

The Company of Fifers and Drummers 2012 Junior Fife and Drum Camp

Notes for Fifers

Auditions!

It's getting to be that time again! This year we're posting the audition music earlier than in the past, in hopes that if you have longer to learn it, it will have little to no impact to the musical goals your individual corps have established.

We're also changing the audition process for 2012. Anyone wishing to audition for the Ensemble Fife Line *must play* both audition pieces posted on the web site – you do not get to choose your own audition piece this year. The audition selections are:

- General Audition Selection: *When We Go Down To Washington*
- Ensemble Audition Selection: *Peter Street Reel / Pretty Maggie Morrissey*

The Music:

The music selected for the 2012 Junior Fife & Drum Camp comes from the repertoire of the CT Yanks, one of Connecticut's most celebrated senior ancient fife and drum corps from the '60's and '70's. Once the musical selections have been posted online it's important that you learn as much as you can before you arrive at camp, and not wait to memorize it all during the week of camp.

Scales and Exercises:

Please download John Benoit's *Core Technique and Exercises* book, print it, stick it in a 3-ring binder, and bring it to camp with you. Your instructors will be using exercises from this book to help you learn new technique and skills to improve your fifing.

Voice (Harmony) Assignments:

In the finest ensembles in the world, every musician provides accompaniment at some point. This is true for string quartets to full orchestras. We will need strong fifers to cover all the voices, so please consider it a compliment if you're assigned to play harmony. You will find your voice assignments posted online when the time comes. Please pay close attention and highlight your assignments in your music so that there's no confusion about what you're expected to prepare before you arrive at camp.

Finally, as we say every year... If you come away knowing more than when you started the week, then we *all* will have been successful. We want you to enjoy your time at camp while at the same time trying to improve your fifing skills. Both are definitely achievable!

In The Ancient Spirit,

Your Fife Instructors