we make sure that our camp is a safe and fun experience for your students. We receive a yearly inspection at the camp every time we go, as we will this year. We will provide the best experience possible for every student.

Packing List for Band Camp 2021

EVERYONE - Label all items you load on trucks/trailers at check-in with your name/tape on the outside.

Sleeping items

Sleeping bag/Pillow/Blanket (**make sure you have a sleeping bag and a warmer blanket as it can get very cold at night**). Guys are in cabins, ladies are in the lodge. **Box Fans are ok too!!!**

Clothing Items

Light colored, loose fitting clothing...t-shirts, shorts, hats, sunglasses

* socks at every rehearsal (even at music rehearsals for winds/percussion)

* tennis shoes **RUNNING OR CROSS TRAINING TYPE** (even at music rehearsals)

comfortable/with laces (**NO HIGH TOPS**)...make sure your shoes fit well and have support.

We suggest a second pair of tennis shoes as a back up if it rains, etc.

Sweatshirt...bring at least one or two, it is cold at 8:30 am and 10 pm

Jeans/pants...just in case it is cold and rainy

Rain gear if you have it...**We do march in the rain...seriously...so be prepared!**

EVEN THOUGH WE ARE ON LAKE HURON – THERE WILL BE NO SWIMMING. The shoreline is very rocky and the water is waist high for a long ways out from shore – **NOT IDEAL FOR SWIMMING** so we do not have a lifeguard with us. **STANDING IN THE WATER FOR SECTIONALS WITH STAFF SUPERVISION IS OK.**

Bathing/Hygiene Items

Bathroom supplies...toothbrush, toothpaste, brushes, shampoo, etc.

Towels...bring at least 2...it may rain a lot.

Sunblock...you will be in the sun approximately 6 – 8 hours a day

Extras

Flashlight, Games/books/cards... **TV's and game systems are not permitted!!!**

MP3/PORTABLE Radios are permitted...but you must be considerate of others in your cabins

Snacks/Drinks...you do have 3 meals a day and breaks, but you may want snacks for later.

DO NOT BRING ANY ENERGY DRINKS/HIGH CAFFEINE DRINKS - WE WILL SEND THEM HOME

For the Field

- DOT BOOKS or DRILL APP FOR PHONE (everyone except Pit)
- Sun Block - bring a high SPF factor sunblock...don't take a chance!!!
- Water Bottle/container...Everyone needs one at every outdoor rehearsal...bring one!!! (It can be as big as you want and it makes breaks much easier if you have water at the field with you).
- Bug Spray...mosquitos are out at night
- Music Binder/Equipment/pencils...take care of your copy of music/drill/equipment - we don't have a full service copier at camp!
- Instruments/Guard Equipment and supplies
- Poker Chips!!! (you will be given these to start...don't lose them)
- Woodwinds/brass – extra reeds, valve oil, slide grease, etc.
- Guard/Percussion...mark your equipment and sticks so you know they are yours.

Policies and Reminders for 2021 Band Camp

1. For the Friday performance all students will need BLACK shorts (any black shorts), tennis shoes, and your **HVMB T-shirt! (I will explain/distribute this later).**
2. **Seniors, remember your t-shirt for tie-dye day...you will tie dye early at camp.**
3. Remember that this is our “home” away from home. Show your true colors and be polite, responsible, and respectful of the property and our hosts. We are responsible for cleaning this camp so be prepared to help “pitch in” to make this a great experience for us all.

Reminder about our School Code and Rules

Just a reminder to all students that you are on a school trip while at camp. You are expected to observe all school rules and codes of conduct. Anyone failing to do so will be reported to administration and your parents will be notified. We do not want any problems this year!!! It is a privilege to be able to go to camp and to take trips, do not have this privilege removed by making bad decisions.

Phone Call information

We suggest sending your student with a cell phone. If you call the camp number and leave a message we will be distributing messages to students, but we would prefer if you make direct contact with students via cell phones. **Cell phones will not be permitted during ANY rehearsals other than if you are using the DrillBook App...please be aware of this as we will take them and keep them with a parent for the duration of camp if necessary.**

New Parents Reminder

Traditionally, on about Monday or Tuesday morning, new students start to miss home. Please support your student and resist the urge to “rescue” them from camp...we will take care of them and they **will love band**. It takes getting used to, but they will survive!!!

DO NOT PACK ENERGY DRINKS SUCH AS MONSTER/RED BULL for camp...we will confiscate during luggage check. THANK YOU!!!

Friday Check-in/Final Checklist:

Please read this information very carefully. Every student needs to take care of the items below for Friday night Check-in.

