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All camps are sponsored by and located at the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University. SFA is in historic Nacogdoches, Texas, among a setting of natural beauty in the pine forests of East Texas.

About SFA Band Camps

Description of Camp

The Middle School Band Camp is designed to accommodate band musicians of all levels. This camp is open to students entering grades 9 — 12 for the following school year. Whatever their level of proficiency, each camper will have new and fun challenges and opportunities that will increase their abilities, build confidence, and develop good habits and attitudes as musicians.

Staff

Every activity of camp life is supervised and attended by one or more of the following:

1. Camp Faculty — Faculty consists of SFA professors, administrators, outstanding band directors from across the state, distinguished music educators and performing artists. Together, we have more than 50 music professionals that are employed by the SFA Summer Band Camps, teaching full band, sectionals and master classes.
2. Resident Assistants — “RA’s” are trained and certified by the SFA Residence Life and Student Life personnel.
3. SFA Band Camp Counselors — SFA undergraduate and graduate students, most of whom are studying to become music educators.

Our camp directors are Dr. Tamey Anglley and Dr. Dan Haddad

Tuition and Discounts

\$475	Full Resident Camp Cost
\$200	Commuter Camp Cost
\$200	Residential Deposit - Holds a spot in camp Dorm/Fast Pass (deadline May 31)

- Resident Camp fees include housing, instruction, all meals, T-shirts and evening activities.
- Commuter Camp fees include instruction, all lunches and T-shirts.

Registration Information

Register online at sfasu.edu/bandcamp. If you are unable to pay online, please contact the SFA Band Office. You may mail cash or check to the SFA Band Office. Credit cards are accepted online on the Summer Band Camp Marketplace Website

Refunds and Fees

Refunds will not be given after registration/check-in begins.

SFA has a safety policy that in the event of a lost or broken dorm key, a fee of \$75 will be assessed. This fee must be paid before leaving camp. Any cost of damage that occurs to SFA-owned property is the camper's financial responsibility.

Deposit of \$200

Your deposit will secure your spot in camp. Remaining payments can be made online or by mail before the start of camp. If you would like to take advantage of the early registration discount or Fast Pass, all payments and waivers must be turned in by their set deadlines. Otherwise, you may pay the remaining balance at registration on the first day of camp.

Dorm and Commuter Fast Pass

This pass allows you and your student to skip the registration line and go straight into dorms (for resident campers) and the Wright Music Building lobby (for commuters) for check-in. The office must receive FULL payment and signed waivers postmarked prior to or on May 31. The Fast Pass will only be emailed; please print it out or present the digital copy at check-in for camp.

Group Rates – must register as a group

Schools bringing 10 - 19 students can receive \$10 off per camper.

Schools bringing 20 + students can receive \$15 off per camper.

Insurance

All campers must have a signed medical, liability and photo release form on file. Your personal insurance will cover any accidents that occur while your student is at camp. Minor medical needs will be handled by counselors. Parents will be contacted immediately in cases of major medical needs.

General Information

What to Bring to Camp

- Modest, hot-weather, casual dress for rehearsals and camp activities.
- A light jacket because the buildings can get cool during classes.
- Comfortable shoes because there is a lot of walking.
- Twin XL size bed sheets, pillow with case, blankets because the dorms get cool at night.
- Toiletries and towel.
- Swimsuit.
- Sunscreen and bug spray.
- Sunday best for Friday concert (girls: dresses or slacks with a nice top; boys: shirt and slacks).
- Instrument in good working order, and CLEARLY labeled with your name and school! Keep track of it at all times! We will have larger instruments available if school-owned instruments cannot be used.
- Reeds, neck strap, valve oil, slide oil, etc.
- Trumpet and trombone players should bring straight and cup mutes if possible. French horn players should bring a mute if possible. Label them!
- Percussionists should bring concert snare drum sticks, timpani mallets, xylophone mallets and marimba mallets. Label all equipment!
- ALL bassoons and oboes need \$15 for reed making supplies. Cash preferable but checks made to our faculty member designated during the camp are acceptable.
- Pencil and notebook with paper for your classes.
- Umbrella, rain poncho, rain boots.... Prepare for the possibility of rain!
- Snacks or money for snacks.

Be sure to safeguard all "pocket money" and personal belongings. Initial or label all your personal property. SFA is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen articles. Cellphones are to be turned OFF during ALL classes and rehearsals. Hoverboards, skateboards, scooters, etc. should be left at home!

SFA Band Camp does not tolerate cases of vandalism, fighting, substance abuse or other violations of camp safety regulations.

