

# FINAL REMINDERS FOR BAND CAMP 2024

**Please read carefully- even those with marchers that have been to away camp before**

1. **Students who use inhalers for asthma or Epi-pens for allergic reactions, bring a spare if possible. You must also check in with Mrs. Hasan before boarding a bus!** Outdoor activities such as camp can trigger asthma and allergies. Diabetics – don't forget your supplies!
2. **Call time on Sunday, August 11th is at 1:00 PM at Stevenson High School.** Medical check-in with Mrs. Hasan will begin at 12:30 PM.
3. PLEASE (PLEASE) label ALL your luggage and belongings. They should be brought to the curb outside of the band room. **Whatever is brought to Michindoh must be carried by each student to and from the cabins.** We will have an extra truck available for luggage. Students MAY begin to load luggage on the truck upon arrival at SHS if the truck has arrived; Adults are encouraged to assist so we can maximize space. **Students are not to board a bus until cleared to do so.**
4. Your student will likely want spending money for the Snack Shack. The camp store does accept credit, debit, and Visa or MasterCard gift cards as well as Apple Pay and Google Pay. Roughly \$10-\$15 a day should suffice to cover snacks, etc. *Souvenirs and clothing at the gift shop tend to be expensive.*
5. Warm clothes are **highly recommended, especially** to start the day and for Senior Circle on Wednesday evening (we will be out after dark, temperatures will likely be in the mid to upper 50s). Long pants / a windbreaker help protect from mosquito bites. **Band uniforms stay home.**
6. Check Facebook ([www.facebook.com/groups/stevensonbands/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/stevensonbands/)) throughout the week for pictures and commentary from camp. We attempt to communicate daily with pictures and videos, however we are often at the mercy of variable internet connectivity.
7. If at all possible, we respectfully ask that you save sad/bad news from home until your student returns home so that they can enjoy their time away. If there is a true family emergency that requires immediate action/attention from your student, please contact Mr. Austerman at 248-709-5795. Positive e-mails and texts from home sent directly to your student are STRONGLY encouraged!
8. If there is a situation that requires your child to be dismissed to you from camp, you MUST first contact Mr. Austerman at 248-709-5795. The Welcome Center will be used as the transfer point for students, should that be necessary. No exceptions to this policy – this is state law for children's camps.
9. The camp is located at 4545 E. Bacon Road, Hillsdale MI ([www.michindoh.com](http://www.michindoh.com)). **If you are headed out on vacation after camp, you are welcome to pick up your student on Thursday morning – but you must arrive before the buses leave for Sterling Heights (roughly 10:30 AM).** Please coordinate directly with Mr. Austerman.
10. The buses will return to Stevenson on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at approximately 1:30 with dismissal after unloading at about **2:00 PM**. Your student should call or text you when we get close to school. Once everything is unloaded from the buses, truck, and trailer, the students will be free to go home (many hands make like work).
11. Your student will be in the very capable hands of adult chaperones, staff members, counselors (stafferones). We will take good care of them. Emergency contact numbers: Michindoh (517) 523-3616; Mr. Austerman (248) 709-5795; Mrs. Hasan (586) 744-1910; Mrs. Potapa (586) 915-7688.