

ENCORE! BAND CAMP AND ENCORE! HIGH

June 27-July 1, 2021

Gordon State College

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 on Sunday: Registration will take place at Gordon Village from 12:30-3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Please make sure you complete the google form with medical and insurance info as well as electronic signatures for the camp guidelines and the Covid waiver by Wednesday, June 23. This will keep us from having to do these things at registration. If your student has prescription medication to take during camp, please **print and complete that form** and bring it with you with the medication to turn in at registration. Below is a physical address that you should be able to use for registration. This will get you to a parking lot directly across from Gordon Village.

Address for Gordon Village

570 Spencer Street
Barnesville, GA 30204

Check-In Process - Weather permitting the check-in process will begin outside of the dorm. You will check in and will be given your name tag and dorm access card and given your room assignment. You will then move your belongings into your room. At that point the student should go ahead and warm up briefly on their instrument and go to the assigned room to play their short audition (this will be the only time instruments are to be played in the dorm). After they audition they can go ahead and finish getting their room set up and ready for the week. If you discover that you forgot something for the week this would also be the time to go and take care of that. Students will need to be in their room to meet their dorm counselor around 4:00. All parents will need to be out of the dorm by 4:00.

Dorm Info - All students will be staying in the Gordon Village. We will be utilizing several floors and different hallways of the dorm for our camp.

Dorm cards/keys - All students will receive a dorm card that will only give them access to their specific hallway in the dorm. **Students will NOT have a key to their individual rooms.** Students **will** be able to lock their rooms while they are in the room but not when we leave each day. Only students whose rooms are on those hallways will have access to the hallways and campers are in and out of the dorms at the same times during the day. Also, **there are cameras in the hallways** in the unlikely event that there was an issue that needed to be looked into. This is very different than what we have been used to in past years and is Gordon State College's policy due to key replacement costs of \$225-\$375 depending on the type of room.

Auditions: All auditions will take place in Gordon Village. You should audition as soon as you have finished registering and get into your room. There will be a list of audition rooms posted in the registration area. 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 one or two scales of their choice (depending on how many you know) and will also have a short sight reading example. You are welcome to use a scale sheet to play from. Percussion students should also prepare 1 or 2 rudiments (long roll, flam, paradiddle or other of your choice (depending on what you have already learned). There will be a set of bells provided. All percussion students should bring their own snare drum (if you have one) as well as all of your sticks and mallets.

Auditions for Middle School students playing 2 or more years - all brass, woodwind and percussion students should prepare two or three scales of their choice (depending on how many you know) and will also have a short sight reading example. You are welcome to use a scale sheet to play from. You may also play extra octaves as you are able. Percussion students should also prepare 2 or 3 rudiments (long roll, flam, paradiddle or other of your choice (depending on what you have already learned). There will be a set of bells provided. All percussion students should bring their own snare drum (if you have one) as well as all of your sticks and mallets. **No chromatic scale required!**

Auditions for Encore! High Students - same requirements as above but also should play a chromatic scale as close to the full range of your instrument as you are able to play.

What To Bring - This was emailed last week and is also attached to this email again.

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 read and you will need to electronically sign with your acceptance of these on the google form.**

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 as well as assorted other choices.

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, aluminum and plastic water bottles, tervis-style cups, Frisbees, 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! We will accept cash as well as Cash App for the camp store.

Camp Concert Recordings - We will again offer recordings of the camp concerts this year. It is no longer be a DVD but you will be purchasing a link to the recording and also have the ability to download it as well. The link will contain full recordings of all bands from the concert, the jazz bands, as well as a slide show of pictures taken from throughout the week. These are still being produced by Sound Around, the same company that records the Georgia All-State Bands. This can also be done less expensively than the DVD's. Recordings will now be \$35. We can accept cash, checks, or credit/debit cards for the recordings at registration or at the concert.

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 GSU Public Safety at **(678) 359-5101** and they will locate us as quickly as possible.

Concert and Departure - Our concert this year will begin at **2:30 PM**. The concert will be presented in the **SARC Gymnasium** (Student Activity & Recreation Center). 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 older middle school band as well as the high school 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 complete the google form with Medical/Insurance info and the electronic signatures for the camp guidelines and Covid waiver by Wednesday, June 23. If you are bringing prescription medication for your child to be given during camp, please print and complete the Prescription Med form and bring that to registration with your medication for the week.

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. Percussionists should bring a snare drum if they have one as well as all sticks and mallets that you have. All other percussion equipment will be provided at camp. **All students should also bring a pencil for use in rehearsal as well as a folding music stand.**

Thank You for choosing ENCORE! Band Camp and we look forward to seeing you all on June 27!

Kreg Biffle and William Kilgore