

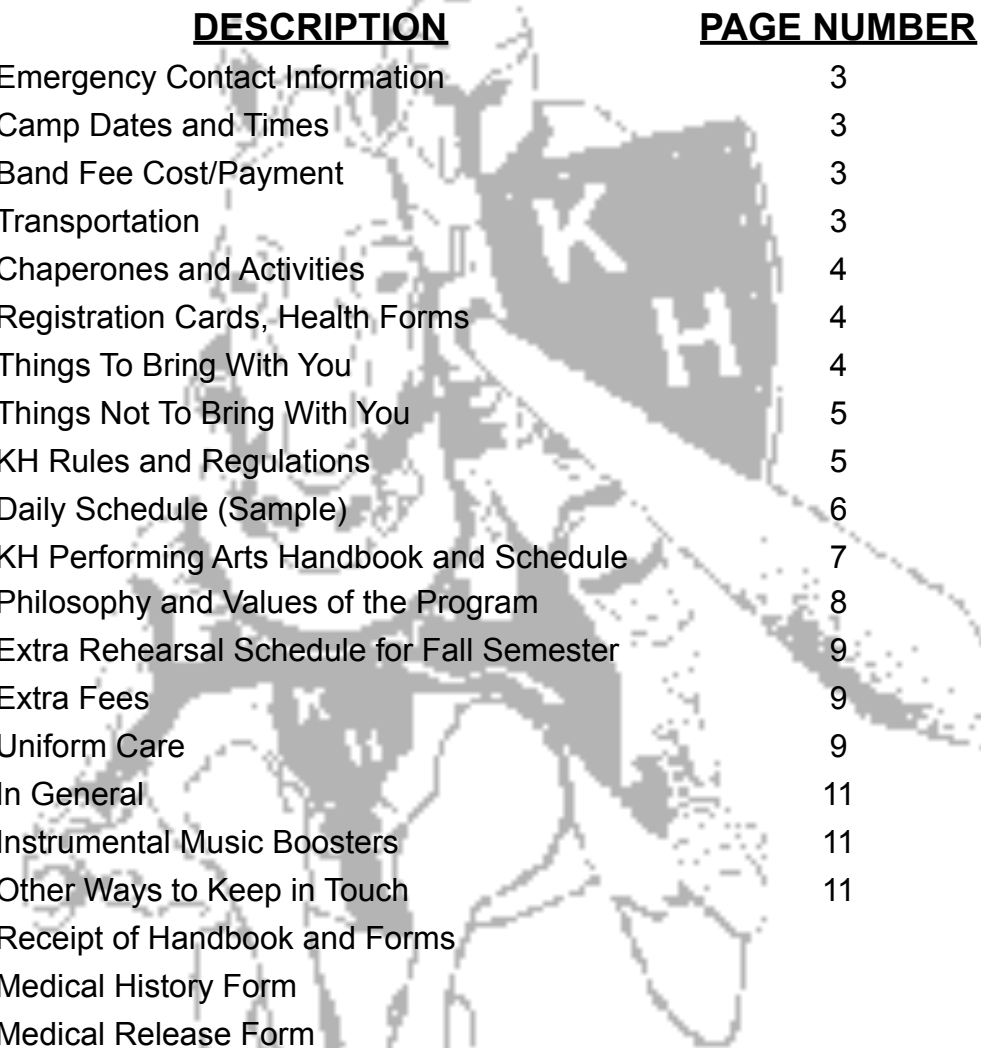
KENOWA HILLS MARCHING KNIGHTS BAND HANDBOOK

2017-2018

**Band Camp
July 28, 2017 &
July 31 - August 4, 2017**



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EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

In case of emergency, parents can reach Mr. Hillyard or the chaperones by calling the following number:

Mr. Frank Hillyard Cell: 616-334-7297

Mr. Chris Bookie Cell: 616-581-4536

(Emergencies only please)

CAMP INFO

- Pre-Camp rehearsal will happen on the Friday before Camp. Freshman attend from 9-4pm (please pack a sack lunch), upperclassmen join us from 1pm-4pm.
- Band camp begins Monday and will end on Friday.
- We will begin in the HS band room promptly at 8:00 a.m.
- Rehearsals end at 9:00 p.m.

