

The Company of Fifers & Drummers Junior Fife and Drum Camp

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Dear Camper:

Plans for the 12th Season of the Junior Fife and Drum Camp are currently underway, and the Camp Committee is once again hard at work lining up instructors and presenters, preparing musical selections, securing the camp location, planning schedules and menus, and a myriad of other tasks in order to provide you as satisfying a camp experience as possible.

A few changes have been made to insure that The Camp experience is rewarding to all participants. This year we will be asking for a couple of things from the campers prior to camp.

1. The Camper must have performed with their corps for a full season prior to Camp on the instrument they will be studying at camp.
2. The Camper will supply an audition video no later than May 1, 2012. It must be sent you tube, face book or by US Mail.
This video will allow the instructors to see the camper's ability prior to camp and then place the musicians accordingly.
The audition video must include the standard piece that everyone will audition with.
(see site "Audition Music")

Ensemble Musicians: For those musicians that want a challenge and wished to be considered for the Ensemble Musician placement, you must play the audition piece and required second piece. You must also check off the spot on the registration form stating that you wish to be considered for the Ensemble Musician program.

Those chosen for the Ensemble Musician program will perform the Ensemble piece, written for this year's camp, at the Tattoo on Friday night. The Ensemble Musician spots will be limited to 4 Bass drummers, 6-8 snare drummers, and 12-15 fifers. Those chosen will be notified by Cap personally.

Registration Information:

Please complete the registration form and return it as soon as possible to secure your reservation.

The fee structure is as follows:

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- Regular registration – from Feb. 1 through June 1, 2012
 - Full camp \$275
 - Day camper \$175 - (available to area campers that wish to return home at night but still attend camp during the day.)
- Late registration – after June 1, 2012
 - Full camp \$300
 - Day Camper \$200

Meals, instruction, and lodging are included. In addition, each camper will receive a full packet of music, and a camp T-shirt to commemorate their participation.

Camp will be held at The Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT. This camp is located in Coastal Connecticut, on 700 wooded acres surrounding by a mile long private lake. The Campers will be housed in three beautiful Wooden Lodges with all the comforts of home. Campers are responsible for bringing their own bedding though. Instruction will take place in the Lodges as well as the beautiful surroundings we have available to us.

Please review the camp rules carefully with your parents prior to having them sign the form and be sure to enclose your registration fee. Once your completed form has been received, you will receive a confirmation for your records. If you do not have your own email address, please include that of your parents, if they have one. Additional details will be forthcoming as camp approaches. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding your stay at camp, please feel free to contact me by phone, or by email at captainclam@comcast.net.

Sincerely, Cap Corduan, Director,
Junior Fife and Drum Camp

Camp Arrival:

- Sign-in will begin at 9 am @ The Incarnation Center on Tuesday morning, July 17th, and will be followed by a brief orientation.
- Parking will be available as well as drop off areas. We will have volunteers to assist you in your parking needs.
- Those individuals who are driving themselves to camp may park in designated areas. Once the car is parked, it is to remain there until the end of the week.
- All luggage, instruments, and other personal effects should be brought with you to the orientation.
- Directions to the Incarnation Center:
From I-95-Take Exit 69 (onto Route 9 North). From Route 9, get off exit 3; turn left at bottom of ramp onto Route 154. Go straight through stop light and over railroad tracks. Continue straight through second stop light into Ivoryton. Keep the Ivoryton Play House on right and take Main St. past the old factory. Turn right at stop sign onto Bushy Hill Road and follow to top of hill turning right with Bushy Hill Road. The Center's entrance is the second right.

For Map Quest directions go to infor@incarnationcenter.org and click on Directions

- After signing in, you will be introduced to your chaperones, and an introductory Welcome-to-Camp activity will be provided. Please remain in the designated area until orientation is complete.
- At 10 am, you will meet with your instructors, and the fun will begin!
- What to Bring:
 - Instrument, drum pad, drum sticks, drum case, fife case
 - Music stand (if you own one)
 - camera
 - Sunblock, hat, bug repellent
 - Sleeping bag & pillow
 - Towel, washcloth, toiletries, "shower caddy"
 - Walkman or I Pod
 - Backpack to use during the day to keep your belongings together
 - Phone card
 - Refillable water bottle
 - Money for vending machine
 - Personal items, medications, etc.
 - CD's for the End-of-Camp party

Rules:

I would like to preface this list by stating that camp is geared toward those who are interested in learning more about music, history, and the tradition of fife and drum. Historically, campers have had a good time while at camp, and we work very hard to ensure that this is the case. At the same time, however, we are responsible for everyone's safety and well-being, so rules are a necessary component for a successful camp.

For those who are approaching the age of majority, or who will have reached it by camp, please consider this list carefully as you will be held to these rules. They apply equally to all campers. If you don't think you can abide by them, then this camp is probably not a good fit for you and your time would best be spent elsewhere.

Please consider this list carefully. There should be no surprises when you get to camp as the rules are spelled out quite clearly. The camp staff and I are very busy during the course of the week, and things tend to go much smoother and are more pleasant all around when people adhere to the rules.

