



# George N Parks DRUM MAJOR ACADEMY®

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Dear Academy Student,

Thank you for registering for the 2016 **George N. Parks Drum Major Academy®** at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte, North Carolina. It should prove to be an exciting week. We have included in this letter all the information that you will need before arriving in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of July. **READ IT CAREFULLY**, and have your parents read it. Be sure to bring this letter to the Academy. You will be responsible for everything included here.

## **CHECK-IN**

**Student tuitions must be paid in full prior to student's arrival at the Academy. No tuition payments will be accepted at check-in.**

Check-in for all participants will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> in **Scott Hall**. The first session will be held that evening at 6:30 p.m. You will need to have a notebook and writing implements for this session. Drum Major maces/batons will not be needed until the second day.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

*If you are arriving by car:*

**From north of Charlotte via I-85:** Take exit 45A (Harris Blvd). Merge onto Harris, go 1 mile to the exit for UNC Charlotte/Hwy 49. At bottom of exit ramp, turn left on 49; campus is 1 mile on left.

**From north of Charlotte via I-77:** Take exit 18 (Harris Blvd). Turn left onto Harris and go 7 miles to the exit for UNC Charlotte/Hwy 49. At bottom of exit ramp, turn left on 49; campus is 1 mile on left.

**From south of Charlotte via I-85:** Take exit 45A (Harris Blvd). Turn right onto Harris and go one mile to the exit for UNC Charlotte/Hwy 49. At bottom of exit ramp, turn left on 49; campus is 1 mile on left.

**From south of Charlotte via I-77:** Take I-77N to I-85N and follow above directions via I-85.

**From east of Charlotte via US 74:** Turn right onto Harris Blvd, and travel 9 miles to UNC Charlotte/Hwy 49 exit. At bottom of exit ramp, turn left on 49; campus is 1 mile on left.

**From Concord area via US 29:** Turn left onto Harris Blvd and go 1/2 mile to UNC Charlotte/Hwy 49 exit. At bottom of exit ramp, turn left on 49; campus is 1 mile on left.

Please note: Directions above are to the main entrance of campus only. Please use the campus map included with this letter to get to the assigned dormitory.



*If you are arriving by airplane:*

Your final destination is the Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT). You can find a list of transportation services on the Charlotte Douglas International Airport website on the Ground Transportation information page: <http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/Airport/GroundTransportation/Pages/default.aspx>. The Drum Major Academy® has no affiliation with any of the transportation services listed on the Charlotte Douglas International Airport website.

**PARKING**

Specific parking area(s) have been assigned to the Academy by the University. Although we recommend having a parent/guardian drive you to and from the Academy, students driving themselves to the Academy must use assigned parking lots. Students can get information on where to park their cars from a staff member during check-in on the first day.

**If you park in any area not specifically designated for the Drum Major Academy® you may be subject to having your vehicle ticketed or towed at your own expense.**

**HOUSING**

Separate floors in **Scott Hall** have been set aside for males and females. Students are supervised by DMA staff, males for males and females for females. Dorms do not provide linens. You must bring sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, and an alarm clock.

Check-out will be Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> immediately following the Closing Session. The closing session will begin at 10:00 a.m. and last for approximately one hour. All students must check-out and return keys and meal cards as directed. **There will be a \$100.00 charge for keys or meal cards not turned in during checkout on July 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**ROOMING ASSIGNMENTS**

Rooming Assignments will be made in advance according to Drum Major Academy® policy. Students will be housed with students from other schools in order to enhance the experience of meeting new friends and working with new people. This is a firm Drum Major Academy® policy. HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE CHANGED. PLEASE DO NOT ASK.

**MEALS**

All meals will be eaten in the Residence Dining Hall. The \$515.00 resident fee includes tuition, housing, and meals beginning with Sunday dinner through Thursday breakfast

**TELEPHONES**

In the event of an emergency, the number for the Campus Police is 704-687- 2200. There is a 24 hour desk on campus. It is located in Squires Hall and can be reached at 704-687-3839. Students may bring cell phones; however, students are not to use phones during sessions or after lights out unless there is an emergency.

**MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**

Any medical emergencies that arise will be handled through the Brocker Health Center at UNC Charlotte or the University Hospital in Charlotte. The telephone number at the Brocker Health Center is 704-687-4617 and the number for the University Hospital is 704-548-6000. Be sure to bring the medical form to check-in in the event that medical treatment is needed.

**SCHEDULE** (sample schedule included in this letter)

A full day at the Academy begins at approximately 8:00 a.m. and concludes at approximately 10:30 p.m. Breaks are taken for lunch and dinner. Students will also be given multiple water breaks throughout each session.



### **PHYSICAL FITNESS**

It is strongly recommended that you do your best to be in shape when you arrive at the Academy. A daily exercise program consisting of stretching and jogging, etc. might be helpful. Your work at the Academy could become relatively strenuous if you are not physically prepared.

### **DMA T-SHIRT**

Each student will receive a t-shirt, which is included in the tuition cost. This t-shirt is to be worn at the final session on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of July.

### **CLOSING CEREMONY**

We invite your family, friends and band directors to join us for our final session. This session will include your final class lecture, demonstration of the work you have done throughout the week, final competition for the best marching squad, presentation of certificates and the closing ceremony. This session will be held on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. on the field between the dormitory and Robinson Hall (**Rec. field 14a** on the campus map). All students must check-out and return keys and meal cards immediately following the closing ceremony. **Again, there will be a \$100.00 charge for keys or meal cards not turned in during check-out on July 21<sup>st</sup>.**

We are very excited about this year's Academy, and we look forward to meeting you. If you have questions, please call the **Drum Major Academy®** at **781-874-9728**.

With Pride,

The Drum Major Academy® Staff



## **Rules and Regulations**

**\*As a student who has been selected to be a Drum Major/Student Leader of your high school band, there is no need to stress the importance of good conduct. Drum Major Academy® students are expected to uphold the highest standards of behavior and attitude. Failure to comply with any of the following regulations established by the Drum Major Academy® may result in immediate dismissal from the Academy without a refund of fees. Your parents/guardians will be responsible for immediate transportation home.**

Drum majors and ALL band student leaders are never late. Remember the old saying, "To be early is to be on time. To be on time is to be late." You should plan on being at least five minutes early to each session. This is a security issue as well as a self-discipline issue.

The Drum Major Academy® needs to know your whereabouts throughout the entire workshop. If you feel ill at any time, you MUST contact an Academy staff member immediately.

Name tags must be worn at all times.

Visitation by persons who are not enrolled in the Academy is not permitted.

Please keep your room locked at all times. Also, do not leave money or other valuables anywhere on campus. The Drum Major Academy® and the University of North Carolina cannot be held responsible for loss of personal property.

You have all been selected as intelligent leaders of your high school bands. Please use discretion in wearing appropriate clothing during the DMA workshop in order to maintain a respectful, professional atmosphere. Please no bathing suits, tube tops, short shorts, or low-cut arm hole shirts for girls or boys. A closed shoe such as sneaker or boat shoe is required. Shoes and shirts must be worn for reasons of safety, hygiene, and courtesy to others.

The Drum Major Academy® values civility, diversity, education, equality, freedom, and honesty. We are firmly committed to maintaining a safe environment. Any type of sexual misconduct is contrary to Drum Major Academy® policies and philosophies and therefore will not be tolerated. Anything deemed by our staff of professional educators as sexual misconduct will result in immediate dismissal from the Academy, with parents/guardians being responsible for immediate transportation home.

Bullying/Intimidation behaviors are strictly prohibited and will result in immediate dismissal from the Academy.

Alcohol, tobacco (cigarettes or chewing tobacco) or controlled/illegal substances are prohibited while at the Academy. Use of any of these items is STRICTLY PROHIBITED and will result in immediate dismissal from the Academy.

Non-performance weapons of any type, including but not limited to: pocket knives/Swiss army knives, firearms, etc. are not permitted at the Academy. Possession of any non-performance weapon will result in immediate dismissal from the Academy.

Students are not permitted to leave campus at any time. If you drive to campus, your vehicle is to be parked, locked and remain off-limits throughout the Academy.

