



LOMB BAND CAMP

Parent Information

**August 20 – August 26, 2017
(Sunday through Saturday)**

Camp Hayo-Went-Ha is located on Torch Lake in Central Lake, Michigan.
Central Lake is north east of Traverse City and South of Charlevoix.

919 N. East Torch Lake Dr., Central Lake, MI 49622-9628



YMCA HAYO-WENT-HA CAMPS

OVERVIEW

All members of the 2017 Lake Orion Marching Band are required to attend band camp. Students will concentrate on improving marching skills as well as memorizing music and drill.

In addition to LO Band Directors, an expanded staff of instructors and technicians will attend camp to provide individual attention to students in music and marching skills.

A small group of parents attend band camp as chaperones. Chaperones serve as cabin monitors, meal supervisors, and work behind the scenes to insure that camp activities flow smoothly. In order to limit camp costs, we take as few chaperones as possible.

Facilities include a large dining hall with a fully staffed kitchen, historic log cabin meeting hall with stage, rustic cabins, separate male and female shower and restroom facilities, a grassy area converted to rehearsal field, and several clear areas for rehearsal sessions. Activity areas include a bon-fire amphitheater, ropes course, zip line, volleyball and basketball courts, plus a beach and water sports area.

TRANSPORTATION

Departure: LOMB will transport all band members to camp by district school bus. Students are required to ride the bus to camp except in extraordinary situations. Please contact Mr. Steele to seek approval for alternative arrival date or method.

Buses depart from the LOHS parking lot on the morning of August 20th after all students have been checked in. Please arrive promptly but expect to wait in line at the check-in stations. Check-in stations are located in the LOHS lobby and include medicine drop off, emergency form confirmation, name tags, and possible uniform details. We must process all students before buses can leave.

Late luggage, medicine, or personal items will be the responsibility of the parent to transport to camp.

Buses stop at the approximate half-way point for lunch and to allow bathroom breaks. To reduce the impact of a large group on a single restaurant, each bus stops at a different restaurant. Please send money with your student to cover the cost of this lunch. Siblings may not stop at the same restaurant, so please send money with each student.

Return: Buses and students will return on Saturday August 26th. Estimated time will be announced via Remind service text/email and posted on Facebook. Many students leave camp with low cell phone batteries- do not rely solely upon your student to notify you of their arrival time.

* Please make arrangements with Mr. Steele should you decide to pick your child up on the last day of camp. Please note there will NOT be a sneak peak of the show on the last day of camp

* Parents are encouraged to help unload returning equipment trailers in the LOHS parking lot.

CAMP CHAPERONES

Band Camp requires the assistance of parent chaperones. The week is definitely not a vacation for adults. Chaperones supervise 6-10 students each, insuring that each sleeps, eats, and drinks enough each day to remain healthy.

Chaperones are selected for a variety of factors including the grade level of their student and what role/task they can fulfill at camp. We bring a mixture of experienced camp chaperones and new parents to insure that we continually train parents to assume leadership roles for future camps.

Please insure that your student's chaperone knows of any allergies, health conditions, or personality traits that might make camp life difficult.

Most chaperones are available by cell or text throughout the week; some provide periodic updates or pictures but it varies by chaperone. Please do not hesitate to contact your student's chaperone during camp week; they sincerely want to help your student have the best camp week possible. If you cannot reach your chaperone (some cabins do not receive cell signals), please contact Ed Buxton.

Typical Chaperone Responsibilities:

- 1-2 Chaperones ride each bus to camp.
- Enforces bed time hours and student hygiene.
- Attends all meals with assigned students and insures proper eating & drinking habits.
- Facilitates harmonious relationships.
- Ensures that each student has time to complete nightly homework, seeks out help for students who struggle with assignments.
- Night Patrol duty.
- Performs various duties for band directors, including building projects, equipment repair, equipment transport, monitoring rehearsals or ill students, copy services, and miscellaneous errand running.



COMMUNICATION, AND INTERNET

Because the week is dedicated to learning and unit bonding, parents and family are requested not to visit and to keep communications to a minimum.

