

# AWAY BAND CAMP INFORMATION SHEET

Sunday, July 23, 2023 - Friday, July 28, 2023

## GENERAL INFORMATION RE: TRANSPORTATION, ROOMS AND MEALS

### 1. Transportation

- a. Parents will transport students to West Penn University California (Cal U) on Sunday for check in between 1 - 3 pm. Students may carpool with other families. You will be assigned a specific check-in time a few days prior, we are trying to space people out to avoid lines at check-in tables and elevators.
- b. Students will travel home by school bus from Cal U to Peters Township High School with their belongings on Friday, July 28th in the afternoon. Arrival TBD. If you prefer to pick up your student from Cal U, you will need to complete a [Travel Release Form](#) and turn it in with your student at check-in.

### 2. Dorm Security and Keys

- a. The **dorm entrances are locked at all times**. The dorms are coed. Genders are separated by wing or floor depending on the floors we are assigned. Wings are also locked, only students with rooms in that wing can unlock the wing door. Our dorm assignment will be confirmed closer to camp.
- b. **Keys** - each student will be assigned a key to their room. This key will also open the main entrance to the dorm and their wing door. A LOST KEY WILL COST THE STUDENT \$80.00. Students will receive lanyards for their keys. **Keys MUST be turned in at the end of band camp**. Parents will be liable for a lost key charge if a key is lost or not turned in BEFORE LEAVING CAMP (Cal U changes the locks as soon as we leave if there is a missing key). Neither PTSD, the PTMB nor Cal U will be responsible for any lost, broken or stolen items.
- c. **Students are not permitted in any one else's room**. Students are responsible for keeping their rooms locked.

### 3. Dorm Room Information

- a. The majority of rooms will be **doubles**, each with 2 single beds and their own private bathroom. The number of suites is VERY limited so please plan to be in a two (2) person room.
- b. Bathrooms are split (toilet/shower together, sink outside). Toilet paper is provided, but no toiletries or linens are included.

- c. All rooms are air conditioned.
- d. There are NO refrigerators in the room, although we do have access to a shared standard size refrigerator in the kitchen on the main floor.
- e. The rooms also do not have cable, but there is FREE WIFI available.
- f. A filtered water bottle refill station is available on the main floor.
- g. There are laundry facilities in the dorms that we may use for free (you need to bring your own detergent).

#### **4. Roommate Assignments**

- a. A student [questionnaire](#) for roommate preferences will be sent to the students. We will do our best to honor a student's preference. If a student does not have a roommate preference that is entirely OK, we will try to match them with another student of similar age.
- b. Roommate assignments will be announced prior to camp departure, any change requests must be made before the deadline provided at that time. Cal U pre assigns the keys before our arrival and we cannot make changes at check-in.
- c. Students will not be permitted in other student's rooms for any reason. However, there are multiple lounge areas and common areas in each dorm on each floor and an outside area.

#### **5. Meals**

- a. Students will be provided 3 meals a day in the Cafeteria called the Gold Rush. It is located in the Student Welcome Center (Natili Hall). There will be a variety of options, including vegetarian, gluten free, etc.
- b. The student questionnaire also requests information regarding food restrictions/allergies. With advance notice, the University will prepare meal items on a separate surface to reduce contamination. Generally, the University does not cook with nuts. For example, all bakery items are nut free. However, if the cookie has M&Ms in it, the M&M's may be made by its manufacturer on shared equipment etc.

#### **6. Facilities**

- a. We will NOT have access to a pool. However, there are basketball courts and a hammock area if someone wants to bring a hammock. We will have access to a lawn area and can bring lawn games.

## **SUGGESTED PACKING LIST**

### **Clothing**

- ☐ Clothing for 5 DAYS (shorts, shirts), pack extras as students may wish to change
- ☐ Undergarments
- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ Socks (multiple for each day)
- ☐ Hats to wear outside in the sun
- ☐ Long pants/sweats (in case its cold)
- ☐ Sweatshirts/jacket (in case its cold)
- ☐ Raingear: please bring some type of rain jacket.
- ☐ Multiple pairs of shoes (tennis shoes are strongly recommended for practices), flip flops for showers.
- ☐ Slippers or Flip Flops to wear around the dorms.

