



VERO BEACH HIGH SCHOOL "FIGHTING INDIANS" BAND

The Bandwagon News July 1, 2010

No Ordinary "Band" of Indians! THE "PRIDE OF THE TREASURE COAST"



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Special points of interest:

- Band Rehearsal July 29th
- Band Accessories -Shirts, Shorts, Shoes
- Band Camp Week One August 2 — August 6
- Band Camp Week Two August 8— August 13
- Leadership Training and Workshops July 27-30
- Time Changes for Camps
- Family Picnic - Sunday August 8th Under the Oaks in Front of VBHS (Entire Family Invited)

The 2010-11 edition of the "Pride of the Treasure Coast" is off to a great start. Everyone who participated in our Kick-off Camp and Flag Basics Camp at the beginning of the summer did a terrific job and we are all very pleased with the accomplishments of our new members and the returning veterans. We especially want to say a big "thank you" to the chaperones and volunteers who helped with these events. The leadership team, staff, and crews also deserve a big "thank you" as well for the dedication and hard work shown during "Kick-off". We are expecting to have 185-190 members in the "Fighting Indians Band" this season.

Everyone needs to be planning and looking forward Band Camp Week One and Two. Throughout this newsletter is information regarding these camps, uniform issue, payments, and other information. Students and parents should also take a look at the updated website information and calendar throughout the next few weeks. Medical Forms, Contracts, and Camp Payments need to be on file no later than the first day of Pre-Camp.

REMINDER: We have a limited number of spots in the football show. These will be awarded to those students that are accountable with their participation at both Band Camp Week One and Band Camp Week Two. **Attendance at Band Camp each day for the full day is mandatory.** Students who miss any day or a portion of a day of band camp can expect to have their spot eliminated. Please carefully read the information regarding Band Camp in this newsletter.

We are very excited about the 2010-11 Band and are looking forward to a great year. Our primary goal is to provide our students the best educational and self-development opportunities possible. We are committed to do all we can for our students by providing them with real life skills and rewarding musical experiences that will be beneficial to them both in and out of band. Please let us know how we can improve.

Have a great summer... See you at our next Full Band Rehearsal on July 29 @ 6:30 pm

Issuing Concert and Marching Band Uniforms (Winds & Percussion Only)

Tuesday, August 3rd - Percussion and Waist Sizes 36" and above 3:30 – 5 pm

Wednesday, August 4th - Waist Sizes 30" to 35" 3:30 – 5 pm

Thursday, August 5th - Waist Sizes 29" and below 3:30 – 5 pm

Friday, August 6th - Make-Up Fittings (Any size) 12:45 - 1:30 pm

Please understand that over 170 musicians have to be fitted for both Concert and Marching Uniforms. This is likely to take a some time... your patience is appreciated.

Please wear shorts that are similar to loose athletic / basketball type shorts. Please bring your marching shoes to the fittings. Students are asked to bring a parent to the fitting in order to sign the uniform contract. **You are asked to pay all or part of the \$75.00 cleaning fee at this time.** Please make checks to Fighting Indians Band Boosters, Inc. (FIBB for short).

Chaperone Information

If you would like to chaperone band camp or any other band activity, contact Wendy Griffin @ 633-7683 or Karen Morris @ 978-0439. Chaperone requests or volunteer information can be e-mailed to... fibbchaperone@hotmail.com



Cost of Band Camp

The student cost of band camp this year is \$175.00 per student. If you have more than one student the second student is discounted at 50%. A minimum \$50.00 deposit is due on June 11th. Additional payments are due July 1st, August 1st, and final balances are due August 9th. Please make checks payable to and mail to:

Fighting Indians Band Boosters, Inc
 P. O. Box 5124
 Vero Beach, Florida 32961

Checks may also be deposited in the silver box in the band room. Students in need of financial assistance in order to meet this expense should contact the band office and also file the band camp scholarship forms found on the band website.