BAND FEE COST/PAYMENT

- The Band camp fee will be \$250 for this school year and must be paid by July 1. **Early Bird Special!** If you pay before June 9, the fee will be discounted to \$225. Please contact Mr. Hillyard if there is need to work out any payment circumstances.
- Costs include dinner Monday through Thursday of band camp, other small camp expenses such as medical supplies. This fee also provides for expenses throughout the marching season such as snacks and drinks at competitions.
- **STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT PAID PRIOR TO THE FRIDAY BEFORE CAMP WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND BAND CAMP.**
- Payments can be made from the student's account, provided there is money left in the account. Your student's account balance can be checked by going to the student accounts weblink located on the homepage of the KHIMB Web Page (<http://www.khimb.org>).
- If there are special circumstances regarding payment, please see Mr. Hillyard for confidential assistance.
- Checks should be made payable to Kenowa Hills Instrumental Music Boosters or KHIMB.

TRANSPORTATION

- Transportation for performances/activities is provided by KH Public Schools.
- At least two buses will be provided for student transportation.
- The band trailer and an enclosed truck will be provided for equipment transportation.
- Chaperones and staff will provide their own transportation.
- If special arrangements are needed to pick up a student after a performance, the parents must provide an alternate transportation sheet to Mr. Hillyard or Mr. Bookie. No student will be released without this form due to safety and legal obligations both teachers are held to.

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CHAPERONES AND ACTIVITIES

- An appropriate number of adult chaperones will attend our camp and various performances/activities throughout the year.
- At least one of the chaperones will be a nurse and/or certified in first aid treatment while we are at band camp.
- Chaperones will report directly to Mr. Hillyard and Mr. Bookie will have authority to ensure the students follow the rules set forth in this manual as directed by KH High School.
- Students will be required to follow the instructions and directions of the chaperones at all times.
- Chaperones will be responsible for monitoring students' behavior during band activities.
- Chaperones will provide fluids during daytime rehearsals.
- Chaperones will provide emergency first aid and/or transportation to and from emergency facilities when appropriate. An ambulance may be called when deemed necessary.
- Chaperones will have direct communication with Mr. Hillyard and Mr. Bookie at all times through walkie-talkies and/or cellular phones.

REGISTRATION CARDS, HEALTH FORMS AND EMERGENCY PLANS

- ALL students must submit a "Medical History Report", "Medical Release Form", and an "Online Commitment Form" filled out completely and signed by the student and the parent/guardian prior to attending band camp.
- If any of these forms are not received prior to the Friday before camp, the student will not be allowed to attend band camp.
- In case of emergency, parents can reach Mr. Hillyard, Mr. Bookie (See top of page 3)
- Emergency evacuation plans for fire and tornado are posted in the high school and will be reviewed with students and staff.

THINGS TO BRING WITH YOU TO BAND CAMP

- YOUR INSTRUMENT AND MUSIC!!!
- Drill pad and pencil.
- Personal prescription medications. Please notify Mr. Hillyard and the nurse/first aid person if you have any.
- Lots of sunscreen. Lots. No, that's not enough. More.
- Hat with a bill to block the sun from your face. (Seriously.)
- REUSABLE water bottle. We are going green!!!
- A backpack to carry to the rehearsal field.
- Comfortable shoes for dry weather.
- Comfortable shoes for wet weather.
- Warm weather clothing.
- Jacket and long pants just in case it gets a little cool.
- Rain gear. Unless there is lightning, you will rehearse outside in the rain.
- Non perishable snacks.

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DO NOT BRING:

- Tobacco – Cigarettes, Cigars, Pipes, Smokeless Tobacco
- Alcohol
- Weapons or fireworks
- Mom
- Illegal drugs – Any controlled substance (Non-disclosed prescription drugs, marijuana, etc.)
- Perishable foods
- Dad

Mr. Hillyard's and Mr. Bookie's phones will remain on 24 hours a day.

