

March 5, 2007

Dear Ranger Band Family,

It's already the time of year that we need to begin planning for the 2007 marching season. The dates for this year's camp are: Freshmen and Student Staff: Evening of July 26, ALL members: Evenings of July 27-28 and we leave for NAU on the morning of July 29 and return to Tucson on the afternoon of August 3. We will continue our work in Tucson during the evenings of August 6-9 and our first performance will be at our end of band camp Bar-B-Q and performance August 10th.

Band camp is crucial to the success of our program. Like many other programs in Tucson we taking this fine group out of the dangerous Tucson heat to the cooler climate of northern Arizona. This adventure will also bring the group together and form many bonds with the incoming freshmen that will last their entire high school career.

Each year an energetic, crowd-pleasing show is designed specifically for the Ranger Band. It takes many hours and several thousands of dollars in order to produce a show that will provide the Ranger Band with its historical success. The number of people we plan to include in the program is based on the number of students registered for band, the number of people attending band camp, and the number of uniforms available. Those attending band camp will be guaranteed a spot in the show. Spots are limited as the cost of rewriting drill for adjusted numbers is as expensive as writing the drill from scratch. Those not attending will receive the remaining spots or an alternate position, and they will have to spend several days learning the show in Tucson. **(See attached commitment form.)** We realize that an unavoidable family conflict during the same week as camp may cause problems, but if the director is contacted in advance we will be able to resolve the conflict. **Scholarships are available for band camp, so no one should be excluded due to cost.**

Please contact Mr. Wolfe at 232-5834 if you have any questions, concerns or would like to chaperone. You will receive a schedule and detailed information before the end of the school year.

Ranger Pride,

Brian T. Wolfe
Director of Bands

Documents to be Returned to Mr. Wolfe:

With Payment 1: Payment Coupon, Check, Notarized Medical Form with Copy of Insurance Card Attached **AND** Trip Policy Form.

With Payment 2: Payment Coupon and Check

With Payment 3: Payment Coupon and Check

Ranger Band Camp 2007

Freshman and Student Staff: July 26, ALL Members: July 27-28

Northern Arizona University: July 29- August 3

RUHS: August 5-9

Who: 9-12 grade students enrolled in band, drum line, color guard/dance line, and twirling line.

Cost: Band Camp cost is \$285.00 (including room, food, facilities, staff and chaperones, and transportation while on the NAU campus July 29-August 3). This cost is based on 140 students attending and may increase by \$15.00 if the number is not met. A student may transfer IMF money in order to pay for camp. Scholarships are available to those who meet the criteria. *To be eligible for this scholarship students must agree to participate in fundraising activities for the entire school year and write an essay on what band means to them.* **Please check the dates for payments on the attached payment form.** Those submitting payments late will need to pay a late fee as shown on the payment form. If you are unable to meet the payment deadlines, please contact Mr. Wolfe in advance in order to avoid the late fee.

Transportation: Charter bus transportation will leave the morning of July 29 from the RUHS band room. **Students are not allowed to drive their own car to Northern Arizona University.**

For more information contact Mr. Wolfe at 232-5834.

Please return all forms to Mr. Wolfe in the band room or mail to:

**The Ranger Band
421 N. Arcadia
Tucson, AZ 85711**

Band Camp Payment Form 2007

Payment #1 Due April 6 Payment #2 Due April 27 Payment #3 Due May 18

On the above dates please:

1. Complete the appropriate slip below. (If you are using IMF please indicate the amount on the slip. Subtract that amount from the payment due. If you would like a scholarship, please fill out the scholarship information on the back of the Payment #1 form.)
2. Attach check to slip.
3. Return these forms and payment to Mr. Wolfe
4. Make checks payable to RUMBA (Rincon University Marching Band Association)
5. The notarized medical form, trip policies and commitment form must be attached to your first payment.

If you wish to pay the entire amount of \$285 you may submit your check or money order to Payment slip #1. If you have a financial problem with the deadlines you must contact Mr. Wolfe **BEFORE** the due dates to avoid a late fee.