We encourage students to spend the week unplugged from technology but cell phones are not specifically banned. Wi-fi is not available, so be clear with your student about your data plan and rates. Cell coverage is very spotty throughout camp; there are large areas of no coverage. No computers are available for student use.

Do not expect instantaneous responses to text messages or prompt return on cell phone calls. We keep the students VERY busy.

Homesickness: If your student contacts you about feeling lonely, homesick, sad, or has problems dealing with another student, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR STUDENT'S CHAPERONE IMMEDIATELY. Chaperones are prepared to deal with such problems and will keep you updated until the problem is resolved.

The Wall: About mid-week, many students hit a mental barrier. They're tired, out of their normal routine and environment, and have been bombarded with constant activity. Please make every effort to help your child deal with this, but from a gentle distance. Band camp can be a challenge to some students, but without exception, they all make it over the wall.

CAMP CABINS

All camp cabins are rustic, single room structures- they do not have bathrooms or electricity.

Most cabins house 10 beds with shelves for only those with top bunks. Space is a premium and most students will not have time for electronics, games, or activities brought from home. Even in the few larger cabins, personal storage space is tight.

Each bunk has 1 thin foam mattress- no pillow, blankets, or sheets are provided. Cabins are unheated and have no cooling system- be sure to send bedding that is appropriate for the expected weather conditions. It is northern Michigan, so nights tend to be cooler than you might expect.

Cabins have no screens but flying bugs are not a serious problem. Squirrels are another story.

Cabin floors are concrete. Glass items are highly discouraged; this includes mirrors.

The YMCA staff run a single extension cord to each cabin for band camp week. Chaperones connect one power strip to multiply the outlets available. This is the only source of electricity in cabins. Please do not send your student with multiple electronic devices that require charging. Devices that require charging reduce the amount of lighting and fans that a chaperone can use for the cabin.

Cabins have no interior lighting and the entire camp gets very dark at night. Chaperones usually bring a lantern or strands of Christmas lights to provide basic safety lighting. Please send at least one good sized flashlight plus batteries with your student to use inside the cabin and when heading to the bathrooms after dark.

Students have nightly homework but homework time is usually after 9pm. Hands-free lighting (small lanterns, book lights, head lamps) will help your student better complete their drill assignments.

Students are responsible for cleaning out their cabin at the end of the week and a cabin inspection must be passed before any student is cleared to leave camp.

FOOD: PERSONAL STASHES

Vermin and pests are a **SERIOUS** problem for some cabins.

Each chaperone provides a variety of healthy snacks and drinks for each cabin. There is no need to send food with your student, no student goes hungry or thirsty.

If you send food items, insure that all items are fully sealed in air tight, pest proof containers. Camp squirrels have figured out how to work Tupperware and Rubbermaid lids and they are not shy about visiting luggage or sleeping bags to find secret stashes.

Please notify your chaperone if you are sending food. Chaperones have been instructed to store all food items in a single, protected area. Critter-attacks happen every year and it is hard on chaperones and staff to play guessing games to find hidden Oreos and Cheez-its.

MEALS

Students are served 3 hot meals per day and a snack or treat each night.

Meals are served in a dedicated dining hall at the same time each day:

Breakfast- 7:30am

Lunch- 12pm

Dinner- 5pm

All students are required to attend all meals. Students must sit with their cabin and chaperone at an assigned table. Students are required to arrive on time for all meals. All students walk to and from meals unless they receive an exemption due to injury.

Meals are served family style and second helpings are available. No student goes hungry.

Each meal is well balanced- a main dish, several sides, and a sweet option. A nicely stocked salad and fresh fruit bar is open for each meal. Students are welcome to take whole fruit (apples, bananas, oranges) with them for later snacks. Water, milk, juices, coffee, hot tea, and cocoa are available.

The camp has no restaurants, snack-bars, or vending machines.

If your student has special health or dietary needs, please contact the camp chairperson ASAP to insure these are addressed:

Ed Buxton: president@lodragonbands.org

We cannot accommodate all picky eaters but we do try to make sure that there are options available so that every student finds something appetizing.