### **Toiletries/Bathroom Supplies/Room Supplies**

- ☐ Sheets, blankets for bed (the dorms are air conditioned). The beds are the extra long twin dormitory type beds, although the mattresses are thin, so you can "stretch" most regular size twin sheets to fit.
- ☐ Pillow/pillowcase
- ☐ Towels, washcloths (the showers have doors or shower curtains)
- ☐ Shampoo/Conditioner
- ☐ Body Soap/Face Soap
- ☐ Razors/Shaving Cream
- ☐ Sunscreen/Aloe: BRING LOTS OF SUNSCREEN
- ☐ Brush/Comb
- ☐ Hair dryer/curling irons/straightener
- ☐ Extra contacts/contact solution
- ☐ Glasses
- ☐ Retainers
- ☐ Make up
- ☐ Body Lotion
- ☐ Bug Spray
- ☐ Hand Soap/Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- ☐ Hygiene Products/Deodorant

## Other Items

- ☐ Instruments, extra reeds etc. The trailer will accompany us to camp. Students with large instruments that normally stay at the school will transport their instruments via the trailer. All other students should bring their personal instruments with them on Sunday.
- ☐ Sheet music/lyre/music holder/cell phone holder for instrument
- ☐ **Large refillable water bottle** (there are refilling stations throughout campus and in the dorms). We will also have water coolers for refilling during practice sessions.
- ☐ Sunglasses (strongly recommended)
- ☐ Alarm clock
- ☐ Cell phone
- ☐ Air pods/headphones/chargers
- ☐ Laptops/iPads (please bring headphones so you can use these in your dorms or common areas without disturbing others)
- ☐ To encourage friendships across all band members, we are not allowing personal TV's in dorm rooms. Gaming systems are still welcome to be used in the lounges.
- ☐ Students may also bring cards and board games.
- ☐ Paper/writing utensil
- ☐ Laundry bag
- ☐ Basketball/soccer ball/lawn games

**DO NOT BRING:** TV's, computer monitors, skateboards, scooters, skates, bikes.

Obviously, students may not bring alcohol, weapons (including knives) of any kind, cigarettes, vapes, drugs or any other nicotine products.

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THEIR OWN PERSONAL ITEMS.

CHAPERONES/SCHOOL STAFF/DIRECTORS/SCHOOL ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR MISPLACED, BROKEN, LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS. PLEASE THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU BRING TO CAMP.

## **Medication**

With the exception of Epi-Pens and Inhalers, students may not keep any medication in their rooms. All medications must be turned into the nurse on Sunday at arrival. THIS INCLUDES over the counter and/or prescription medication. Please buy the small bottles of over the counter medication if you are sending it “just in case” (Tylenol, Benadryl, Advil, Allergy, etc.) so that there is just enough for the week. ALL MEDICATIONS MUST be in their original containers and placed in a large clear resealable bag and MUST be accompanied by an OVERNIGHT MEDICATION FORM SIGNED BY THEIR PHYSICIAN (INCLUDING OVER THE COUNTER, PRESCRIPTION, INHALERS AND EPIPENS). Please place that form in the clear sealable bag AND keep a copy for yourself. The [overnight medication form](https://ptmusicboosters.com/forms/overnight-medication-form) is available at [ptmusicboosters.com](https://ptmusicboosters.com) under “FORMS”.

## **Snacks/Drinks**

Students are permitted to bring their choice of snacks/drinks to keep in their rooms for their own use. STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING THEIR ROOMS CLEAN and DUMPING THEIR TRASH. WE DO NOT RECOMMEND CHIPS IN THE ROOMS!

In addition, each family is requested to DONATE a snack for Away Band Camp for EVERYONE to share. Snacks will be provided each day during the morning and early evening practices. We are specifically requesting single-serving and individually wrapped snacks be donated so that our campers can grab the snacks easily in the limited time they are allotted for breaks (Costco and Sam's Club have great selections of individual snacks in bulk). Snacks will also be provided to the campers during each late evening after practice, before room check. PLEASE consider sending some NUT-FREE and/or GLUTEN-FREE snacks for our students who have allergies. Snacks may be dropped off when you drop off your student at Band Camp on Sunday, July 23, 2023. To ensure that we have a wide variety of snacks, please complete this [Sign Up Genius form](#) with suggested items.

This Document is available at [ptmusicboosters.com](https://ptmusicboosters.com) under [Form & Documents](#), Band Camp as well as on the Band App.

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