

Greetings Incoming and Returning Percussionists!

First, let me emphasize how excited I am about the upcoming marching season; the 2009 edition of the “Sound of the South” has the potential to be one of the finest. I hope that you are all enjoying your summer vacation, but do not forget that the next percussion camp is right around the corner. The next camp will be from June 12-14. Although this camp is not mandatory, it is highly recommended that you all attend this camp, so that I may have a better understanding of where we stand for the season. The line will not be set at this camp, but a high level of preparation and your exhibition of hard work will prove your leadership ability and integrity to the staff, which will play an integral role in the final placements.

Please be prepared, with all of your exercises ready to play (memorization is preferred); also, please have all of your music in a three-ring binder (plastic sleeves are recommended). You may also want to remember the following: sticks, mallets, comfortable clothes and shoes, hats, sunglasses, sunscreen, clothespins, and any other items that you may need.

This camp will work much like the camp in April; all new members are welcomed to stay with veterans unless you have made prior arrangements with family or friends. It is recommended that you do stay with veteran members of the “Sound of the South”; this will allow you the opportunity to get to know the existing members and develop strong relationships that will last a lifetime. You will be responsible for your meals as well. At the end of this camp, we will be performing for the participants of the 2009 Summer Music Leadership Camp; this will occur on Sunday afternoon before you depart.

I am also excited to inform you that we have purchased new equipment this season; we will receive a shipment of a completely new Pearl battery before the camp.

Please remember to print off the exercises from the web site, if you have not done so, and work diligently over the next two weeks; front ensemble exercises will be distributed upon arrival.

I wish you all well, have fun and be safe, and I will look forward to seeing you all on June 12! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Best wishes,

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Schedule

Friday June 12, 2009

5:00pm- General Meeting

5:30pm-9:00pm- Evening Rehearsal

9:00pm- Dismiss

Saturday June 13, 2009

9:00am-12:00- Morning Rehearsal

12:00pm-1:30pm- Lunch

1:30pm-5:00pm- Afternoon Rehearsal

5:00pm-6:30pm- Dinner

6:30pm- 9:00pm- Evening Rehearsal

9:00pm- Dismiss

Sunday June 14, 2009

9:00am-12:00pm- Morning Rehearsal

12:00pm-1:30pm- Lunch

1:30pm-5:00pm- Afternoon Rehearsal (Performance during this time)

5:00pm- Dismiss