MEDICATION AND TREATMENTS

Note: Asthma inhalers should be carried by students and are not subject to the same rules as pills or liquid medication. Please fill out a medication form for inhalers.

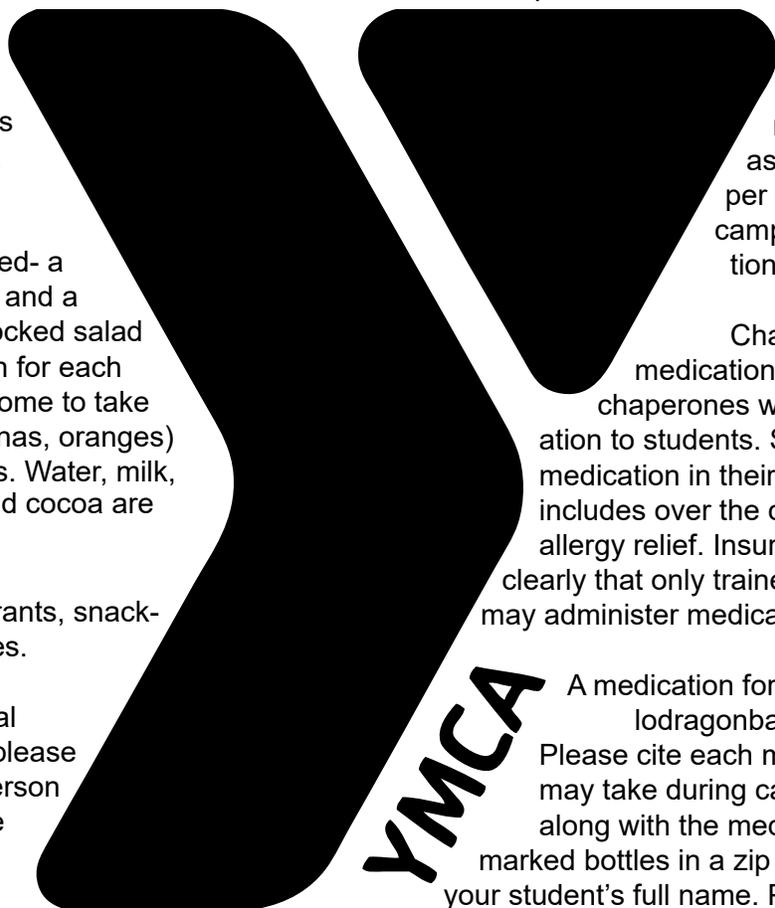
Prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines must be turned in to the camp medical officer for the duration of camp. A nurse or physician's assistant is on site 24 hrs per day for the entire week of camp; they dispense medications as directed.

Chaperones do not carry medications or prescriptions; chaperones will not dispense medication to students. Students should not have medication in their possession, this ban includes over the counter pain relievers and allergy relief. Insurance rules state very clearly that only trained medical personnel may administer medication while at camp.

A medication form is available online at lodragonbands.org
Please cite each medicine your student may take during camp week. Enclose this along with the medication in officially marked bottles in a zip lock bag marked with your student's full name. Please turn this in during camp check-in time on the morning of departure.

Please do not forget to collect unused medication at the end of camp.

If you do not send medication with your student, there is no need to fill out a medication form.



BATHROOM AND SHOWER FACILITIES

Camp is divided into upper and lower halves- boys at the bottom half of a large hill and girls at the top. Each half of camp has a single bathroom facility which include toilet stalls and shower stalls with curtains. Bathroom buildings have separate male and female sides.

Each half of camp also has open-air showers, surrounded by privacy fences and draped with temporary shower curtains.

Both halves of camp are in use during the day. Rehearsal fields are in the girls half, the beach and activity areas are in the boys half. During day hours, bathrooms are kept strictly male or female.

In order to provide quick access to showers, during segregated cabin hours (9pm-7am), bathrooms become single sex buildings (boys may use either side in the lower camp, girls may use either side in the upper camp). There are no unisex bathrooms or showers during daytime camp hours.

Please send your student with full bathroom supplies and towels- only toilet paper is provided.