You may not, under any circumstances, visit the rooms or floors housing members of the opposite sex.

Room checks will be performed each evening. Room check/lights out times will be given at the end of each evening session. At room check, you are expected to be in and stay in your assigned room. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Please leave your room in the same condition at the close of the Academy as when you moved in at the beginning of the Academy. You will be held financially responsible for any cleaning or repairs that need to take place in your room as a result of your stay.

Any inappropriate behavior that reflects poorly on yourself, your school, or the Drum Major Academy® will not be tolerated.



## **THINGS TO BRING**

**Student tuitions must be paid in full prior to student's arrival at the Academy. No tuition payments will be accepted at check-in. *\*For Schools Who Will Be Submitting A Purchase Order: A valid purchase order will be considered payment for registration purposes only. If your school submits a valid purchase order to the Drum Major Academy, the student for whom the purchase order is to be applied will be considered paid up to the amount of the purchase order. Any amount not covered in the purchase order must be paid by other means (check, credit card) prior to check-in.***

The textbook: The most recent edition of **The Dynamic Drum Major** (black cover) will be needed throughout the week for reference and reading assignments. If you pre-ordered a copy of the Dynamic Drum Major on your registration form, it will be available for pick-up at check-in on the first day of the Academy. Students who need a copy can purchase it during the session for \$20.00.

Comfortable clothes - clothes suitable for marching and working on warm days and in air conditioned rooms. (Please see the "Rules and Regulations" page for dress code information)

Sneakers are required for all sessions. Be sure your sneakers have already been broken in BEFORE arriving at the academy. Sandals, flip-flops or clogs are not acceptable.

Sunburn protection - please be prepared to work in the sun. Hats, sun block, sunglasses, and other precautionary items are strongly recommended.

You will need writing implements and a notebook for all sessions. Make sure you bring this letter as the first section in your notebook.

You must provide your own linens which should include sheets (most dormitory beds are extra long twin) or a sleeping bag, a pillow and pillowcase, blanket(s), towels, washcloths, shower shoes and other necessary toiletries. An alarm clock is highly recommended as you will be responsible for getting yourself up and to breakfast on time.

Students may wish to bring a portable fan. Although most dormitories are air conditioned, we do not control the temperature in the dormitories. Dormitory temperatures will vary year to year, location to location.

Although they are **not** required, we recommend that all drum majors bring a whistle and a drum major baton/mace or practice baton/mace. Even though many bands do not use this equipment, after seeing the showmanship potential for this equipment, many students wish they could attend the baton/mace and whistle sessions and practice some of the techniques. For many drum majors, this can become the special effect that sets them apart from the competition. Therefore, although it is **not** required, we highly recommend that students bring a drum major baton/mace and whistle. If you do not have access to a drum major baton or mace, a 42" wooden dowel or broomstick handle will suffice. Students who bring a good drum major baton/mace should also have a "practice stick" to use when practicing new, difficult twirling techniques.

Students may bring snacks. But please be aware, most dorm rooms are **not** equipped with a refrigerator. Please do not bring anything that requires refrigeration.



Although water breaks are provided throughout each session, we always recommend students bring their own water bottles that they can fill up before each session.

Students may bring cell phones; however, students are not to use phones during sessions or after lights out unless there is an emergency.

Students can bring money with them to the Academy. We do discourage students from bringing excessive amounts of cash to the Academy. Your tuition covers all your necessities. Occasionally dormitory areas have vending machines and the Academy does sell souvenirs. We, the Drum Major Academy® and the University of North Carolina, cannot be held responsible for any lost or stolen money.

Please do not bring anything of value to the Drum Major Academy®. Although we **very rarely** have instances where a student's valuables will get lost or stolen, it does happen. We, the Drum Major Academy® and the University of North Carolina, cannot be held responsible for any lost or stolen items.