Water Cooler

Each new student is being provided a water cooler for their personal use during the two weeks of camp at no cost. Returning students will use their cooler from last year. **Only the cooler provided by the band will be allowed in field rehearsal and only the cooler provided by the band will be serviced by the chaperone staff.**

Fighting Indians Band Boosters Information

The Fighting Indians Band Boosters is the official support group for the VBHS Band. This active group of band parents, alumni, and community members provide the moral, logistical, and extra financial support necessary to keep the "Pride of the Treasure" on the cutting edge of excellence. For Information please contact FIBB President Debbie Robinson @ 778-3196 or 559-8483 (Cell). To volunteer your time and services please e-mail your request to...

fibbchaperone@hotmail.com

Communicating With Band Office & Directors



Band Office Phone - **564-5451**
 Band Emergency Phone... **532-9884**
 Band E-Mail... veroband@yahoo.com
 Band Web-site / Calendar... www.band.vero-beach.fl.us



Band Flip Flops



Buy your VBHS flip flops NOW! Show your Spirit! Available during the Family Picnic on Sunday August 8th at 4:00-5:30 pm and during band camp for \$20.00. Or, call Margaret at 234-2867.



Emergency Phone - 772-532-9884



This number is for serious immediate family emergency only! Example: family member in serious accident or medical situation or death in the family. Please do not call this number for matters that do not rise to this level of urgency. You may need to leave a message as your call most likely will not go through directly. Non-Emergency calls can be made to the band office @ 564-5413.

Accessory Items Needed (Winds and Percussion)

Please Order NOW!

Official Vendor:

SCOTT'S SPORTING GOODS

1407 20th Street - Vero Beach, FL 32960

778-0661

The following items must be provided by the student from **Scott's** as follows below:

1. Red "Pep / Rain Gear" polo style shirts with band logo; (\$28.00 2x-up \$30.00)
2. Practice "Grey Indian" Tee Shirt; (\$10.00)
3. Practice "Red Indian" Tee Shirt; (\$10.00)
4. Black "Pep / Rain Gear" dockers style shorts with band logo; (\$28.00)
5. Black "Marching Band Shoes"; (\$30.00)
6. White / low top style athletic tennis shoes and low cut white athletic socks; shoes must be plain / all white with no logo or at least a logo no larger than a dime; socks must also be plain white / no stripes. These can be purchased from any vendor of choice;



Returning members may use accessories from last year provided they are in excellent condition (like new) and match those designated for 2010..

Refer to the band website for photo's and other information related to shirts, shorts, shoes, and required dress @ band.vero-beach.fl.us.

Accessory Items Needed (Flag Corps / Rage)

Please Order NOW!

Official Vendor:

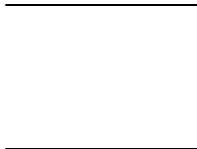
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The following items must be provided by the student:

1. Red "Pep / Rain Gear" polo style shirts with "Rage" logo; (\$30.00) - Purchased from Scott's
2. 2 Practice "Grey Flag Corps " Tee Shirt (\$12.00 each); - Purchased from Scott's
3. Black "Pep / Rain Gear" shorts with logo; (\$12.00); Purchased from Scott's
4. White / low top style athletic tennis shoes and low cut white athletic socks; shoes must be plain / all white with no logo or at least a logo no larger than a dime; socks must also be plain white / no stripes. These are be purchased from any vendor of choice;
5. Make-up Kit (Purchased through Band)
6. Accessory Bag (Purchased through Band)
7. Jazz Shoes (Marching – Purchased through Band)
8. Gloves (Purchased through Band)



Approximately \$80.00 –checks made to: **Fighting Indians Band Boosters, Inc.**

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Band Camp - Week One @ VBHS

Monday, August 2nd – Friday, August 6th



All members of the band (**flags, percussion, and winds**) are required to attend camp each day. Participation this week is not considered an option. Camp is held daily on the main campus of VBHS from **8:00 am until 3:30 pm Monday – Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am – 12:45 pm.** Band Room opens at 7:30 am daily. Students are expected on campus no later than 7:45 am. Parent pick-up will be at 3:30 pm Monday – Thursday and at 12:45 pm on Friday. Positions in the football show drill will be finalized on Friday. All persons in regular attendance during camp and who demonstrate appropriate marching fundamentals and musical progress during the week will be assigned a definite spot in the show. Students not in attendance at Band Camp - Week One are not guaranteed a spot in the field show and may be assigned an alternate spot in the show. Any absences this week must be pre-arranged and approved in advance or due to an unforeseeable family or personal emergency.