Personal Grooming: Electrical outlets are scarce and bathroom time is limited. Please leave unnecessary appliances at home- this includes hairdryers, curling irons, and shavers. There are NO mirrors in the cabins and sink space is at a premium, so keep makeup and styling to a minimum.



SPENDING MONEY

Buses stop for lunch at a fast food restaurant on the way to camp. Please send lunch money.

The camp has a souvenir shop, mostly t-shirts and hoodies with the camp name on it. The shop does not open until late in the week and only for a limited time. You may send money for Hayo-Went-Ha clothing but this is entirely optional.

Other than the souvenir shop, there is no place for a student to spend money at camp. There are no vending machines, no snack bars, and no trips to town.

LODRAGONBANDS.ORG CAMP COVERAGE

For daily camp updates- the next best thing to being there yourself, be sure to check out our camp coverage on lodragonbands.org.

Three student bloggers will provide the student perspective. Our Communication Secretary will provide details on meals & moments plus upload a full photo spread of downloadable photographs.

HYDRATION & SUN PROTECTION

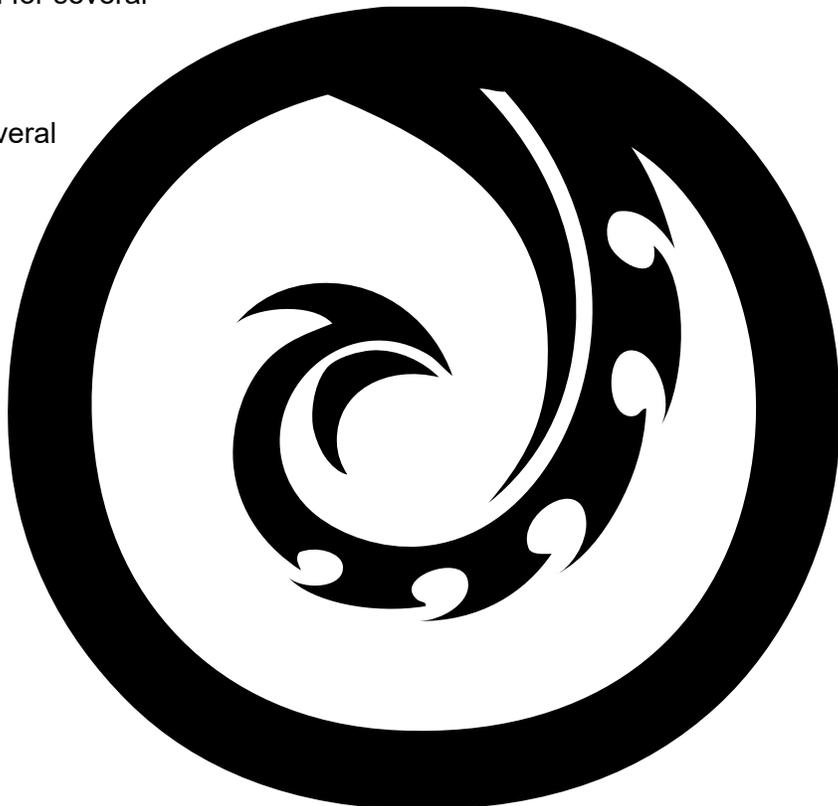
Water: ½ gallon water jugs are **REQUIRED** during band camp week. Students will have many opportunities to refill their water jugs throughout the day.

Feel free to send sealed, individual portioned drink-powder packets with your student. Camp water is well water and students may drink less if they dislike the taste. Sugar free or sports drink powders can mask the taste as well as provide flavor variety, encouraging students to drink properly all week.

Sun: While the cabins are mostly shaded within dense trees, practice fields are in full sun with no shade. Hot rehearsal conditions often mean that students roll up sleeves and cuffs, further exposing them to sun. Please send an ample amount of sunscreen, enough for several applications per day for 7 days.

Brimmed hats, sunglasses, sweat bands and bandannas are highly prized items. Send several personal shade options.

Special note for Front Ensemble members:
Ft. Ensemble practices for the first half of the week on a dock at the beach. Glare off the water can be a problem. Sunglasses and/or shady hats help.