KENOWA HILLS RULES AND REGULATIONS

- I. All school rules are in effect 24 hours per day during the trip/camp.
 - A. Special emphasis will be placed on the illegal use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or any controlled substance (non-prescription drugs, marijuana, etc.).
 1. Anyone caught using or in possession of any of these substances will call home immediately and have their parent/guardian come and pick them up in Mt. Pleasant. This will be done regardless of the time of day or night.
 2. Any student guilty of the above offense will be dropped from the program and any and all possible legal action will be initiated.
 - B. Special emphasis will be placed on the rule in the student handbook dealing with the public display of affection between couples.
 1. Holding hands or placing arms around each other is permissible within reason. No other show of affection will be allowed.
 2. At no time will students of the opposite sex be allowed in each other's rooms.
- II. Special rules concerning conduct while staying in hotels/dormitories while on trips will be in effect.
 - A. All students must be in their own room and quiet with lights out by the designated curfew time.
 - B. All students will conduct themselves responsibly at all times in the hotel/dormitory, realizing that there may be other people not from Kenowa Hills housed there at the same time.
 - C. No one will engage in any activity that might cause danger to yourself or others.
 - D. Please be considerate of your roommates and others. Do not disturb those trying to sleep.
 - E. When rules set forth by hotels/dormitories differ from Kenowa Hills' rules, the stricter of the two will apply.
- III. When not in rehearsals or organized activities, students must stay in groups of at least six (6) or more. At no time should any student go off alone or leave the designated area assigned to our group.

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- IV. All students may be required to check in with designated chaperones at specified times and places if it is determined that this is necessary.
- V. When riding the bus to and from activities, please be considerate of the other people on the bus.
 - A. If listening to music, you must use earphones.
 - B. Be courteous to the bus drivers at all times and realize that they are the ultimate authority on the bus as far as what is an acceptable level of noise, movement, etc.
- VI. Remember that at all times, you are representing your family and Kenowa Hills High School and to conduct yourself so that your parents and everyone at Kenowa Hills can be proud of you.
- VII. Lastly, but certainly not least...work hard, have lots of good, clean, safe fun, and enjoy making experiences that you will be able to look back on in the future as one of the best educational experiences you had!!!!
- VIII. Parents and students must sign the rules acknowledgment form.

BAND CAMP DAILY SCHEDULE SAMPLE

Full rehearsal – on field	8 – 10:20 a.m.
Break	10:20 – 10:30 a.m.
Sectionals	10:30 – 11:55 a.m.
Lunch: YES, YOU MUST EAT!	12 – 12:55 p.m.
Full playing rehearsal in Band Room	1 – 3 p.m.
Break	3 – 3:10 p.m.
March to field	3:10 p.m.
Full rehearsal – on field	3:15 – 5:10
Dinner: YES, YOU MUST EAT	5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Form up – outside band room toward field	6:45 p.m.
Full rehearsal on field	6:45 – 8:55 p.m.
Rehearsal Wrap-up/Dismissal	9 p.m.

NOTE: During Band Camp week, we are a locked campus so no students will be allowed to travel off campus during breaks.

- Make sure you personal materials and rehearsal items during camp.
- There will be a planned activity on Thursday night and a band parent/student potluck/performance on Friday evening.

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To Band Member and Band Parent,

By making the decision to become a member of the Kenowa Hills High School Instrumental Music Program, you have made a very important decision about your high school and lifelong education. Those of us involved in the program feel that it is one of the most worthwhile activities that a young person can be involved in. We strive to teach much more than what notes to play or what fingers to press down. Our goal is to teach lifelong skills and then give our young people the opportunity to use those skills through practical experiences in the area of music. Those experiences include performances, group activities and travel opportunities.

The instrumental music program is in a constant state of growth, not only in numbers of students involved, but also in the opportunities available to the students. Groups currently available to students are Marching Band, Orchestra, Concert Bands, Jazz Ensemble, Pep Band, Musical Pit Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble and Solo and Ensemble Festival participation. As the program continues to grow, more and more opportunities will present themselves to our students.

