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Dear Academy Student,

Thank you for registering for the 2016 **George N. Parks Drum Major Academy®** at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio. It should prove to be an exciting week. We have included in this letter all the information that you will need before arriving in Delaware, Ohio, on Monday the 11th of July. READ IT CAREFULLY, and have your parents/guardians 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 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 11th in Stuyvesant Hall. The first session will be held that afternoon at 1:30 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 the Northeast (via I-71) » Take I-71 South to Exit 131 (Route 36/37). Turn west on Route 36/37 (toward Delaware). When Routes 36/37 split, take Route 36 to Sandusky Street. Turn left on Sandusky. OWU is two blocks ahead.

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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 Port Columbus International Airport (CMH).
You can find a list of shuttle services on the Port Columbus International Airport website at http://www.port-columbus.com/parking/transportation/shuttle.asp. The Drum Major Academy® has no affiliation with any of the transportation services listed on the Port Columbus 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 Stuyvesant 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. *Remember, Drum Majors are never late*.

Check-out will be Friday, July 15th immediately following the closing session. The closing session will begin at 11:00 a.m. and last approximately one hour. All students must check out and return keys and meal cards as directed. **There will be a $100.00 charge for any keys or meal cards not turned in at check-out on the 15th of July.**

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 cafeteria. The $540.00 fee includes tuition, housing, and meals beginning with Monday lunch through Friday breakfast.

TELEPHONES
The telephone number for Conference Services at Ohio Wesleyan University is 740-368-3376. In the event of an emergency, the number for Public Safety is 740-368-2222. 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 emergency room at Grady Memorial Hospital in Delaware, Ohio. The telephone number at Grady Memorial is 740-369-8711.

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 be given multiple water breaks throughout each session. You will also participate in a session with Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser during the academy. This session is included in your tuition cost.

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

Students will receive a t-shirt at check-in which is included in the tuition cost. This t-shirt is to be worn at the final session on Friday the 15th 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 Friday, July 15th at 11:00 a.m. at the field on the corner of Liberty Street and Park Avenue. 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 any keys or meal cards not turned in at check-out on July 15th.**

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 Ohio Wesleyan University 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 of 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, they **must be turned off** during sessions and after lights out.

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 Ohio Wesleyan University, 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 Ohio Wesleyan University, 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:

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Check In / Lunch offered
1:30 - 4:45 PM	Opening Session (both outside and inside)
4:45 - 6:00 PM	Dinner / Break
6:00 - 8:00 PM	Outside Session
8:00 - 10:00 PM	Inside Session

DAY 2:

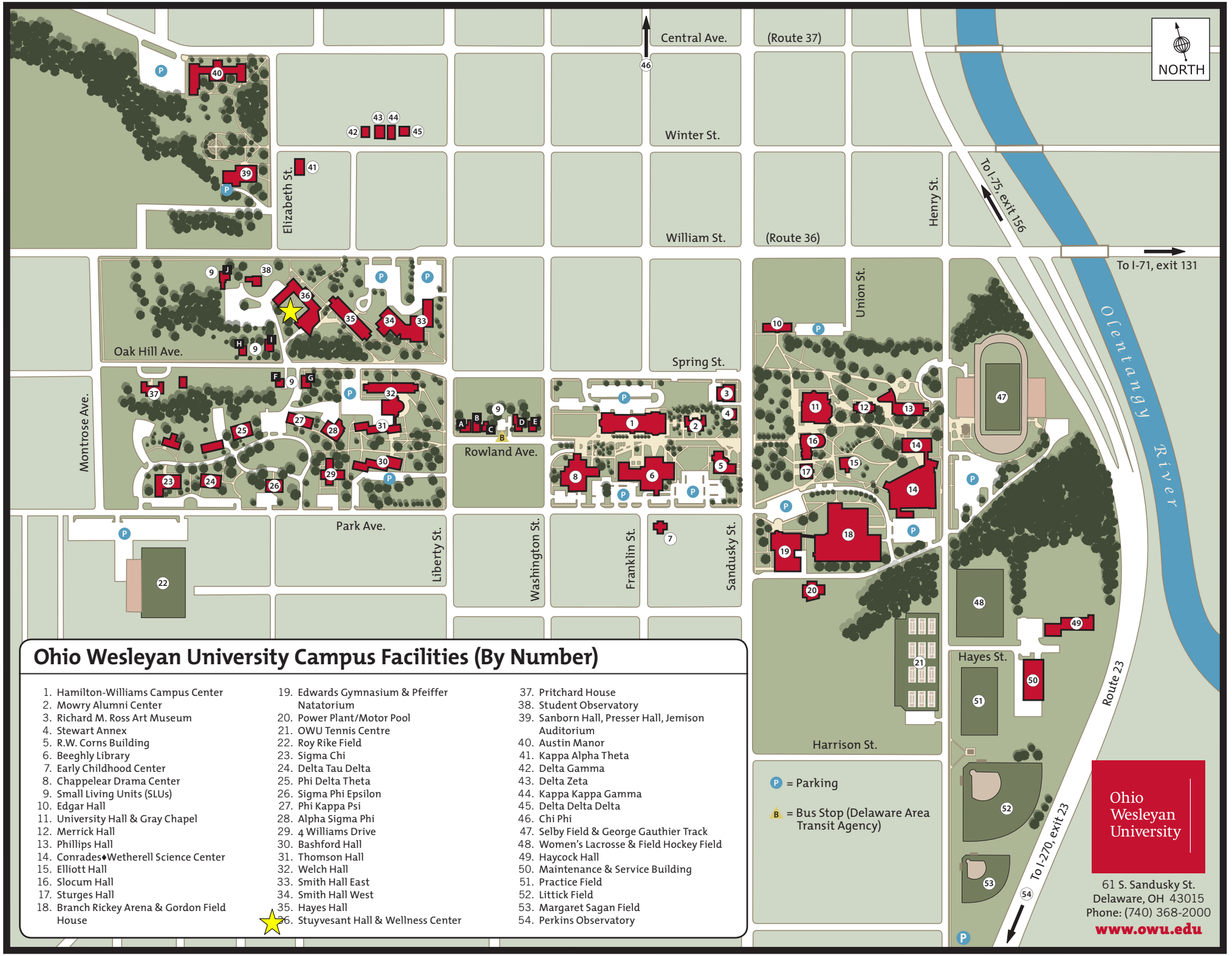
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 - 11:30 AM	Dr. Tim Session (both inside and outside)
11:30 - 1:00 PM	Lunch / Break
1:00 - 4:45 PM	Afternoon Session (large and small inside classes plus outside classes)
4:45 - 6:00 PM	Dinner / Break
6:00 - 8:00 PM	Outside Session
8:00 - 10:00 PM	Inside Session

DAY 3 & 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



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21. OWU Tennis Centre
22. Roy Rike Field
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24. Delta Tau Delta
25. Phi Delta Theta
26. Sigma Phi Epsilon
27. Phi Kappa Psi
28. Alpha Sigma Phi
29. 4 Williams Drive
30. Bashford Hall
31. Thomson Hall
32. Welch Hall
33. Smith Hall East
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35. Hayes Hall
36. Stuyvesant Hall & Wellness Center
37. Pritchard House
38. Student Observatory
39. Sanborn Hall, Presser Hall, Jemison Auditorium
40. Austin Manor
41. Kappa Alpha Theta
42. Delta Gamma
43. Delta Zeta
44. Kappa Kappa Gamma
45. Delta Delta Delta
46. Chi Phi
47. Selby Field & George Gauthier Track
48. Women's Lacrosse & Field Hockey Field
49. Haycock Hall
50. Maintenance & Service Building
51. Practice Field
52. Littick Field
53. Margaret Sagan Field
54. Perkins Observatory

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Airport Taxi Service
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General Driving Notes
The Ohio state speed limit on rural/interstate highways is 65 mph. If possible, avoid the Columbus metropolitan area during "rush hour"—approximately 7 - 9 a.m. and 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. on weekdays—due to heavy traffic congestion.

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