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2022 BAND RETREAT OVERVIEW

Our 10th Annual Band Retreat will take place on **September 23rd through 25th**. The retreat will be held at the Cazadero Performing Arts Camp located in a redwood grove near the Russian River. The retreat will include three days of full band rehearsals with guest conductors, sectionals, workshops, performances, and teambuilding that will help strengthen our program and give us a strong foundation in which to start the school year. This packet has information pertaining to this event and will answer many questions you may.

COST

- Cost is \$245 per student
- Payment includes lodging, transportation, all meals, and guest conductors/master classes
- Please make payable to Friends of El Cerrito Music
- **Commitment to attend:** Friday, August 19, 2022
- **Final payments due:** Friday, September 9, 2022

** It is important that we have commitment from all participants by **August 19th** so accurate bus reservations, camp accommodations (including food), and final costs for families can be made.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from camp will be provided for all students and chaperones via charter bus. Parents are required to pick up their students at El Cerrito High School upon arrival on Sunday afternoon.

INSTRUMENTS

Students are responsible for bringing all of their instruments with them to camp. Jazz students should plan on bringing their jazz instruments in addition to their band instruments.

FORMS AND DOCUMENTS

The following signed documents are needed by **Monday, August 30, 2022**. Students that do not have forms submitted and payment submitted by the deadline will not be allowed to attend the trip.

- **Permission Slip**
- **Behavior Contract**
- **Emergency Contact Info**

CAMP CONTACT INFORMATION

If you need to contact your child at camp in an emergency please call the camp office at (707) 632-5159. Messages will be checked at the camp office periodically after regular hours. The Berkeley office will be open during regular business hours at (510) 527-7500.

MEALS

All meals are provided while at camp EXCEPT for lunch on Friday. Students need to bring a lunch with them on Friday morning.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

- Students will follow all WCCUSD guidelines while on this trip
- All rehearsals will be held outdoors
- Masks will be optional, but highly recommended
- In order to attend, students will need to submit a negative covid test the night before we leave for the trip. A photo will need to be uploaded via Google Classroom.
- Students will test again on Sunday morning before boarding the bus. Rapid tests will be provided by ECHS. If a student tests positive on Sunday morning, they will not be permitted to ride the bus back to ECHS. Parents will be contacted and be asked to pick up the student.
- Students will be asked to wear a mask on the bus ride to and from Cazadero.

CAMP ACCOMMODATIONS

Camp accommodations are rustic. Campers sleep on wooden tent platforms above the forest ground. Each camper has a camp bed with a mattress and sleeps outside under the stars. Tents are used for storage and for privacy. Bathrooms and showers are in buildings nearby.

PACKING LIST

Students are responsible for bringing all items needed for the weekend retreat at Cazadero Music Camp. **Students should plan on bringing the following...**

- A lunch for Friday afternoon (lunch not provided by the camp on Friday – all other meals are)
- **Sleeping bag and pillow**
- Instrument(s) and Music
- A jacket or sweater for early morning and evening wear
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Casual clothes for everyday wear (enough for three days at camp, including extra in case of emergency)
- **A towel**
- Toiletries (toothpaste and toothbrush, soap, shampoo, **deodorant**)
- Rubber sandals or other non-skid shoes for the shower (don't shower barefoot!)
- Sturdy shoes for lots of walking around camp
- Personal sports equipment (frisbee, football, soccer ball, etc.) that is marked with your name on it
- Personal medication
- Insect repellent
- Snacks

Students should NOT bring the following...

- Laptops, iPads, and/or electronic games
- Fireworks
- Matches or Lighters
- Water guns
- Pocket knives or other items that could be considered a weapon



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Keith Johnson, Director

2022 BAND RETREAT ITINERARY

FRIDAY 9/23/22

7:00 am Report to Band Room
7:30 am Depart for Cazadero
9:45 am Arrive at Camp
10:00 am Meeting & Camp setup
10:45 am **Full Band Rehearsals**
12:00 pm Lunch (BYO Lunch!)
1:00 pm **Chamber Ensemble Rehearsals**
1:45 pm Break
2:00 pm Group activity
2:45 pm **Full Band Rehearsals**
4:00 pm Free-time
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm **Jazz Showcase Concert**
8:15 pm Campfire
9:30 pm Report to tents
10:00 pm Lights Out

SUNDAY 9/25/22

7:00 am Wake-up
8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am **Gaicho Band Rehearsal**
10:00 am Group Activity
10:30 am **Chamber Ensemble Dress Rehearsals**
11:15 am Pack-up & camp cleanup
12:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm **Chamber Music Concert**
2:30 pm Load Buses
3:00 pm Depart for ECHS
5:00 pm Arrive at ECHS

SATURDAY 9/24/22

7:00 am Wake-up
8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am **Full Band Rehearsals**
10:15 am Break
10:30 am **Workshops** (Session 1)
Jazz Workshop Clinic in the lodge
11:45 am Break
12:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm **Workshops** (Session 2)
Jazz Ensemble Clinic in the lodge
2:15 pm Break
2:30 pm **Full Band Rehearsals**
3:30 pm Break
3:45 pm Group activity
4:15 pm Free-time
6:00 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Movie Night!
9:30 pm Report to Tents
10:00 pm Lights Out