CLOTHING NEEDS

All clothing must conform to school rules and guidelines.

No sandals will be allowed during any rehearsal time. Students are on their feet for much of the day and they walk a good distance between cabins, dining hall, activity areas, and rehearsal space. Good, sturdy shoes are a necessity. If possible, bring several pairs of good walking or athletic shoes.

Please send enough clean clothing to get students through the week. No laundry facilities are available.

Northern Michigan cools off significantly after sundown. Warm items like hoodies and long pants are wise.

Rain gear is recommended. Students will rehearse outdoors in any condition including light rain.

Drill rehearsal space is a stubbly grass field, not a manicured lawn. After the first day, little grass remains. You can see the band's dust cloud from a great distance. In addition, the kids work hard and sweat harder. Send enough clothing to insure that they have several clean options daily.

SAMPLE PACKING LIST

Note: Students are required to carry their own items to and from their cabins. Pack as light as possible and use luggage or bags which have sturdy yet manageable handles.

½ Gallon Water Jug is mandatory!

Luggage: Students are limited to one suitcase and one bag for bedding, these will be packed in a luggage trailer. Please make sure all bags and luggage close securely- duct tape is not a good replacement for a broken zipper! Students may also bring one reasonably sized carry-on bag for the bus. Please label everything well.

Clothing:

- Shorts
- Shirts (both short and long sleeved)
- Jeans/Sweatpants
- Pajamas
- Comfortable shoes
- Socks & Undergarments
- Jacket/Coat/Hoodies
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Bathing suit + beach towel
- Hat, bandana, sunglasses, sun-gear

Toiletries:

- Bath towel + wash cloth(s)
- Shower shoes
- Shampoo, soap, lotions
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste & toothbrush
- Mosquito repellent
- Sunscreen
- Band aids or pads for blister prevention or protection
- Feminine supplies (even if not expected to be needed)

Bedding:

- Pillow
- Sleeping bag and/or sheets and blanket

Additional Needs:

- Camera/Film
- Flashlight
- Hands-free lighting
- Sunglasses
- Umbrella
- Paper clips, sheet protectors, pencils, sharpener, highlighter
- Drill Book and index card binder
- Drill number sign on neck string (if band directors are using them this year)
- Instrument
- Music
- Extra reeds, valve oil
- Music and Flip Folio

DO NOT BRING:

- Food in unsealed containers or plastic bags
- Electronic appliances such as hot plates, popcorn poppers, large audio equipment
- Silly string, shaving cream, balloons, air horns- No students are authorized to bring any form of prank items for any reason.
- Bicycles, motorbikes, skateboards

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

YMCA Camp Hayo-Went-Ha main office- (877) 547-5915. This is an emergency number only; please try LOBB staff first.

Ed Buxton- Camp Chairperson
Email- President@lodragonbands.org

Lauren Smith- Vice President
Cell/text- (248) 343-3326
Email- fundraising@lodragonbands.org

Meg McMahon- Treasurer/Budgets
Cell/text- (248) 884-1965
Email-budget@lodragonbands.org

Your Chaperone: _____
Cell/text- _____
Email- _____

Mr. Steele- Band director
Email- michael.steele@lok12.org

**Camp Hayo-Went-Ha:
919 N. East Torch Lake Dr., Central Lake, MI 49622-9628**

DAILY SCHEDULE

6:30am- Wake up

Showers are open for use

7:30am- Morning announcements & breakfast

8:30am- Morning rehearsal

Rehearsals may include sectional instruction, music block rehearsal or field drill

11:30am- Brief time to clean off and report to dining hall

12pm- Lunch

1pm- Afternoon rehearsal

3pm- Recreation free time

Showers are open for use

5pm- Evening announcements & dinner

6pm- Evening rehearsal

9pm- Group activity

Getting To Know You Social Mixer and Beach Limbo

Star Gazing with Steele

Senior Stories

Cabin Night

Skit Night

Senior Campfire/Pizza Party

*specific days determined by local weather

10pm- Cabin time and homework

Showers are open for use

11pm- Lights out

Note: Ample water breaks will be provided during all rehearsals.

