

HOLT HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

MARCHING BAND CAMP

**PRECAMP PRACTICES: JULY 19-20, 2-4 PM
(Wednesday and Thursday)**

July 23 – 28, 2023

(Official camp week)

Holt High School

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KEEP THIS PACKET AS A REFERENCE

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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Students and Parents:

The tradition of excellence in the Holt Band Program is still going strong. The Marching Band demonstrated tremendous enthusiasm and commitment last year, and the group **has** established a solid reputation among top bands. We have already begun plans for next year's show, which we will be performing at home football games, and Marching Exhibition(s). Practice and preparation will be the two most important factors in obtaining the skills needed to perform well.

Marching Band Camp provides the opportunity for us to polish our skills and to address the most pressing issue for us, learning the show. It is at camp where we "put it all together" with hard work, and fun. **At no other time** during the year will we have the privilege of having so many rehearsals in such a short time period. As you can see, the success of marching band camp foretells the success of the band for the season.

Things to remember for camp this year:

1. Cost for band camp this year is \$115.00. (New Members \$140 for band polo). Payment schedule is as follows:

Camp fees = \$115.00 (New Members \$140 with band polo)

All Band Members must have official Marching Shoes:

New shoes: \$40 Used shoes: \$20

MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY JUNE 9, 2023

PLEASE USE ONLINE LINK FOR PAYMENT. www.holtbandboosters.com

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**For Questions regarding payment – contact Ms. Lori Underhill at lauderhill@comcast.net
Or (517) 525-2125 (Call or text)**

SCHOLARSHIPS are available- email Mr. Emerson, memerson@hpsk12.net before June 9.

2. The cost of camp goes for paying staff members, pool/facility use, catered dinners plus other assorted expenses for running a successful camp.
3. THERE ARE TWO PRE-CAMP REHEARSALS, FOR ALL STUDENTS: Wed July 19 and Thurs Jul 20 from 2-4 PM at Holt High School.
4. Please note that ALL STUDENTS must have the official Marching Band Shoe. **New Shoes are \$40, and used are \$20.**
5. Please have your student bring a WATER BOTTLE with name on it- help us reduce waste from cups this year.

6. Students will **NOT** be allowed to leave camp unless it is an emergency and approved by the director. Please DO NOT make doctor/dentist appointments during this time.
7. There will be plenty of water available at all times at camp- if your student requires Gatorade or an electrolyte beverage they can bring it as well.
8. All students need to be prepared for full days of instruction and stay with their section or band at all times.
9. **STUDENTS SUPPLY THEIR OWN LUNCH.** Dinners Monday through Thursday are provided. **STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE FOR LUNCH-CAMPUS IS CLOSED**
10. ALL STUDENTS need to bring their Black Holt Band Polo shirts, and tan shorts FOR THE FINAL PERFORMANCE.
11. *Parents need to be prepared to arrive at approximately **11:45 PM on Friday, July 28** at Holt High School and go to the stadium. The Holt Ram Marching Band will give a parent performance. After this performance, students are free to leave WITH PARENTS.*

Band Camp is one of the most important traditions that a band can have. This will be an unforgettable experience for every student involved. I appreciate all the parental support that I've received to this point. Thanks to your commitment, the program at Holt continues to become better and better every year.

Musically yours,
Mike Emerson
Office – 517-699-7463

****Please note:** Mr. Emerson is not in the office frequently through the summer. Questions will need to wait until precamp on July 19. This document answers LOTS of questions. Please read thoroughly.

There is also a WEALTH of information at www.holtbandboosters.com and the "HOLT BAND BOOSTERS" page on Facebook: You'll need to answer 3 questions to join the group but they can help with a lot.

CAMP SPECIFICS

DATE: (Precamp Rehearsals Wed/Th July 19-20, 2-4 PM)
Sunday July 23 – Friday July 28, 2023

LOCATION: Holt High School
5885 W Holt Rd
Holt, MI 48842
517-699-7463 (band office)

COST: \$115.00 per student (\$140 with polo), plus shoes if needed.

Please pay online at www.holtbandboosters.com
Payment problems or Questions: Contact Lori Underhill:

launderhill@comcast.net
Or (517) 525-2125 (Call or text)

Student must be paid in full by JUNE 9, 2023

PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THEIR STUDENT HOME AFTER THE MARCHING SHOW ON FRIDAY, July 28. PARENTS SHOULD PLAN ON COMING TO THE MARCHING SHOW ON JULY 29 AT 11:45 AM. ONCE THE BAND HAS PERFORMED, STUDENTS ARE FREE TO LEAVE WITH THEIR PARENTS.

