

What Do I Need for Marching Band Camp & Marching Season?

- **Drink lots of water and try to be active prior to marching band camp.** Waiting until the first day of camp to hydrate and to be active will be too late. You need to condition yourself as we lead-up to the start date!
- **Get a ½ gallon water cooler/jug with your name clearly printed on the outside.** You will need this every day for band camp, as well as throughout the marching season. Try to fill it with iced water at home, prior to arriving at school. There will be some water available to re-fill water jugs at the practice field, but there is a limited amount, and it will eventually cause a line-up if too many try to re-fill all at the same time.
- **You will need comfortable ATHLETIC SHOES and socks at every rehearsal.** Sandals are not allowed during a marching band rehearsal. You must also have shoes on your feet at all times when outside.
- **Light colored clothing.** Avoid dark colors when rehearsing outside in the sun!
- **A personal instrument that is in good working order.** Get your instrument in over the summer to get it checked-out and brought up to good playing condition. Don't wait too long, as the instrument repair shops get very busy as August nears. Also, double check your supply of reeds, valve oil, etc.
- **A flip folder with at least 10 sleeves, and a lyre.** Just about any music store that handles band instruments will have these on hand, but it would be a good idea to call ahead of time. Also, it is best to take the instrument into the store to have the correct lyre fitted to your specific instrument (different instrument manufacturers have different lyre connections).
- **Sunscreen.** You will need it for just about every rehearsal.
- **A hat and sunglasses.**
- **For performances, everyone will need a pair of compression shorts and black knee-high socks.**

If you are unsure about any of these items, please check with your Section Leader or a Drum Major for help and assistance!