



2023 Middle School Band Camp 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 Middle School Music Experience**, June 16-17, 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 the 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 a parent/legal guardian will not be coming to check-in student-please contact us so we can send you a completed medical release form to sign with updated information for your student that can be brought to camp.
- [TCU Campus Map](#)

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

Have a safe and relaxing summer, and we will see you June 16.

Cordially,

Matt Garrett, Camp Director
Bobby Francis, Camp Artistic Director
Sharie Owens, Camp Administrative Director

BASIC CAMP INFORMATION

Registration Check-In – Friday, June 16

Report to TCU Music Center Lobby between 8:30am-9:00am. (See [map](#))

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 after lunch, 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!

After the registration process has been completed, students will be directed to the Van Cliburn Concert Hall at TCU for all camp meeting. Parents are free to leave following the registration process. All students will be provided a camp schedule at the meeting.

- 8:30am-Registration opens at the TCU Music Center.
- 9:00am-9:30am Camp Meeting – (We will take attendance so don't be late)
- 9:30am -10:30am-Sectionals/Auditions
- 10:45am-12:15pm-First Full Band Rehearsal
- 12:30am – 2:00pm - Lunch at the BLUU-Market Square
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm – Elective Session
- 3:30pm – 4:30pm – Sectionals
- 4:45pm-6:00pm-Full Band Rehearsal
- 6:00pm-7:00pm-Dinner at the BLUU-Market Square
- 7:00pm-8:00pm-Social Activity-Kona Ice
- **8:00pm Camper Pick-Up at TCU Music Center** (See [map](#))

Saturday, June 17– Drop-off Schedule

Camp participants will need to arrive between 7:45 and 8:30am and check-in at the TCU Music Center Lobby.

They will be given a band camp t-shirt to wear as part of their concert attire and should arrive wearing their camp shirt and appropriate shorts/pants. Students will then be directed to their first period session following check-in.

CAMP CONCERT

Band Camp Concert

The closing concert will begin at **5:30pm** in the Van Cliburn Concert Hall in the TCU Music Center. The concert will also be live streamed on the TCU School of Music [Youtube](#) Channel.

Concert Attire

The dress for Saturday's concert is modest-length shorts or pants/nice jeans and the new camp shirt (provided).

MEALS

Camp participants are provided lunch and dinner on Thursday and lunch on Friday in the TCU dining facility located in the BLUU-Market Square. These meals only are included as part of the tuition fee; no breakfast meals are provided. Students may **NOT** leave the campus at any time during the camp day.

WHAT TO BRING

What to Bring to Rehearsal each day

- **Concert Instrument**
- **Percussionists need to bring personal standard sticks and mallets**
- **Instrument accessories** (valve oil, mutes, reeds, etc.)
- **Folding wire music stand (REQUIRED)**
- **Pencil**

Daily Attire

Students are expected to wear appropriate clothing to camp. Please ensure 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/indoor activity on Saturday.

Instrument Storage

Secured storage for large instruments (i.e., tuba, euphonium, bari sax) will be designated in the Music Building 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 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 9:00am-8:00pm time frame to maximize their music instruction experience.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP - ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS

The TCU Middle School Music Experience will begin with concert ensemble auditions following registration check-in. These auditions only determine chair placement for the camp. We do not want this to be a stressful process! Campers will be pulled from their first sectional session for auditions. Campers will be notified of their chair placement at the first full band rehearsal. You can find the audition music [here under the "Auditions" tab](#).

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.