Please note: Students are responsible for bringing lunch Monday through Thursday. STUDENTS MUST BRING IT- NO LEAVING CAMPUS FOR LUNCH.

**Students bring lunch... no Door Dash please.

If you have special dietary needs, contact us before camp please.

*There are 2 pre-camp rehearsals (ALL STUDENTS):
Wednesday, July 19 and Thursday July 20 from 2-4 PM at the High School.

CAMP ITINERARY

Wed and Thurs, July 19/20: Pre-camp rehearsals: 2-4 PM, HS parking lot
– THESE ARE FOR ALL MARCHING MEMBERS.

July 23, 2023 - Sunday

5:00 PM Student CHECK-IN. Upon Arrival:
1. Check in at desk.
2. Be prepared for rehearsal outside – head to section circle immediately after check-in so we start on time

6:00 PM Be on the field with your instruments (review basics, music)

8:30 PM Elimination Block

9:00 PM Dismissal – **This is later than Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.**

GO TO SLEEP - YOU WILL NEED YOUR REST!!

July 24 – 27: Monday through Thursday – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

7:45 AM Arrive, Holt HS, get instrument and charts ready

8:00 AM Marching Rehearsal. Be on the field with your instrument

11:30 PM Lunch – **Brought from home. Students supply their own lunch. (No delivery).**

12:30 PM Sectionals

1:40 PM Music rehearsal in our indoor area

2:30 PM Various band business activities

4:00 PM Sectionals

4:45 PM Dinner (**Could be later, dependent on progress**)

5:30 PM Field Rehearsal - FULL BAND

8:00 PM Dismissal

Thursday, July 27: Full band celebration until 10:00 PM

This schedule is usually altered on a daily basis due to weather conditions, and at the director's discretion.

July 28 - Friday

8:00 AM Field rehearsal

11:30 AM Change into summer uniforms

SUMMER MARCHING UNIFORM:
Black BAND POLO, 'cloth' (not jeans) Shorts, tennis shoes

11:50 AM To parade block

11:55 AM March to the Stadium

12:00 PM Performance for parents - Dismissal to parents directly following the performance.

WHAT TO BRING TO BAND CAMP

Instrument

Your LUNCH (Monday through Thursday) – Contact us with special diet needs for dinner

**Please BRING your lunch, do not rely on delivery services.

Shorts

Hat

Tennis shoes (**not** sandals)

Sunglasses

Towels

Rain gear

SUNSCREEN (THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT)

Lip balm

Swimsuit (Tuesday and Wednesday)

Highlighters (different colors)

Water bottle- Please help us “go green” and reduce waste from cups!

Extra reeds, valve oil, grease, pencils, music lyres, etc.

Music

Fanny pack

Music Flip-Folder for music

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO BAND CAMP

Illegal substances

Tobacco products

Alcoholic beverages

Electronic Devices MUST be away and “off” during rehearsal. Rehearsal is classroom time, as in the school handbook.

REMINDERS:

- All Payment is due on JUNE 9, 2023
Payments are made **ONLINE** – www.holtbandboosters.com
- (Payment Problems – contact Lori Underhill at launderhill@comcast.net or (517) 525-2125 (Call/text))
- All new members purchase shoes. New Shoes = \$40.00 Used shoes are available for \$20 if desired.
- Scholarships ARE available as needed – please email Mr. Emerson – memerson@hpsk12.net before June 9 2023 to request.
- Students cannot leave camp for other appointments. PLEASE do not schedule other appointments during this time.
- Students are expected to be in the proper area for their section or the band.
- There are 2 pre-camp rehearsals the week before camp: Wed July 19 and Thurs July 20. These are from **2-4 PM** at the High School band parking lot.
- **STUDENTS BRING LUNCH** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. **CAMPUS IS CLOSED FOR BAND CAMP LUNCH.**
Please bring lunch from home and don't rely on delivery.
- Please contact us before camp if you have special dietary needs.
- All students need to have their Black Band Polo Shirt, tan shorts, and tennis shoes for the final performance.
- Students are to ride home WITH PARENT/GUARDIAN on Friday, July 28, after one last performance of the halftime show.
- **Sunscreen is a necessity** - we are outside most of every day.
- Bring a Water Bottle with name on it- very important!
- **DON'T BE LATE FOR MORNING REHEARSAL!**