It is most important that we all behave responsibly if we are to be allowed to return to these facilities in the future.

Summary of Camp Rules

Any camper who repeatedly fails to follow instructions of any chaperone (or other member of the camp staff) will be referred to me immediately and will run the risk of being discharged from camp.

- Campers will check in for roll call with their respective team of chaperones before each meal, before boarding the bus, and upon disembarking from the bus.
- Campers are expected to eat their meals while at camp. Admittedly, this sounds rather basic, but year after year, we do encounter difficulties with people who just don't want to eat. *Anyone who refuses meals will be discharged from camp.*
- Lights out will be at 11 p.m. for campers 12 and under and 12 a.m. for those who are 13 and older. We have a busy week and everyone needs to get enough rest in order to be fully prepared for the following day's activities.
- *No campers will be allowed to smoke during camp. No exceptions.*
- After every meal, a group of campers will be responsible for cleaning up the dining hall. The group's chaperones will help oversee their progress. This duty will rotate among all the campers. It is not the responsibility of the clean-up crew to pick up dirty plates, empty cups, and the like, so all campers must throw away their own trash after each meal.
- *No food or beverages are allowed in the classrooms.* Water bottles are the exception.
- There is no need for any tools, Swiss Army Knives, pocket knives, etc. Please leave all articles of this nature at home. If anyone chooses to bring anything to camp that might be included in this category, this item will be taken and the camper will not be allowed to return to camp in future years. If any damage is done with said article, then the camper will be sent home immediately.
- *Dress appropriately for camp.* Mini-skirts, tops with spaghetti straps, tops that are low cut, and garments that reveal the midriff area are not appropriate camp attire. Pants that are worn so low as to expose undergarments are also not acceptable. Use common sense, and perhaps a little parental guidance, here.
- *No foul language will be tolerated.*
- Campers should demonstrate a respectful demeanor to all instructors, chaperones, volunteers, and fellow campers at all times. *Failure to do so will result in discharge from the camp.*

Camp Departure/Deep River Performance

Parents or a designated representative will pick their camper up on Friday, July 20th by 3:00pm from the Camp. It is their responsibility to get their Camper to The Deep River Muster field by 5:30 for rehearsal on the field. Please get make sure that the Camper gets something to eat before rehearsal. Direction to the field will be provided if needed.

Schedule:

Tuesday, 17th:

9:00- 10:00: Check in @ The Lodge and put belongings in rooms.

10:00 - 10:30 – Camp Welcome and Information in Quad.

10:45 – 12:30 - Sectionals

12:30- 1:30- Lunch (staff meeting) @ Lodge

1:30-3:00- Sectionals - (2:30 -3:00 Advanced Musicians)

3:00-3:30- Break (snacks @ Lodge)

3:30-5:00- Master Classes

5:00-6:00- Dinner @ Lodge

6:15- Load buses for The Company Concert

7pm- Tuesday Night Concert Series @ The Company Hall

8:30- Load buses to go back to Camp.

9:00-10:00 Free for practicing and socializing. All drumming must stop at this time. You may play on pads in the Great Room at the lodge. Fifers may air fife or play in the lower register. We must be respectful of the other people on site that may not love f&d as much as we do.

10pm on is quiet time. All campers under 14 will have lights out. Campers over 14 may practice on camp music in the great room.

11pm – Lights out for everyone. No roaming around! You should be in your rooms and settling down. The days are long and we don't want anyone getting sick.

Wednesday, 18th:

8:00-9:00- Breakfast

9:00-12:15- Sectionals

11:30–12:30- Ensemble Sectionals rehearsals

12:30 - 1:30 - Lunch@ The Lodge

1:30 -3:00 - Marching rehearsal

3:00-3:30 – Break

3:30-4:30 – Master Classes.????????

4.:30-5:30- Full Corps rehearsal with music

6:00-7:00 - Dinner@ The Lodge

7:00 - 8:00 – Concert at Field House

8-9- Practice- individuals and small groups. This is your chance to memorize the Camp music!

9:00-11:00- Free for practicing and socializing. Same rules apply as Tuesday night! Older campers may get permission from Cap to work on their camp music in the Great Room until Mid-night.

Thursday, 19th:

8:00-9:00- Breakfast

9:00-11:30- Ensemble Muster rehearsal on soccer field.

11:30 – 12:30 - Sectionals - Advanced Musicians separate.

12:30-1:30- Lunch @ The Lodge

1:30-3:00- Ensemble rehearsal, just music- in Quad

3:00-3:30- Break

3:30-5:00- Master Classes

5:30-6:30- Dinner @ The Lodge

6:30-7:30- Demonstration???????

7:30-9:00-- Free time for practicing music & socializing.

9:30 -Sundae making

10-11- Free time. All campers may stay up until 11pm then the same rules apply for the old campers as past nights.

Friday, 20th :

9:00-11:00- Brunch @ The Lodge.