



# Buhler Bands – Buhler High School

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Greetings! I hope your spring season is treating you well. I am extremely excited about the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band's preparation for contest. It is also that time of the year to start thinking about the upcoming marching season. This letter is to provide you further details regarding next year's marching band camp.

Enclosed is an itinerary for this year's Pre-Camp July 18-22 and Buhler Marching Band Camp July 25-29 at Buhler High School. As you can see it is a very busy schedule throughout the weeks. Although taxing, I promise that the outcome of the camp will far outweigh the sweat and work during the camp. I can't make pre-camp and band camp a requirement, but **I strongly encourage it. Those not attending pre-camp and band camp will be extremely behind, and will likely, become band alternates for the show.** My goal is to get the first three numbers charted and on the field!!

I have broken up the band camp schedule so that kids can have about 1 hour to eat lunch and dinner. Built into registration are meals, snacks, and activities throughout the week. The band parents do a wonderful job at picking food that is appropriate for a hard days work.

July is a hot and a dangerous month. I promise that there will be more breaks in the schedule than listed, for water, rest, and section building. It is important that the students come prepared for camp. Students need to be sure they bring plenty of water, sunscreen, bug spray, and comfortable tennis shoes. I want everybody to have fun, but also be comfortable and safe.

I would encourage parents and family members to come anytime to watch their child's progress. I have built a special Thursday night into the itinerary. Parents are encouraged to come watch rehearsal/showcase. It should be a great time to enjoy the outside as well as watch the band in action.

I am extremely excited about this upcoming band camp!! Our goal for this year is to take the band to the next level and make the finals at all locations. In my eyes, we should always raise the bar on our expectations!! It should be fun and an exciting time. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the high school at 543-2255.

Sincerely,

Eric Stambaugh, Director  
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P.S. The question that is always brought to my attention is “How much does it cost to be in Marching Band?” If you are a returning member, and not a part of the drum-line and color-guard, the only cost is the t-shirt, gloves, and registration. If you are a freshman, not a color-guard member, your only cost is the t-shirt, marching band shoes, gloves, and registration fee. If you are having a problem coming up with the finances, please let me know. During band camp a shoe representative will be here at the high school to size all incoming freshman.

**Please fill out the online form at and turn in camp money (registration, food, shirt, shoes, gloves) payable to BUHLER BANDS and send to Brenda Smart, 2814 Cedar Ridge Circle, Hutchinson, Ks 67502 by Friday, May 6.** This gives the band staff and I the time and opportunity to make the correct arrangements!!!

Thanks and I will see you in July!!!

**P.S. Please note that colorguard/ drumline have to fill out this registration as well as their own colorguard/drumline registration form which will be handed out soon.**

Sincerely,

Eric Stambaugh