Mail

If mailing a package or letter to your child, please allow ample time for delivery. We suggest either mailing it with a tracking number and/or mailing it the Friday before camp begins to ensure it reaches your child. If mailed afterwards, your child may not receive their package during camp.

Audition Information

Campers will audition after they have gone through check-in. Auditions will begin at 1 p.m. and must be complete by 4 p.m. The audition rooms will be posted throughout the Wright Music Building with counselors to help you locate your audition room. The band hall (Room 121) will serve as a warm-up area.

Specialists on each instrument will hear each audition. Based on this audition, each camper will be placed in the ensemble that is best suited for their playing ability. Please remember that all of our campers are outstanding musicians and are often the top players from their schools. **Band assignments will not be altered.** Results will be posted at the dorms and throughout the music building as they are received. Campers are encouraged to contact their parents with their band placement and their performance time for the Friday concert. *Parents, campers will know band placement by Sunday evening!*

Audition music will be available at sfasu.edu/bandcamp when registration opens.

What to Do the First Day of Camp – Day of Check-in

Campers with DORM FAST PASS (see deadlines)

Resident campers who have a Dorm Fast Pass will report to the assigned dorm and check in. They will then proceed to the Wright Music Building to audition for their band/chair placement.

Commuters with FAST PASS (see deadlines)

Commuters with a fast pass will check in at the Wright Music Building Lobby.

New Registration, Pay Remaining Balance or Missed The Fast Pass Deadline

Check-in is held in the Wright Music Building. Please proceed to the registration check-in line at Cole Concert Hall Lobby (MUS 100).

All campers must go through registration before auditioning. Campers will not be allowed to audition without your camp nametag.

After your student's audition, you may help them unpack in their dorm. Dinner will begin at 5 p.m. for your student. The student will need to show the cashier their meal card, and the cashier will scan the barcode. After dinner, there will be an orientation and your first rehearsal with the student's band.

Commuters must attend the orientation and rehearsal.

Classes

The student will participate in an assortment of classes such as master classes, musicianship classes and sectionals. Master classes are divided by instrument and taught by a member of our staff. The students will focus on technique and repertoire that is unique to their instrument. Musicianship class teaches the students basic music history and music theory that they will be able to take home with them. Sectionals are larger instrument groups that focus on helping students learn and perfect their concert music.

Housing –Dorms for camp are assigned by the university.

Campers stay in SFA residence halls for the duration of their camp. They will stay with a roommate and share bathrooms. Camp counselors stay on the same floor with their assigned campers and can be easily reached at any time. Though it is not necessary to request a specific roommate for the duration of camp, students wishing to room together must indicate so when registering for camp. To view the dorm features and amenities, you may visit Residence Life website at: sfasu.edu/res-halls.

Meals

Residential campers are provided with three meals daily in one of two university dining halls. Commuters will eat lunch in the dining halls (included in their fees). There is a wide variety of food served at every meal to accommodate everyone's tastes. Campers are encouraged to keep healthy snacks in their dorms for after evening activities. Energy drinks are **STRICTLY** prohibited.

Recreation

Evening activities are an exciting part of the camp experience. These activities may include: swimming, dances, concerts, volleyball, basketball, and of course the practice rooms are always available!

Commuters need to be dropped off at the Wright Music Building between 7:30 and 7:50 a.m. They will need to be picked up at 5 p.m. at the music building.

Sample Schedule Monday - Thursday

All bands attend the same classes although the times may vary. Meals and recreation are the same time for all campers regardless which band they make.

7 - 7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8 - 10 a.m.	Full Band Rehearsal
10 - 11 a.m.	Master Class
11 - Noon	Musicianship
Noon - 1 p.m.	Lunch
1:10 - 2:30 p.m.	Full Band Rehearsal
2:30 - 3 p.m.	Assembly
3:10 - 4 p.m.	Sectionals
4:10 - 5 p.m.	Free Time
5 - 6 p.m.	Dinner
6 - 7 p.m.	Attend a concert*
7 - 9 p.m.	Evening Recreation
9 p.m.	Return to dorms and normally have some free time to talk to friends and play games before returning to assigned room and lights out

*(*On specific nights, faculty and chamber ensembles present evening concerts.)*

Student Performances - Friday

SFA Band Camps conclude with a concert. Performance times are determined by ensemble placement. The concert schedule will be posted on the band camp website, Facebook page and Instagram. You can follow the SFA Summer Band Camp Facebook page and Instagram @sfasubandcamps.