A student may choose how involved they would like to be with the high school instrumental music program. The one requirement is that each student makes a **full year** commitment to the program by being involved in Marching Band as well as a Concert Band. Orchestra is also a full year commitment. This builds stability and continuity into the program, which is essential to an activity of this nature.

A commitment to the instrumental music program is not one that should be taken lightly. There is a substantial amount of time involved, especially during the first two months of the school year. It is an activity that is not for everyone. It takes a strongly committed student who is willing to work hard to become the best that can be achieved, not only individually, but also as a group. The benefits that are received by the students far outweigh any negative aspects of time commitments. Those students who stay with the program through their high school career walk away from it with a deep sense of accomplishment and pride in themselves and their school. They also are able to better appreciate the fine arts and the effect that they have on people for the rest of their lives. Last, but certainly not least, the student has acquired skills that will help them achieve their goals in life no matter what path they may choose.

The content of this handbook should answer any questions you have about the various aspects of the instrumental music program here at Kenowa Hills High School. Please read through the information carefully and familiarize yourself with those aspects that concern or interest you. This should make the transition into the High School music program smooth and easy for you if you are a newcomer. It also will help the veterans remember what we're all about.

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Being involved in a school activity is one of the best ways to enhance one's high school years, and we feel that music is one of the best activities offered. We are very happy that you have chosen to become a member of our "family" and look forward to growing together.

PHILOSOPHY AND VALUES OF THE PROGRAM

Those of us involved with the instrumental music program here at Kenowa Hills have very strong feelings about what a positive effect the program can have on a young person's education, both formally and informally. The emphasis is on life skills that the student will be able to use when they have gone on into their post high school lives, be it higher education, the work force, military, or raising a family and running a household. This is done by giving the students an opportunity to work in a group setting to prepare for contests, festivals, and other public performances and to strive to attain a level of performance that is as close to perfection as possible. It is also achieved by giving the students opportunities such as group travel where the students are expected to conduct themselves properly in various settings.

Some of the ideals that we work on are: working and getting along together, good citizenship, group and self discipline, goal setting, work ethics, responsibility to yourself and others, following directions, group and self pride, attention to detail, group and self expression, good communication skills, concentration, time management, good social skills, regular practice/study habits and good musicianship.

As you can see, being in a music organization involves much more than knowing how to play an instrument properly.

Another emphasis of the program that is stressed is the value of family. We like to get young people and their families involved and then work together to form our "Band Family." We talk about working together, watching out for and taking care of each other, not only on the field or in the concert hall, but also during school and in our community. Being involved with the music program can be a fun and rewarding experience for the entire family.

Finally, one more goal of the program is to make students aware of the careers that exist in the field of music. There is much more available than just teaching or performing. There are opportunities in the commercial end of music (retail, advertising, recording industry, etc.), technical (instrument manufacture and repair), electronics/computers, theory (writing, arranging), publishing (business, copyist), managerial (musicians' agent), research (musicologist/historian), health (music therapy), just to name a few. It should be obvious that a student can go in many different directions in the field of music.

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EXTRA REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR FALL SEMESTER

In the fall semester, the Marching Knights are extensively involved in festivals, contests and parades. It is by far the heaviest performance time of the entire school year. To be able to perform and compete on such a regular basis, extra rehearsal time is required.

Pre-camp will be held the Friday before Band Camp. Band camp will be held the first full week of August (Monday through Friday) at Kenowa Hills High School. This camp is mandatory for all band members. During this week, the band will work on the music and drill for the upcoming season. The band will rehearse all day (with breaks). The students will be chaperoned by band parents at all times when they are not with the instructional staff.

Post-Camp rehearsals are held before the school year school starts in the form of evening rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday (held for three hours each) until the start of the school year. These rehearsals are held for all members who are not on a family vacation.

When school starts, we go to a regular weekly rehearsal schedule for the length of the marching band season. We have one evening rehearsal each week where we are able to rehearse on the football field with lights. This is held on Monday night and is generally scheduled from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

After marching season ends, extra rehearsals would only be called for some type of special reason. For all intents and purposes, the extra rehearsal schedule only lasts for approximately the first eight weeks of school.