2017 SPIRIT DAYS

When packing, keep spirit days in mind. They add a fun twist to the rehearsal schedule.

Short shorts / Tank tops/ Funny sock day

Hawaiian theme day

Section shirt day

USA / Patriotic day

Superhero day

*spirit days determined at camp

BUS RULES

1. No excessive noise or moving around.
2. Do not hang arms, head, hands, or objects out the windows.
3. Music devices are allowed on the buses but headphones are preferred so as not to disturb others. Anything played on speakers must be kept to tolerable levels.
4. All trash must be deposited in a trash receptacle.
5. Please treat all chaperones with respect. Proper disciplinary action will be taken with those refusing to respect authority. This could include being sent home at your own expense.
6. Students will be assigned to assist chaperones and drivers with loading/unloading instruments and baggage.

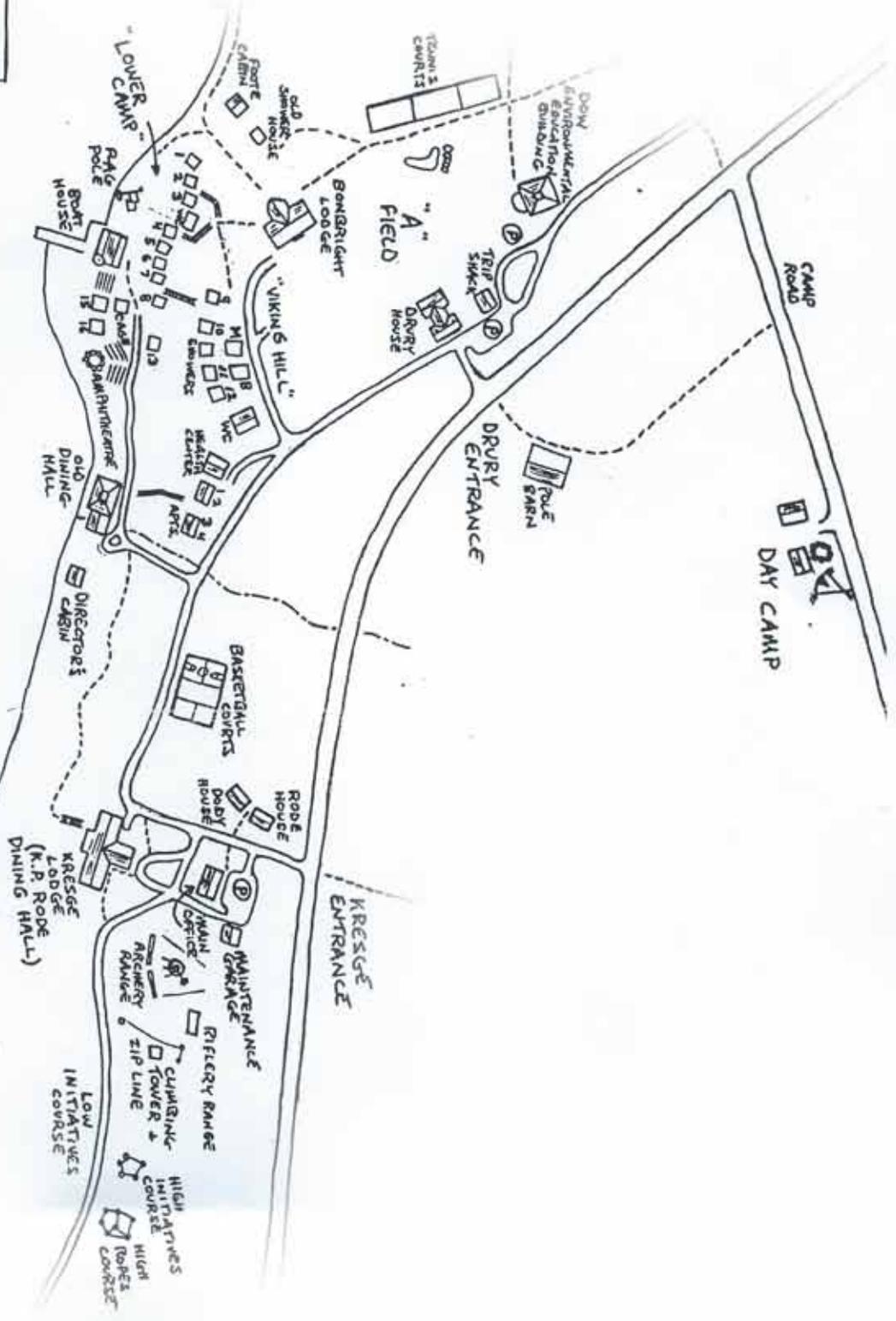
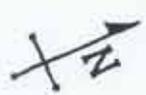
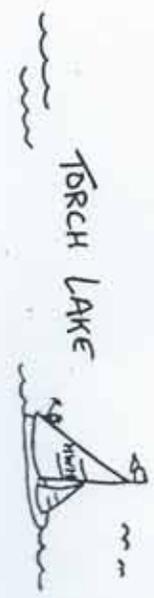
CAMP RULES

