

ENCORE! BAND CAMP AND ENCORE! HIGH

June 24-28, 2018

Georgia College & State University

Dear Camper:

Welcome to the ENCORE! Band Camp and Encore High! The staff looks forward to a great week of educational and recreational activities with you. We are glad you have chosen to spend this week with us at ENCORE! This letter contains all the final information you will need to prepare for your stay with us. Please go over all the information carefully and keep this letter to help you as you prepare and pack for camp! Please feel free to email us at kregencore@gmail.com or call us at 678-643-7766 if you have any further questions.

Arrival and Check-In: Registration will take place in Parkhurst Hall from 1:00-3:30 p.m. on Sunday. Please bring your **signed copy of your camp guidelines form, medical info/insurance form, and prescription medicine form (if needed)**. These are all attached to this email. For returning campers, this is a **different dorm** than we have registered in before but you will still park at Foundation Hall where we have been before. There is **very limited** street parking as well as a small gravel lot at Parkhurst Hall. Below are the physical addresses for Foundation and Parkhurst Halls for use with GPS devices.

Address for Foundation Hall
631 West Franklin Street
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Address for Parkhurst Hall
550 West Greene Street
Milledgeville, GA 31061

NEW DORM INFO FOR 2018 - This year we will be staying in two dorms that we have not used before. Encore! Band Camp middle school students will be staying in Parkhurst Hall. Encore! High students will be staying in Bell Hall (address listed below). **All students will register at Parkhurst Hall. High school students**, when you come in to register, **please do not bring in your luggage or instrument!** Only bring in your signed guidelines, medical/insurance form, and prescription medication form (if necessary). High school students will register and get your key and will then need to drive to Bell Hall to move in and audition. Middle school students will move in and audition at Parkhurst Hall.

Bell Hall: 211 West Hancock Street, Milledgeville, GA 31061. There is a parking lot and street parking on the Wilkinson Street side of the dorm.

Security Photo: Again this year, as a part of the registration process, we will take a photo of each camper for security purposes and to have in case of an emergency. These photos may also be used in the end of camp video. Please let us know at registration if you **do not** want your child's picture taken.

Lost or Broken Keys: There will be a \$25 fee payable to GCSU for any lost or broken key cards or \$125 for a lost hard key during camp.

Auditions: All middle school auditions will take place in Parkhurst Hall and all high school auditions will take place in Bell Hall. You should audition as soon as you have finished registering. There will be a list of audition rooms posted in the registration area for Parkhurst. **High school students will go to Bell Hall after registering and should audition as soon as possible after arriving at Bell Hall.** This will be the only time you are allowed to play your instrument in the dorm!

Auditions for students finishing their first year of band - all brass, woodwind and percussion students should prepare any two scales of their choice and will also have a sight reading example. Percussion students should also prepare the long roll and flam if you know them. There will be a set of bells provided. All percussion students should bring their own snare drum as well as sticks and mallets.

Auditions for Middle School students playing 2 or more years - all brass, woodwind, and percussion students should prepare the concert F, Bb, Eb, and Ab scales (multiple octaves as able). There will also be a sight reading example. Percussion students should also prepare the following: long roll, flam accents, drag (ruff) and paradiddle or student's choice. There will be a set of bells provided. All percussion students should bring their own snare drum as well as sticks and mallets. **No chromatic scale required!**

Auditions for Encore! High Students - same as above but also include as much of a full range chromatic scale as you know.

What To Bring - See checklist attached to this email.

Conduct Guidelines - Exemplary behavior is expected at all times and no discipline problems of any kind will be tolerated. Students not following camp rules will be subject to early dismissal from the camp with no refund. **A copy of the camp guidelines is attached for you to print, sign, and bring with you to registration.**

Meals - Beginning with dinner on Sunday evening and going through lunch on Thursday afternoon, all meals will be provided by the university dining hall. The meals are of excellent quality and there is a wide variety to choose from at every meal. Breakfast includes hot items as well as cereal, bagels, fruit, etc. Lunch and dinner includes hot line items (meat and veggies), some sort of pasta, pizza, burgers, sandwich line, as well as a salad bar.

Camp Store - We will have a camp store available in the dorms during afternoon recreation time as well as in the evenings when we return to the dorms. We will have bottled water, Gatorade, soft drinks and snacks for sell. Drinks will range from \$1.00-1.50 and snacks will range from \$.50-1.00. We will have some Encore! Band Camp souvenir items available as well such as sunglasses, plastic water bottles, tervis-style cups, string backpacks, t-shirts, musical themed socks and sticker decals for your car or instrument case. Please plan to bring some money for these items!

Camp DVD's - We will again offer DVD recordings of the camp concerts this year. The DVD will contain full recordings of all bands from the concert, the jazz band, student ensembles, as well as a slide show of pictures taken from throughout the week. These high quality DVDs are being produced by the same company that records the Georgia All-State Bands. DVD's can be purchased at registration or at the concert. DVD's will be \$40. We can accept cash, checks, or credit/debit cards for DVD's.

Emergencies - In the event of an emergency at a time that your child is in a rehearsal and cannot be reached on their cell phone, parents should call the Encore! office number at (678) 643-7766. In the event of a serious emergency and you can't reach your child or the camp directors, please call GCSU Public Safety at **(478) 445-4054** and **they will locate us as quickly as possible.**

Concert and Departure - Our concert this year will begin at **2:30 PM**.

The concert this year will be presented in the **Russell Auditorium located at 201 North Clarke Street, Milledgeville, GA, 31060**.

There is very limited parking at Russell Auditorium so those who are able may want to just park at the dorm area and walk to the concert and then back to the dorm with your child after the concert. As in the past, students will be dismissed immediately following their concert to return to the dorm with their parents to get their belongings and depart for home. Their belongings will already be packed and sitting on their bed ready to go! **No removal of belongings will take place before the concert.**

Jazz Band - we will again this year offer a jazz band option for some students. This option will be available to all saxes, trumpets, and trombones selected for the middle school Honor Band. This will not be required for these students, just offered as an option. The rehearsals for this group will be above and beyond the rehearsals of their band and will be spread out at different times during the week.

High School Classes - Outside of their normal band rehearsals, Encore High students will have other classes throughout the week on such topics as small ensemble playing, leadership, audition preparation, music theory and ear training, and instrumental conducting.

Reminders - Please remember to bring in your signed student guidelines sheet, medical/insurance form, and prescription meds form (if applicable) when you come in to register!

Instruments etc - Please make sure your instrument is in **good working condition before you come to camp!** Also please make sure you have extra supplies such as reeds, valve oil, slide grease, etc for your instrument. **All students should also bring a pencil for use in rehearsal as well as a folding music stand.**

Thanks for choosing ENCORE! Band Camp and we look forward to seeing you all on June 24!

Sincerely,
Kreg Biffle and William Kilgore