The lunch break is from 10:45 am – 11:15 am daily. Lunch will be on campus and students need to bring food with them in a cooler. Please do not depend on parents or others to deliver food as we may need to change the schedule around due to weather issues. **Students are not allowed to leave campus at any time during the day without advance approval from the Director's.**

Please dress in light loose fitting clothing and wear tennis shoes. All dress must meet the VBHS school dress code. Hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen are a must. Also please hydrate yourself and eat a healthy breakfast and lunch daily. Make sure to bring your official band cooler (new members will get their cooler on Monday at camp). Please fill water coolers before arrival at school. Health Forms and Band Contracts must be on file in order to attend band camp.

URGENT! You need bring a change of clothes each day to band camp in the event you get wet during one of the outdoor rehearsals!

Band Camp - Week Two @ VBHS

Sunday August 8th – Friday August 13th



All members of the band (**flags, percussion, and winds**) are required to attend camp each day (see schedule below). Attendance at camp is required each day for the full day as scheduled. This week we will begin to teach the marching show with drill. **With the exception of serious personal illness or serious family emergency, students who miss any portion of Band Camp - Week Two for any reason will forfeit their spot in the field show and be placed on the alternate list.**

We are not able to negotiate nor accommodate exceptions to this policy nor are we able to allow late arrivals, early dismissal, middle of the day departures and returns. Students are not allowed to be absent or leave camp for appointments or other activities. The bottom line is that full attendance each day is mandatory if students want a spot in the field show.

In addition, the band directors are generally not available before, during, or after practice as they are conducting camp business related to the administration of camp, instructing students, or meeting with teaching staff. If contact with one of the directors is necessary, please leave a message on the band room phone. Do not use e-mail. For an actual emergency, use the band emergency contact phone number.

Students will be asked to bring their own lunch daily Monday - Thursday. **Lunch will be from 11:00 am - 11:45 pm.** Dinner Sunday through Thursday will be provided as part of the camp participation cost. The cost of recreational activities is included in the camp cost.

On Sunday afternoon we will have a "Band Family Cookout" from 4:00 to 5:30 pm on the school grounds. Band families are invited to join their students and the band staff for a relaxed meal and get acquainted time. More details will be on the website about this activity at the end of July.

Each afternoon of camp from 11:45 - 2:15 pm we will have recreational activities or an opportunity for rest for everyone. The following activities are planned. Students have the option to participate in these events or opt out for resting on campus.

Monday Afternoon – Fun & Games / Skit Prep. / Rest @ VBHS

Tuesday Afternoon – Skating (Off Campus - Transportation Provided) OR on campus rest

Wednesday Afternoon – Swimming (off campus - Transportation Provided) OR on campus rest

Thursday Afternoon – Skit Prep. / Rest @ VBHS

Students will be asked to bring their own lunch daily. Dinner Sunday through Thursday will be provided as part of the camp participation cost. The cost of recreational activities will also be included in the camp cost. Please refer continually to the VBHS Band Calendar and band website for updates and specific times for the band camp schedule and other important information as changes may become necessary.

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Students are not allowed to leave campus at any time during the day without advance approval from the Director's.



Band Camp General Information:

Visitors to camp are discouraged except on Friday morning for the final rehearsal. Distractions from the business of camp are not allowed. Parent meetings during camp week are also discouraged. Students are expected to remain at camp until dismissal of each evening.

Dress for rehearsals... light weight and color, cool, comfortable, and frumpy (**big and loose**)... **in good taste... must be covered for sun protection at all times.** Shoulders should be covered for sun protection along with a hat or cap and sun lotion to prevent burns. Tennis shoes with athletic socks are also required for rehearsals. Modesty Please!

Money for misc. expenses during recreation is suggested (example: snacks). We suggest that you bring your own change (Quarters ect). Dinner is provided along with light snacks during the morning rehearsal are provided with your camp fee.

Snacks for the afternoon and lunch each day are the responsibility of each student. You should bring a "good" supply of a variety of healthy items that you enjoy. NOTICE: DO NOT BRING CAFFINATED ENERGY DRINKS!

