

# Swartz Creek Marching Band Camp

## Registration Form

### Camp Dates 07/25/10 – 7/31/10

Please Print Clearly

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mothers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Work # \_\_\_\_\_

Fathers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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\$90.00 Band Camp Fee per Student (Student receives a free Band Camp t-shirt – please indicate size: \_\_\_\_\_)

Optional items – show Band Booster spirit at performances or order extra for your child

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional t-shirt(s) @\$12 each size and quantity: S\_\_\_ M\_\_\_ L\_\_\_ XL\_\_\_ 2X\_\_\_ 3X\_\_\_ 4X\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Sweatshirt(s) @\$18 each size and quantity: S\_\_\_ M\_\_\_ L\_\_\_ XL\_\_\_ 2X\_\_\_ 3X\_\_\_ 4X\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hoodie(s) @\$30 each size and quantity: S\_\_\_ M\_\_\_ L\_\_\_ XL\_\_\_ 2X\_\_\_ 3X\_\_\_ 4X\_\_\_

Personalized Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Hoodie design will be good from year to year. Front left is personalized; back shows Dragon and musical note and says "Swartz Creek Dragons".

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 LATE FEE IF RECEIVED AFTER July 4<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Less Fundraiser Credit (if available)

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

**Make Checks Payable To: "Swartz Creek Band Boosters"**

Please send this form along with payment to: Swartz Creek Band Camp  
3403 Swartz Street  
Flint, MI 48507

Band Camp Fees Must Be Paid In Advance, Pay by July 4<sup>th</sup> to Avoid Late Fees

Dear Dragon Marching Band Family,

Enclosed is an informational packet for incoming high school band members. Please take the time to read the information and feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Musically yours,  
Swartz Creek High School Band Directors



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## **Swartz Creek High School Band Marching Band General Information Packet**

Welcome to the Swartz Creek Instrumental Music/Marching Band program! As a band member and family, you should be aware of a number of topics. This packet is intended to address most of your questions and concerns, but if you have any additional questions, please be sure to ask!

Marching band is a fun, challenging, and rewarding commitment. You will have the opportunity to improve your musical skills, make many new friends, and participate in performances and social activities. This *does* take a lot of hard work and full participation is the key to one's success. Many adults have noted that freshmen who are in band usually have a very smooth transition to high school because of the strong friendships that are formed with upper class members during band camp and the practices that follow.

**Uniforms** – No jewelry is to be worn while in full uniform. While in uniform, hair is not to be touching the collar of your uniform. It is to be contained within the uniform hat or beret. Marching band uniforms are very expensive, and it is expected that students treat their uniform with care and respect. Every band member is required to get out and put away his or her full uniform carefully for each performance. While in uniform, the student is representing the Dragon Marching Band and Swartz Creek Community Schools, and this responsibility must be taken seriously. Uniforms are cleaned once a year by the District. If cleaning is required during the season, that is the student's responsibility.

**♪ All students must be fitted for a marching band uniform.**

Full marching band uniforms are provided by Swartz Creek Community Schools for the majority of band members. Families will be notified of the dates and times for customized fittings. They usually occur during evening hours.

Drumline, tuba players, and color guard members wear different uniforms. Drumline and tuba players will be contacted by the drumline parent and will be required to purchase a custom-made beret. Additionally, drumline members will be required to purchase a custom-made drumline shirt. An order form for the berets and drumline shirts will be sent separately. Please note that these are special, non-refundable orders that will need to be placed early. Color guard members will be fitted separately with a different uniform and are required to pre-order special leather gloves. Additional information will be provided to color guard members regarding other clothing items.

**♪ Students must pre-order special marching shoes.**

Shoes are **\$30.00** new, or **\$18.00** for used (first come, first served, if we have their size.) Be prepared to pay for the shoes when they are ordered. Measuring and ordering generally takes place during band class. Students in the full uniform wear white shoes and drumline wears black shoes. Color guard members purchase jazz shoes on their own from local dance stores.

**♪ Students must provide their own socks that match the color of their shoe.**

**Band Camp is a mandatory activity for all of the instrumental music students at Swartz Creek High School.**

## 🎵 Calendar Notes

All camp activities will take place at [Swartz High School!](#)

**Monday, July 19 - Tuesday, July 23** - section leaders will work with new campers on marching fundamentals for three hours each day. (9:00 am – Noon).

**Thursday, July 22 – Friday, July 23** - full drumline with rehearse for a couple of hours each day so that they are prepared with a cadence to keep our marchers in step. (9:00am – Noon)

**Sunday, July 25** - All students report at 6:00 p.m. While the students get started on their music, **parents will meet for an info-packed gathering.** Release time for the students is 8:30.

