

Victor J. Andrew High School Marching Thunderbolts Band Camp 2016 Information Packet

Location:

Pilgrim Park Camp is located in Princeton, Illinois. The address is 26449 1340 N. Ave., Princeton, IL 61356. The phone number is 815-447-2390. This is the main number to the camp and conference center and can be used to contact students in case of emergency. Cell phone service is spotty; however, students have been successful in contacting home via their cell phones at appropriate times.

Lodging:

Pilgrim Park has six air-conditioned cabins and three dorms. The cabins are located on the east side of camp near the rehearsal field. Each cabin houses twelve students in bunk beds and has a central restroom facility with showers nearby. Boys and girls are separated by location, boys in cabins and girls in dorms. The dorms are located on the west side of camp and each room houses six to twelve students in bunk beds. Each dorm has its own restroom facilities. A centrally located cafeteria serves three meals daily.

Typical Daily Schedule:

6:30AM	Wake-up
7:00AM	Breakfast
8:00AM	Physical warm-up and exercise
8:30AM	Marching basics
9:00AM	Drill rehearsal on field
12:00PM	Lunch
1:00PM	Free time - music memorization
2:00PM	Drill rehearsal on field
5:00PM	Dinner
6:00PM	Music sectionals
7:00PM	Full music rehearsal
9:00PM	Free time
10:00PM	Nightly meeting
10:45PM	Lights out

Dining:

The entire band eats together in the cafeteria. There will be three meals daily except for Sunday and Saturday. On Sunday, we will have a grill dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs. On Saturday, only breakfast will be served.

Recreation:

Pilgrim Park sits on 150 acres of wooded land. Your child will have some free time to enjoy this camp and participate in swimming, volleyball, basketball, etc.

How to prepare for camp: Below is a checklist of items that should be packed.

- Bed sheets for a single bed (2)
- Pillow and pillow case
- Blankets or sleeping bags as it gets cold at night
- Bath towels and wash cloths
- Soap and shampoo
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Extra toiletries
- Gym shoes
- Appropriate rehearsal clothing
- Shorts
- Sweatshirts/pants for evening
- Raincoat or poncho
- Swimsuit
- FLASHLIGHT!
- Baseball cap or other light hat for the sun
- Sunblock SPF 30 or higher
- Insect repellent
- Band instrument
- ALL instrument supplies
- 1 gallon water jug (clean, filtered water will be provided by the Andrew Music Parents)

We will be gone for six days. Do NOT over pack. Use your better judgement as to what to bring. All personal property is to be carefully and clearly marked. We are not responsible for any lost clothing or personal property while at camp. Do not overpack food and if you pack snacks, be responsible for them and the trash they produce. Healthy snacks are a great idea to keep you feeling good throughout the week.

Cabins and dorms conduct expectations

Members will sign up for cabins and dorms in a couple of weeks. Once they have signed up, they must use that cabin only. Keep it safe, orderly, and family friendly. Avoid all possible accident situations. WALK to and from all locations. Practicing is allowed if you are not disturbing other members of your cabin. There are plenty of other indoor and outdoor areas to practice throughout the camp. All audio equipment with speakers must be silenced at lights out. If you prefer to listen to music after lights out, it must be done with headphones. At NO point should any student be in another student's room. No exceptions.

Do not borrow any equipment that belongs to others. Do not let anyone else borrow your equipment. If it is damaged, we are quite a distance from home to have it repaired or replaced.

Each cabin and dorm will share the responsibilities of meal set up and take down. A schedule will be determined at the beginning of the week and students will be expected to be early for meal time to help set up. Those students will release from rehearsal early as needed.

Cabins should remain clean throughout the week. There will be an award for the cleanest cabin at the end of the week!

Regulations and Rules

We expect your child to behave themselves in a manner that is expected of a student at Andrew High School. We demand the highest respect for the instructors that are not full time faculty at Andrew High School. Without their help and expertise, none of the camp would be possible. We expect the students to obey all rules enclosed in the Andrew Student Handbook and co-curricular Code of Conduct. Any infraction of these rules will be dealt with on an administrative level upon return to school. If your child would have to be sent home for a disciplinary reason, it will be your obligation to pick them up for camp with no refund.

1. Everything in the Andrew Student Handbook applies.
2. **No drugs, alcohol, or illegal substance will be tolerated.**
3. Any medicine being taken must be accompanied by a note from your doctor or parent.
4. All band members are expected to help set up equipment for rehearsals when needed.
5. Instructors and chaperones must be treated with respect.
6. You must attend all scheduled rehearsal on time (which means be early).
7. Do not litter around the camp or in your cabin.
8. Silverware cannot be taken from the cafeteria.
9. Shaving cream is not allowed on the campgrounds.
10. This is a closed camp. **NO VISITORS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE CAMPGROUNDS** unless cleared by Mr. Iwinski in advance. Visitors will be asked to leave immediately and parents of students will be called.
11. Students who leave camp will be dealt with upon arrival back to school through the school administration and the dean's office. **Students who leave camp without permission will be dropped from the marching band program.**
12. Audio equipment with speakers may be played only between the hours of 7:30AM and 10:30PM. After 10:30PM, headphones must be used.
13. At NO point should any student be in another student's room. No exceptions.
14. Any infraction of the above rules will result in dismissal from camp without refund.

Sunday July 24

12:00PM	Check in at VJA Band Room. Be prepared for a luggage check. Depart once all trucks are packed.
3:00PM	Arrive at camp, move in to lodging
5:00PM	General Meeting
6:00PM	Dinner at pavilion
7:30PM	Music rehearsal - winds and percussion Practice - Guard
9:00PM	Free time
10:00PM	Nightly meeting
10:45PM	Lights out

Saturday July 30

6:30AM	Wake-up, begin packing!
7:00AM	Breakfast
8:00AM	Physical warm-up and exercise
8:30AM	Rehearse field show for performance
10:30AM	Parent show!
11:00AM	Finish packing and cabin inspection
11:30AM	CHECK OUT

The camp must be vacated no later than 11:30AM. A bus will be available to return students to school if you are unable to attend, but please make every effort to attend the show to see what your child has accomplished during the week. Once your cabin has been inspected by an instructor or check out parent, you are dismissed to return home!

Everyone is responsible for keeping the camp clean through the end of the week. We will leave it cleaner than when we arrived. No one will be allowed to leave until the camp is properly cleaned.

Marching Thunderbolts 2016 Tour

Home football games all Friday (4 games):

9/23/16 (Homecoming), 9/30/16, 10/14/16, 10/21/16

Competitions/performances:

9/10/16 Lake Park

9/17/16 Morton

10/1/16 VJA Invitational

10/8/16 Lincoln-Way

10/15/16 Providence Catholic

10/22/16 Illinois State

10/29/16 Community Performance @VJA

11/4 11/5 2016 Bands of America Indy Regional

All students are expected to attend all competitions and performances. This calendar is posted on www.vjabands.com as well.

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Marching Camp Permission Form 2016

Student Name: _____

It is my understanding that my child will be going with the Andrew High School Marching Band camp at Pilgrim Park Camp and Conference Center in Princeton, IL from July 24 - July 30, 2016.

It is also understood that any misconduct will result in my child being sent home on the first available transportation at my own expense. I will be notified immediately of any problem concerning my child.

I also give my permission to Mr. Iwinski to obtain any emergency medical treatment if it should be needed and I will be contacted at the first possible chance.

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____