



TCU High School Band Camp Commuter Information Packet

Dear Campers and Families,

Greetings from the Texas Christian University Campus! We are looking forward to this summer's band camp, **TCU's Music & Leadership Experience**, June 12-16, and we hope you are too! This packet contains all of the information necessary for your participation and stay at TCU.

Please check the [TCU Band website](#) regularly for updates.

Important forms and information that you need to bring or download include:

- [TCU Medical Release Form](#) (Please bring this with all signatures to registration check-in)
- [TCU Liability Form](#) (Please bring this with all signatures to registration check-in)
- If you camper needs medication, please bring the medication with you and fill out a medication instruction form at registration. If another adult is registering your camper, please contact band@tcu.edu and we will send you a form.
- [TCU Campus Map](#)

Please make sure you bring these completed forms to registration check-in at the Moncrief Dorm lobby – [see map](#). We cannot host students who do not have both agreements completed and turned in and tuition paid by check-in time.

Please go online and pay the entirety of your registration fee prior to the camp if you haven't already completed payment. ([Payment link](#)) We will not accept cash payment on the day of registration.

Have a safe and relaxing summer, and we will see you June 12th.

Cordially,

Brian Youngblood, Camp Director
Bobby Francis, Camp Artistic Director
Sharie Owens, Camp Administrative Director

BASIC CAMP INFORMATION

Registration Check-In & Audition Day – Sunday, June 12

See page 3 for specific **Registration Check-in** details and times

See page 5 for specific **Audition** information.

Please bring the following to registration check-in:

1. Signed [TCU Medical Release Form](#) (downloadable from the website)
2. Signed [TCU Liability Form](#) (downloadable from the website)
3. If your camper needs medication, please bring the medication with you and fill out a medication instruction form at registration. If another adult is registering your camper, please contact band@tcu.edu and we will send you a form.

Please Note: We cannot host students who do not turn in a complete Medical Release and Liability Form at registration. Please make sure everything is signed!

Reminder: Please pay the balance of your [camp registration fee](#) prior to camp.

Meals

Resident students are provided all meals beginning Sunday dinner through Thursday dinner. Students may **NOT** leave the campus at any time during the day or night.

Daily Schedule

All students will be provided a detailed camp schedule on Sunday check-in.

Our camp day lasts from 7:30am-6:15pm. On Sunday, the check-in for commuters will begin at 2:00pm (see schedule on p. 3) with camp beginning at 3:30pm. Music track students will have masterclasses and auditions while the drum majors and color guard students will have their first session.

Drum Major track students will participate in leadership sessions throughout the day when the remaining students are attending music-related program activities. They will join the full camp during all full camp meetings and meals. All students will participate in the full camp leadership sessions.

Color Guard students will participate in color guard and movement sessions when the remaining students are attending music-related program activities. They will join the full camp during all camp meetings and meals. All students will participate in the full camp leadership sessions.

Students should be **dropped off in the morning by 7:30am** at the Moncrief dorm Monday-Thursday shown on the [map](#). Campers will need to be picked-up at the Moncrief dorm by **6:15pm every day**. TCU Interns will be there to assist with student pick-up. We ask that this be done as a safety precaution to ensure that each child goes home with their respective parent/guardian/designee. Students will be supervised at this time by camp interns, so it is imperative they be picked up on time so our camp interns may resume their scheduled evening duties.

Camp Concert, Drum Major and Color Guard Presentation

The closing concert will be live in the Van Cliburn Concert Hall at TCU located in the TCU Music Center at 6:30pm. Campers are dismissed after the presentation.

CAMP REGISTRATION CHECK-IN

Registration Day (Sunday, June 12) Procedures

- Report to Moncrief Dorm lobby between 2:00pm-3:00pm and follow signs to check-in location. (See [map](#)). Parents are free to leave following the registration process.
- After the registration process has been completed, campers can be dropped off in the Van Cliburn Concert Hall at the TCU Music Center for all camp meeting. (See map).
- 3:00pm-3:30pm-All Camp Meeting at Van Cliburn Concert Hall at TCU.
- 3:45pm – 5:30pm – Master Classes and Auditions. Music track students will be pulled from their masterclasses for their auditions.
- 5:45pm-6:45pm- Dinner at Market Square on the TCU Campus
- 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Free Time in dorm
- 7:15pm: Commuter pick up at Moncrief Dorm (see map)