1. Medical Information:

Just a reminder that everyone **must have your medical form turned in to go to band camp.**

2. Anyone taking medication (any kind):

Parents need to come Friday to check-in with you and turn in any/all medication you have in a plastic zip-lock bag with your full name and phone number on the outside of the bag. Please include a note inside the bag with any information on when the medication is to be dispensed and the correct dosage to be given. **All medication, (unless an arrangement has been made with our nurse) is to be kept by the nurse at all times for the week. Medication will be returned Friday to the students before they leave. If you have an inhaler/EPI PEN...KEEP IT WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES...EVERY DAY!...but report it to the nurse at check-in on Friday, August 6th.**

3. Friday Uniform Reminder:

All students-do not forget your BLACK shorts/WHITE T-SHIRT (**THIS IS A CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS INFORMATION SINCE WE WILL NOT HAVE OUR LOGO SHIRT IN TIME FOR CAMP) for the performance on Friday.

Seniors-bring your white t-shirt for tie-dye!!!

4. Snack Item:

We are asking all students to bring one snack item for camp to share. A bag of chips, cookies, or pretzels. These items will be available to all students for snack breaks. Bring your item to the drop off boxes at check-in or you can even bring it to pre-camp and drop off early!!!

5. Band Account Policy:

Parents, please make sure that all band accounts are current and up to date prior to band camp so we do not have to leave anyone behind. Any/all payment questions and account questions should be directed to Krystilyn Smith at **treasurer@lakelandband.com**

PARENTS - Please remain with your student on 8/6 at check-in until they are completely finished in case we have any questions, need forms, etc...Please help us with this so we are able to get everyone checked in successfully!

Parent Meeting Friday, 8/13 at 6 pm at the camp (outdoor pavilion right near parking area).

Our student performance will conclude at about 7:15 pm

Direct all band camp questions to Mr. Green at **Bob.Green@hvs.org**

**Parents, we will see you all on Friday,
8/13 at 6 pm at camp.**

Blue Water Campgrounds

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7291 County Farm Rd.
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Emergency Cell Phone Number during camp:
(Please call camp number first, and only use cell phone numbers in case of emergency)
Mr. Green – (248) 672-4510

**If you are requesting an update on your student please make arrangements with them to
contact you directly.**

*****YOU ARE LOOKING FOR COUNTY FARM ROAD
ON YOUR LEFT...TURN AT COUNTY FARM ROAD TO
ENTER THE CAMP!!!**

HVMB Band Camp 2021

SAMPLE - Daily Schedule

Friday:

5 pm	Check-in, luggage check, load equipment and buses
6 pm	Depart for camp (stop for dinner on way at fast food)
9 pm	Arrive/Check-in to Cabins and rooms
9:30 pm	Full Camp Meeting in Dining Hall for everyone
11:00 pm	Curfew (In Cabins)
11:30 pm	Lights out!

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Wednesday:

7:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 – 12 noon	Rehearsal (Wind/Perc. Drill, Guard Sect.)
12 – 1 pm	Lunch
1 – 4:30 pm	Music Sectional/Ensembles (Guard-field)
4:30 – 5:30 pm	Free Time
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 – 9 pm	Rehearsal – Full Ensemble
9:30 pm	Evening Activity
11:00 pm	Curfew (In Cabins)
11:30 pm	Lights out!

Tuesday, Thursday:

7:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 – 12 noon	Rehearsal (Wind/Perc. Drill, Guard Sect.)
12 – 1 pm	Lunch
1 – 4 pm	Music Sectional/Ensembles (Guard-field)
4 – 5:30 pm	Free Time
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Rehearsal – Full Ensemble
9:30 pm	Evening Activity
11:00 pm	Curfew (In Cabins)
11:30 pm	Lights out!

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Friday:

7:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 – 12 noon	Rehearsal (EVERYONE at field for full ensemble at 10:30 am)
12 – 1 pm	Lunch for 9 – 11th grade
	Senior Luncheon (off-site)
1 – 2:30 pm	Afternoon sectionals
2:30 – 4:30 pm	Camp clean up/check out of cabins/rooms
4:30 – 5:30 pm	Dinner (Pizza)
5:30 – 6:30 pm	FULL BAND warm up at field for parent show
6 pm	Parent meeting at Pavilion
6:45 pm	Parent Performance at Field
7:15 pm	Pack up/check out/final cleaning (we need everyone's help)
8:30 pm	Departure and End of Camp

There will be evening and daytime activities going on all week. This will include events for section competitions. We will post the daily activities each day.

*****Parents – we will have a senior luncheon at camp for all senior students, but we will not be asking parents at home to come up for this (past practice at Lakeland). I have plans for a senior dinner with parents back home during the season where we can celebrate together!!! (More on this later).**