**Monday, July 26 – Friday, July 30** - students must report to the school and be ON THE FIELD ready to participate at 8:30 a.m. and stay until approximately 8:30 p.m. Students may need to stay somewhat later depending upon how practice goes. Other evening activities may be scheduled but are not required. (Friday's release will probably be closer to 7:00 in preparation for the dance.)

**Saturday, July 31** - final rehearsal begins at 10:00 a.m. With lunch to follow at Noon. At 1:00 p.m. the marching band premieres the 2010 feature show for parents, family and friends. The show will be followed by a fun awards ceremony and an ice cream social to celebrate the end of band camp.

**Summer rehearsals - except** for the first Tuesday after camp, there will be rehearsal every Tuesday and Thursday until school resumes. Practice will be from 5:30 – 8:00 pm.

**Fall rehearsals** - once school starts, rehearsals will be on Mondays from 6:00 – 8:30. Monday full-band rehearsals are mandatory, with students earning points toward their marking period grade. Doing a three-page typed report on any musical subject of the student's choice can be done to make up excused absences. Student athletes who experience conflicts with school sports practice schedules must inform the band directors, so that a compromise may be made between the athletic coach and band directors.

🎵 **Band Camp Registration** The camp registration form will be sent home toward the end of the school year. It will request emergency contact information. That form is due no later than three weeks prior to the start of camp ([July 4](#)) to allow sufficient time to plan for meals and other aspects of camp. ***It is very important to send this form in on time even if you are unable to make the financial payment at this time. We will work with folks to make installments or partial payments, please let us know on the Registration Form***

🎵 **Fees** must be paid in advance. The cost of this season's marching band camp is \$100.00, a \$10.00 discount will be allowed for payments that reach the address shown below by the due date of July 4. Some students may have earned credit toward the cost of band camp by participating in band fundraisers, and if this is the case, a notice will be sent to you with the exact amount of credit in your family's savings. If financial hardship is a problem, please send in the registration form along with a note so that a payment plan can be arranged. A limited number of hardship scholarships are available. Please contact a Director for further details, if needed.

The following items are covered by the fee: Five dinners with beverage, instructors, sheet music, arranging fees, student T-shirt, white gloves, equipment, and the Friday night dance.

**To help assure proper credit, please remit payment by check made payable to: Swartz Creek Band Boosters. Payments should be mailed to: Swartz Creek Band Camp, 3403 Swartz Street, Flint MI 48507.**

♪ **Camp Shirt Order Form** This form will be sent home at the end of the school year along with the Registration form and is also due on **July 4**. Every student will receive one **free** T-shirt as part of the band camp fee! The camp shirt will probably be delivered on Thursday or Friday during camp. It is basically part of a casual “uniform”. It will be worn on the last day of band camp for the premiere of the season’s feature show; on Fridays when there’s a home Varsity football game; and for various casual performances including the Crim race and the Dragon Spectacular. Sometimes students are asked to wear them two days in a row. So, some families choose to order an extra shirt for the student – that is purely optional. The majority of our band families choose to order shirts for the entire family. They show pride in our students and our Booster organization. **It is very important to send this form in on time** so that the printer will have ample time to custom print these shirts for the show on Saturday of band camp week.

♪ **Physical Forms** Doctor’s physical forms are no longer required to attend summer camp. However, please be sure to inform the Directors in writing of any special medical or dietary needs the student may have.

♪ **Campers should wear** athletic shoes or other soft-soled shoes (with socks) during camp. No boots, sandals or hard-soled shoes are allowed! Camp clothing should be loose and comfortable. Please bring:

sunscreen	hat	sunglasses	
instrument	lyre and music	pencil	placement chips (will be provided)
sack lunch	water bottle		

Refrigeration is not available, so you may want to use a small cooler with an ice pack to keep food and beverages cold. Band camp is held during the warmest days of the summer so help your student take precautions to avoid sunburns and heat-related problems. Water breaks are taken about every 45 minutes, with more frequency on extremely hot days.

♪ **Photos** Individual and group band photographs will be taken during band camp week. Payment for photos will be due on picture day. Students will be notified of the exact day pictures will be taken and order forms will be made available at the Parent meeting.

♪ **Sectionals** - Once school resumes, every section of the band holds one or more weekly student-led rehearsals at the convenience of the section. While these rehearsals are not mandatory, they are highly recommended since they lead to team bonding, better musicianship, and they may take the place of individual home practice, which is expected of all band members. Time: TBA

♪ **Volunteer here!** Parent volunteers are *absolutely crucial* to the success of our band camp and other programs! During band camp, parents are needed to chaperone and clean up after lunch and dinner periods. Lunch volunteers need to be at the school from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and dinner volunteers need to be there from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Volunteers should report to the dining area.

Parent volunteers are also needed throughout the day to make sure that students don’t wander around in the school building, to run errands, and help out as needed.