## **Daily Schedule**

*This is a **tentative** schedule and is only to be used as basic outline of a typical DMA session and will most likely vary at each location. Schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the staff.*

### **DAY 1:**

3:00 - 5:00 PM      Check In  
5:00 - 6:00 PM      Dinner offered  
6:30 - 10:00 PM    Opening Session (both outside and inside)

### **DAY 2 - 4:**

7:00 - 8:00 AM      Breakfast  
8:00 - 11:30 AM    Outside Session  
11:30 - 1:00 PM    Lunch / Break  
1:00 - 4:45 PM      Afternoon Session (large and small inside classes plus outside classes)  
4:45 - 6:00 PM      Dinner / Break  
6:00 - 8:00 PM      Outside Session  
8:00 - 10:00 PM    Inside Session

### **DAY 5:**

7:00 - 8:00 AM      Breakfast  
8:00 - 11:00 AM    Outside Session  
11:00 - 12:00PM    Final Demonstration



Academic Buildings	
4a	Atkins
16	Barnard
17	Belk Gym
68	Bioinformatics
38	Burson
42	Cameron Hall
52	College of Education
32	Colvard
08	Denny
57	Duke Centennial Hall
72	EPIC
45	Fretwell
35	Friday
09	Garinger
58	Grigg Hall
63	Health & Human Services
85	High School
87	Johnson Band Center
62	Kulwicks Laboratory
02	Macy
20	McEniry
18	Memorial Hall
75	Motorsports Research
87	Johnson Band Center
80	PORTAL
51	Robinson Hall
19	Rowe
12	Smith
41	Storrs
10	Winningham
56	Woodward Hall

Services - Places of Interest		
<b>General</b>	<b>Administration</b>	<b>Places of Interest</b>
39 Aux. Services Building	48 Cato Hall	13 Belk Plaza
46 Barnhardt	- Admissions	54 Bissell House
- Student Activity Center	01 Kennedy	- Chancellor's Residence
- Halton Arena	11 King	71 Foundation
31 Cafeteria Activities Bld.	- Registrar	86 Foundation Annex
05 Cone University Center	36 Reese	77 Halton Wagner Complex
4b Counseling Center	- Student Accounts	64 Harris Alumni Center
55a Facilities Management		88 Hauser Alumni Pavillion
23 Facilities Operations	<b>Dining Services</b>	44 Irwin Belk Track & Field
Parking Services	05 Cone University Center	79 Richardson Stadium
67 Hayes Stadium	34 Prospector	78 Rose Football Center
29 Miltimore-Wallis Center	80 PORTAL	Susie Hardwood Garden
55b Police	29 Residence Dining Hall	Van Landingham Glen
65 Student Health Center	82 South Village Crossing	43 Wells Fargo Fieldhouse
	69 Student Union	

Campus Housing	
562	Belk Hall
535	Cedar Hall
543	Elm Hall
560	Greek Village
538	Hawthorn Hall
536	Hickory Hall
504	Holshouser Hall
563	Hunt Hall
565	Laurel Hall
566	Levine Hall
546	Lynch Hall
542	Maple Hall
564	Martin Hall
561	Miltimore Hall
501	Moore Hall
540	Oak Hall
541	Pine Hall
502	Sanford Hall
503	Scott Hall
537	Sycamore Hall
545	Wallis Hall
544	Witherspoon Hall

Parking Areas		
<b>Resident, Commuter &amp; F/S</b>	<b>Resident &amp; F/S</b>	<b>Commuter &amp; F/S</b>
- Lot 6	- Lot 8A	- Lot 4A
- Lot 25	- Lot 8	- Lot 5 & 5A
- Lot 27	- Lot 12	- Lot 7
- Lot 101	- Lot 13	- Lot 7A
- North Deck	- Lot 16*	- Lot 14
- S. Village Deck	- Lot 20	- Lot 18 & 19
	- Lot 21	- Lot 23
<b>Faculty &amp; Staff</b>		- Lot 26
- Lot 11 & 11A		- CRI 2
- Lot 15		- East Deck 2
- Lot 29 & 29A		- East Deck 3
- CRI 3		- Union Deck
- Cone Deck 1 & 2		- West Deck
- East Deck 1		- CRI Deck 1
- Union Deck		
	<b>*Note: No F/S in this lot except in marked spaces</b>	