PAYMENT #1 April 6, 2007

\$95.00 (\$105.00 if paid AFTER April 6)

Student Name	Phone Number	Marching Instrument
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Check the following lines:

_____ Paid by Check Check # _____ Amount of Check \$ _____

_____ Paid by IMF Amount to be subtracted from IMF \$ _____

_____ **Notarized medical form, Trip Policies form, and Commitment form must be attached to this form for payment to be accepted. (4 items to return to Mr. Wolfe)**

Parent or contact person in case there is a question about the payment:

_____ Contact Name	_____ Phone Number and/or e-mail address
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_____ I would like a receipt for my payment(s).
(Receipts will **only** be sent via e-mail address listed by contact person)

Band Camp Payment Form 2007

Payment #1 Due April 6 Payment #2 Due April 27 Payment #3 Due May 18

On the above dates please:

1. Complete the appropriate slip below. (If you are using IMF please indicate the amount on the slip. Subtract that amount from the payment due. If you would like a scholarship, please fill out the scholarship information on the back of the Payment #1 form.)
2. Attach check to slip.
3. Return the slip and payment to Mr. Wolfe
4. Make checks payable to RUMBA (Rincon University Marching Band Association)
5. The notarized medical form, trip policies and commitment form must be attached to your first payment.

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PAYMENT #3 May 18, 2007 **\$95.00 (\$105.00 if paid AFTER May 18)**

Student Name **Phone Number** **Marching Instrument**

Check the following lines:

_____ Paid by Check Check # _____ Amount of Check \$ _____

_____ Paid by IMF Amount to be subtracted from IMF \$ _____

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PAYMENT #2 April 27, 2007 **\$95.00 (\$105.00 if paid AFTER April 27)**

Student Name **Phone Number** **Marching Instrument**

Check the following lines:

_____ Paid by Check Check # _____ Amount of Check \$ _____

_____ Paid by IMF Amount to be subtracted from IMF \$ _____

SCHOLARSHIP - Please return to Mr. Wolfe prior to payment #1 due date. We would like everyone to attend camp at NAU. Students who sincerely need financial aid can apply for scholarships. To be eligible you must have and/or will participate in fundraisers during the school year and submit a one-page essay on what band means to you. Please check below if you think you may need scholarship help. **ONLY MR. WOLFE WILL SEE THIS INFORMATION.**

_____ Yes, I would like a scholarship.

Name_____

Phone Number
and E-Mail Address_____

Please list Ranger Band fundraisers you have participated in during the past year, if applicable:

You must participate in fundraisers next year. Will you be able to fulfill this requirement? **Yes** or **No**

What are you able to contribute to the cost of camp?

\$_____

(This amount will help determine how much scholarship will be provided)

On the due date for Payment #1 please:

1. If you would like a scholarship, please fill out the scholarship information on the back of the Payment #1 form.
2. Attach to Payment #1 slip.
3. Return to Mr. Wolfe
4. The notarized medical form, trip policies and commitment form and essay must be attached to this form in order to be considered for a scholarship.

Ranger Band Commitment Form

Due to the large number of students enrolled in band next year, only those attending camp will be assigned a spot. Even if a student needs to miss a couple days of camp it is better that they attend as many as possible than not attend at all. A two day catch up session will be offered August 6-7 at RUHS for students who have extreme circumstances which cause them to miss band camp. There is a \$45 staff and meal fee for the intense two day band camp (No refunds will be made on the two day camp after July 1). *Students with extreme circumstances must list the reason on the form on the back of this page at the time of the first payment.*

Assignments of permanent or alternate marching spots will be made at the discretion of the director.

Anyone who misses band camp and does not attend the two day catch up session will be assigned an alternate spot. Freshmen with conflicts must contact Mr. Wolfe directly, 232-5834.

It is important that you understand that due to the band's size and due to the desire of the returning students to perform at the highest level, after band camp only students who demonstrate basic marching fundamentals and are able to pass off music will be assigned a permanent spot in the show.

Alternates will still attend rehearsals and performances during the regular season and are responsible for learning the show and stands music. When other students are absent, an alternate may be assigned a spot in the show.

RANGER BAND COMMITMENT FORM

Student Name **AND** Instrument _____

_____ My student **WILL** be attending band camp. The first payment is attached, along with this form, the notarized medical form, trip policy form and copy of insurance card.

_____ My student **WILL NOT** be attending band camp and will be an alternate.

_____ My student has an **EXTREME** circumstance which will not allow him/her to attend band camp. My student would like to attend the two day camp on August 6 and 7 in Tucson. (Please attach a \$45 check for the staffing fee to this form if you checked this option. Checks should be made out to **RUMBA**)

Check # _____

We, the undersigned, commit to the choice we have marked above. We understand that much planning and work will be done over the summer based on the choices indicated above. We understand that if we are requesting a spot in the show it is imperative that we follow through on that commitment realizing that changes will impact the entire Ranger Marching Band. We understand that if we are requesting a spot as an alternate that our student will be expected to be at all events and complete all work but will only have a spot in the show if someone is absent.

We also understand that retaining a spot in the show is dependent on meeting all of the expectations of the Ranger Band.

Student Name **AND** Instrument _____

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Date