As far as transportation is concerned, most of the members car-pool to rehearsals.

EXTRA FEES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Please note that along with this type of activity, other small fees may apply to various aspects of this group such as reeds and instrument repair. If your child is in the percussion section, there is a \$30 mallet fee that must be paid each year. This fee maintains and replaces broken mallets and sticks throughout the marching and concert season. There could also be various guard fees such as makeup, outfits, and accessories. Other items such as transportation fees and food will be discussed as each scenario arises.

UNIFORM CARE

We have very nice uniforms. We need to express to you the importance of the proper care of the uniforms. These uniforms are very expensive and are even more expensive to replace in small quantities. Therefore you need to be aware of what we are expecting from all members of the bands. Each student will be issued a complete uniform with a garment bag. The uniform and garment bag will be numbered and associated with a

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student to avoid confusion or mix-ups. The uniforms will have been cleaned when you receive them.

The student must care for these uniforms with pride for they represent our program, our school and our community. The uniforms should be on hangers when not attached to a student's body and should never be left in your car or in your locker at school. It should be dry cleaned regularly (at least every other week during marching season) so that the fabric will not become soiled, odorous or begin to rot. When the uniform is taken to the dry cleaners, please do not clean the sash. When transporting your uniform, it should always be in your garment bag. Once you are at home from a performance, remove the uniform from the garment bag and let it hang to dry.

If you lose or destroy any part of the uniform, you will be billed for that item at the single replacement cost set by the uniform manufacturer. The item will then be replaced so that we can keep our uniforms intact. Itemized uniform replacement prices for the current school year are estimated to be, and may vary:

Marching Uniform Coats:	\$250.00
Bibbers:	\$150.00
Sashes:	\$50.00
Helmets:	\$50.00
Plumes:	\$20.00
Gauntlets	\$25.00
Garment Bag:	\$15.00
Guard Dress:	\$100.00
Concert Uniform Jacket:	\$81.00
Concert Pants:	\$31.00
Bow Tie:	\$5.00
Cummerbund:	\$10.00

When wearing your uniform, you should always be in Full uniform, i.e. your jacket zipped and bib straps over your shoulders. Your jacket should never be worn hanging open. You are responsible for hemming both your marching and concert pants. Students must wear the provided show t-shirt under their marching uniform. Also, black socks and shoes must be worn at all times.

Personal appearance is important. Uniforms must be clear of any dirt/mud. All students must have any piercings either covered or removed when in performance attire. During the marching season all hair must be put up and in the helmet tightly and any unusual coloring/dies out of sight. Males must have a cleanly shaven face with sideburns no lower than the bottom of the earlobe. No facial hair is allowed except a mustache neatly trimmed and no lower than the corners of the mouth.

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NEVER ALLOW ANYONE TO WEAR ANY PART OF YOUR UNIFORM. It is your responsibility to treat the uniform with the respect it deserves.

IN GENERAL

- Bring a good attitude and excitement for the coming year, and a commitment to be at all rehearsals and performances.
- We can accomplish anything we want, if we want it bad enough.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC BOOSTERS

Our support organization, the Kenowa Hills Instrumental Music Boosters Association, is a non-profit organization whose goal is to stimulate interest and activities through moral and financial support of the Instrumental Music Department. The government of this organization shall be vested in the Executive Board, with a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Bands and non-voting Student Representatives.

We are a service group that works with the Band and Orchestra Directors. There are many ways as a parent YOU can get involved.

The Boosters meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the High School. The location will be announced as we get closer to the fall. All meetings are considered general membership meetings. Why not plan on attending? This will give you a chance to meet the “old timers” and also give you a chance to see what the boosters are all about.

OTHER WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH

Please visit our web site at <http://www.khimb.org>. Here you will find calendars, handouts/paperwork, and updated information for the band. If at any point you wish to have news submitted, either e-mail us, click on the contact us, or call the band office. Each time a new handout is passed out to students, the most current sheet is uploaded to the student MOODLE site.