Sign up sheets for happenings all through the fall season will be available at the Sunday evening parent meeting. YOU DO make a difference and your support is appreciated by the entire band! Please consider showing support of your son or daughter's efforts by volunteering in one or more areas.

## 2010 Marching Band Performance Schedule

The Dragon Marching Band performs at all home varsity football games as well as participating in parades, pep assemblies and other performances.

A tentative schedule of activities is listed below. To stay on top of scheduled activities, please ask your student to give you any fliers and handouts they receive. You can also **visit our website** by following the link to the Band Boosters from the Swartz Creek School District web page at [www.swartzcreek.org](http://www.swartzcreek.org) or visiting **our current Booster site directly at: <http://scbandboosters.com>**. Once you get to our site, you may want to bookmark it to stay current on all the band happenings.

1. **Crim Road Race Special Olympics Parade: Friday, August 27**, Downtown Flint. Select members from The Dragon Marching Band continue the tradition of being the only marching band to perform at the parade that starts the Crim Festival of Races, and students are encouraged to stay and cheer on the Special Olympics athletes. Transportation: The school Dragon Wagon and school busses. Time: leave S.C H.S. at 4:30 P.M.; return varies depending on if there's a home game.
2. **Crim 10K Road Race**: Saturday, **August 28**, Swartz Creek Golf Course, Flint. The Band is usually stationed at the 7 kilometer marker, and plays during the entire race to encourage the runners. Transportation: The school Dragon Wagon and school busses. Time: leave S.C.H.S. at 5:45 a.m., return approx. 10:30 a.m.
3. **All S.C. Varsity Football Home Games**. On game days, report at 5:15 p.m., done approx. 10:00 p.m. Schedule will be made available at Band Camp. **Students are required to stay for the entire game**. Refreshments are provided to band members. Full uniform is required at all times!
4. **Swartz Creek Homecoming Parade**. October 1st.
5. **Swartz Creek Fireman's Christmas Parade** - Date (usually the first Saturday in December) and report time to be determined.
6. **Marching Band Invitationals and Festivals** - October 16<sup>th</sup> (Location T.B.A. )

## Concert Season

After the marching season ends, the full band splits into the Wind Ensemble and the Concert Band. Placement into these groups is determined by audition held twice each year.

A concert season uniform will be issued however the Uniform Agreement for the Marching Uniform applies for the Concert Uniform as well. Ladies will wear a long black dress but will need to purchase appropriate black shoes and hosiery on their own. Gentlemen will wear a black tuxedo with a cummerbund and bow tie. They will need to purchase a tuxedo shirt (orders are usually taken in the fall), black dress shoes, and black socks.

# Swartz Creek Band Booster Information

<b>Officers:</b>	President:	Runs meetings, oversees work of committees and chairpersons.
	Vice President:	Runs meetings and performs other duties when President is unavailable.
	Secretary:	Takes minutes of meetings and handles correspondence.
	Treasurer:	Handles all monies, prepares budget, and balances all accounts.

## Special Project Coordinators

- Band Camp Coordinator – Prepares daily schedules for water, lunch and dinner volunteers, oversees all Band Camp activities.
- Banquet Coordinator – Oversees preparations for the banquet at the end of the Marching Season.
- Crim Festival of Races Coordinator – Make all arrangements for the Friday night Special Olympics marchers, organize refreshments for Saturday morning.
- Dragon Wagon Coordinator – Prepares schedules of drivers and helpers to oversee the loading and unloading of the equipment bus.
- Flag Coordinator – Assigns/makes uniforms/shoes for Color Guard. Checks for and orders equipment, and oversees equipment on the Dragon Wagon.
- Fund Raiser Coordinator – Oversees fundraising activities, gathers ideas for fundraisers, works with other committees.
- Public Relations Coordinator – Handles all contact with the media, including newspapers, radio, TV etc.
- Refreshment Coordinator – Organizes all refreshments for concerts and games throughout the year.
- Show Sets Coordinator – Oversees the design and building of sets for shows if necessary.
- Tag Day Coordinator – Organizes the major fund raising event of the year. Oversees all aspects of Tag Day, coordinates crew of volunteers. This is one of the most important positions needed!
- T-Shirt Coordinator – Gathers sizes of students and parents, orders shirts, collects all money, and distributes shirts during band camp.
- Uniforms/Shoes Coordinator – Measures students, assigns uniforms/shoes, responsible for getting uniforms cleaned once each year.

All parents of Swartz Creek band members are automatically members of the Band Boosters. Please become an active member of the Band Boosters! **Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of every month**, in the high school band room. We always appreciate suggestions, assistance, and the support that all parents can bring. Help is needed for large AND small tasks, so even if you don't have a lot of time to spare, we'd still like to hear from you! For more information about the Band Boosters or any band activities, please call:

Mr. John Michailo, Director 591-1856

Mrs. Jean Murdock, Director 591- 1779