Monday, June 13-Wednesday, June 15) Procedures

Commuters will need to arrive no later than **7:30am** and **check-in with the Intern in the Moncrief dorm lobby**. All High School campers will have breakfast and then will begin the outdoor full camp leadership session. Start time is 8:30am. **Commuter students will need to be picked up at the Moncrief Dorm at 6:15pm.**

LAST Class Day (Thursday, June 17) Procedures

Commuters will need to arrive no later than 7:30am and check-in with the intern in the Moncrief Dorm lobby. All campers will need to wear their camp t-shirt that they will receive on Wednesday. They will need to bring their concert attire/Drum Major/Color Guard attire with them at this time, as they will not have a chance to go home before their final concert at 6:30pm that evening. Students will be notified where to store their concert clothes. Students will then proceed to breakfast and the morning leadership session.

CAMP CONCERT

Thursday Camp Concert, Drum Major and Color Guard Presentation

The closing concert will begin at 6:30pm in the Van Cliburn Concert Hall at the TCU Music Center. Please see map locations to enter the building as we have several other groups with performances that evening. The concert typically last 90 minutes. Drum Majors and Color Guard will also have a presentation during the concert and we encourage all students to remain for the full event. The concert will also be live streamed on the TCU School of Music [Youtube](#) Channel.

Concert Attire

The dress for the final concert on Thursday evening will be “Sunday’s Best”. Drum Majors and Color Guard should bring nice modest-length shorts or pants/nice jeans and their band camp t-shirt (provided) for their presentations.

WHAT TO BRING

What to Bring to Rehearsal each day

- **Concert Instrument** - (not required for DM or Color Guard Track)- Please do not bring a marching instrument
- **Percussionists need to bring personal standard sticks and mallets**
- **Instrument accessories** (valve oil, mutes, reeds, etc.)
- **Folding wire music stand (REQUIRED for all Music track students)**
- **Leadership folder** provided at all leadership sessions.
- **Pencil**

- A copy of their [audition music](#) for auditions
- **Color Guard**-Color guard campers will need to bring their own flag and rifle (optional).

Daily Attire

Students are expected to wear appropriate clothing to camp each day. Please ensure that all clothing is of modest length and cover, and that no questionable material is visible (this includes obscene language/images, adult themes including alcohol and explicit innuendo).

Be sure to bring:

- Loose fitting comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor marching rehearsals
- Tennis Shoes for marching (no flip flops, etc.)
- Your own water bottle
- Hat
- Sunscreen & bug spray

Instrument Storage

Secured storage for large instruments (i.e., tuba, euphonium, bari sax) will be designated in the TCU Music Center during camp.

CONTACTING YOUR STUDENT DURING CAMP

During the day, you may contact your student through the Band Office at 817-257-7640. If there is an emergency after the camp day is ended, you may contact the Camp Director – Brian Youngblood at 817-680-7112 or Camp Administrative Director – Sharie Owens at 817-266-6753.

Cell phone policy

Students are welcome to bring cell phones to camp; however, **they must be turned off during all rehearsals, camp activities, and performances.** We encourage parents to limit communication with their child during the 7:30am-5:00pm time frame to maximize their music instruction & leadership experience.

MUSIC TRACK ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS

This year, TCU Music & Leadership Experience will begin with masterclasses. During these masterclasses, campers will be pulled out of their sessions for auditions. These auditions determine which of the two concert bands (High School Symphonic, High School Concert) the student will perform with during their stay at camp. You can find the audition music on the [TCU Band Camp](#) website under the “Auditions” tab.

Drum Major and Color Guard track students will remain in their masterclass sessions during the audition process.

STUDENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR BAND PLACEMENT BY MONDAY MORNING.

TCU COVID POLICY

The TCU Band camp will continue to follow TCU's COVID-19 protocols and monitor the changing CDC guidelines. Based upon their new guidance for mask-wearing and COVID-19 transmission levels in Tarrant County, masks are now optional for our camp. Please check [Protect the Purple](#) for up to date information.

If a camper demonstrates COVID symptoms, they will be separated outdoors with camp personnel until a parent or guardian can pick them up. They can return to camp if they get a rapid test with a negative result. There are [testing facilities](#) available close to the campus. If you camper is not feeling well, the TCU Band staff request that the camper stay home.

The TCU Band Camp will not provide facilities or protocol for contact tracing or quarantine of students during the camp.