Hydration & Nutrition is the overall responsibility of the student. Each student should hydrate each evening before going to bed and drink at least 16 ounces of water one hour before arrival at camp. A healthy breakfast with protein is important at least one hour prior to the arrival at camp. Lunches and snacks should be healthy with protein as well. Junk food and fast food are not recommended.

Medications are to be turned in at check-in at the beginning of camp. Please label all containers with your name and any instructions and place them in a zip-lock bag. Please provide enough for the week only. Over the counter medications are not allowed! If there is something that you need, please have your parent brief the head chaperone on prior to camp. This includes vitamins and other such items.

Dance and Skits will be on Friday evening of camp. Dress is to be "Sunday" dress. This includes ties for gentlemen and nice dress or slacks outfits for ladies. Please refrain from inviting guests as this is an event for the "team". Please avoid jeans and tennis shoes and understand that while this is a dress up event, you may not wear "club type" dress. School dress code policy is expected.

Swimwear should be appropriate for a school activity. We are not "at the beach" and you do not have the freedom to wear swimwear that is "Tan-kinis Style". Modesty please!

Clothing should be selected with rehearsals, comfort, and sun protection in mind. We suggest that you bring a change of clothes to keep in your locker or bag in the event we should be rained on or if you feel that you will need to change before or after recreation.

Label and Mark all personal items such as bags, instruments, water bottles, folders, along with any item that can get mixed up with other similar items among your band peers.

Cell Phones – Only as allowed in cell phone policy – See Page 6

Electronics should be left at home. The band is not responsible for lost items.

Courtesy and Respect for everyone is a band tradition.

School Policy and Band Rules are in force at all times (24 / 7) at all band activities. Follow them without exception!



What to Bring to Camp - Check List



Swimwear & Beach Towel for (Wednesday)	Change of shoes or clothes in the event we are rained on or if you think you want to change before or after recreation. Keep these in your locker or a bag.	Spending Money for snacks or misc. during recreation.
Sun Block 30 or up	Sun Glasses	Hat or Cap
Back Pack or Utility Bag for personal items	Lunch Each Day and Light Snacks	Band Water Cooler (This is the only cooler serviced by the chaperones)



If you intend to take advantage of the "REST" opportunities during camp, you will need to bring a pad or blanket for the floor. The "REST" area will be in the cafeteria for entire the recreation time and will be supervised. No other areas of the campus may be used during "REST" time.

Cell Phone Policy

It is strongly recommended that cell phones not be brought to band events. The band staff, chaperones, and school will not assume nor accept any responsibility for loss or damage to cell phones.

All school policies regarding cell phones apply to all band situations. Students may use cell phones in band situations as follows:

- During breaks
- Free time
- Other as approved by the Director(s) or Chaperone(s)



Cell Phones may not be used as follows and must be turned off and out of sight:

- During any field rehearsal, section rehearsal, or meeting situation
- On busses except as approved by the Director(s) or Chaperone(s)
- Any organized group activity of the band

Cell phone use and possession will be restricted for the group or for individuals when used irresponsibly or when the use of or possession of cell phones distracts from legitimate band activities or compromises the safety of the group or individuals.



Band Pictures
August 18th (Wed.)
12:30-5:00 pm

Please eat a good **lunch** and **hydrate** before you arrive for pictures! Also bring lots of patience!

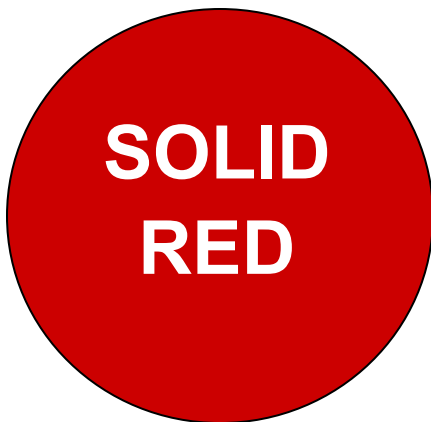


Family Picnic and Cookout
Sunday - August 8th - 4-5:30 pm
Under the Oaks in Front of VBHS - Everyone Invited

FIBB will provide the hotdogs and hamburgers and drinks. Families are asked to bring a dish to share. More details to come during week one of band camp.



It's Great to Be a "Fighting Indian" Band Member!



... "it's about Pride"!



Pride: "Our actions honor our school, band, traditions, and each other."