All school rules apply at camp.

7. We are guests of the camp. It is a privilege to use their facilities. You will be held responsible for any damage that occurs during your stay.
8. Absolutely no guests will be allowed at camp- NO BAND ALUMNI VISITORS.
9. Parents must obtain permission in advance to enter camp grounds.
10. Students are not allowed to leave camp.
11. Students must attend all meals. No meals will be eaten in the cabins.
12. All students will attend all rehearsals.
13. Students will report to all rehearsals on time. Failure to be prompt will result in disciplinary action.
14. No students will be allowed outside their cabin after 11pm or before 6am.
15. Please do not visit the inside of other cabins; you may do your visiting outside. Ladies are not allowed into the men's cabins; men are not allowed into ladies' cabins.
16. All students must attend evening activities- no exceptions, do not ask.
17. Any student caught sneaking out at night or leaving camp premises will be immediately sent home at their own expense.
18. Some areas of camp are off limits to students. Wandering into these areas may result in disciplinary action.
19. Maintain proper etiquette; treat all camp staff, band staff, and chaperones with respect.
20. Proper hygiene is required. Students will be required to shower regularly.
21. No prank items of any kind are allowed in camp.
22. Band members will be placed on a work detail on a rotation basis. Details will consist of specific room cleanup and other assigned duties.
23. Cabins must also be cleaned and inspected before final check-out.

LEGEND

- ROADS
- FOOT PATHS
- STAIRS
- FIRE RINGS
- STREAMS
- PARKING (P)



LAKE ORION DRAGON BANDS
MEDICINE AND ALLERGY INFORMATION

(Present this form along with labeled medications [prescription medicine in its pharmacy bottle] in a zip-lock bag to the designated medical bag parent)

Student: _____ Birthdate: _____

Primary Address: _____

Primary Phone: (_____) _____ Student Cell: (_____) _____

Parent(s): _____ Work: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

_____ Work: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

Emergency Contacts: *(not a parent listed above, not travelling with band)*

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

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Medical Info- Please indicate if you child has any of the following conditions. Indicate on the backside of this page what action to take if aggravated while in the care of band personnel.

_____ Heart Trouble	_____ Seizures	Allergies: _____
_____ Bee Sting Allergy	_____ Hemophilia	Other: _____
_____ Penicillin Allergy	_____ Diabetes	Other: _____

Medication to be Dispensed: (please indicate the enclosed medication name & dosage schedule)

Recent Serious Illness: _____

DELEGATION OF PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT: While my child is in the care and custody of Lake Orion Bands, I hereby give consent 1) to any medical care, diagnosis, surgical procedure and/or other treatment of any type or nature; 2) to any dental procedure; 3) for admission to any hospital or medical center; 4) to the use of any medication, therapeutic devices, or items related to the child's health; 5) to the general power to authorize all acts with respect to my child's health and well being, and to expend all amount in connection therewith the same as I could do.

Signed: _____ Print Name: _____

Relationship to patient: _____ Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Effective Date: _____ to _____