

Band Camp Sunday Guide

Director David A. Leach, the Pioneer High School Band Camp Staff, and the PBA Executive Board welcome you to Band Camp Sunday! This year's concert will be **August 12, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.** in Kresge Auditorium. It will feature a combined concert presented by the Pioneer choir, orchestra, and band, followed by a marching demonstration on the tennis court, a short walk from the auditorium (see pg. 2). The day's activities are usually done between 5:00 p.m.

Driving directions from Ann Arbor to Interlochen Center for the Arts are available on our website. Many people take a day trip up and back for the concert (see the website for the parent bus flyer!), while others book overnight lodging in a nearby motel or stay right at the Interlochen Hotel (which is not air-conditioned.) Others camp at Interlochen State Park or have other vacation plans in the area.

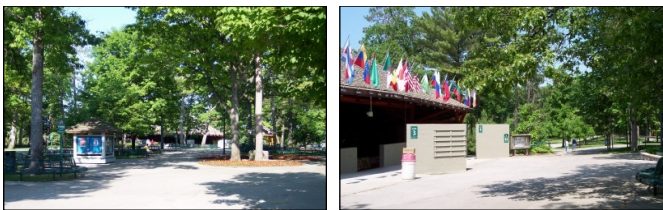


Look for the entrance sign on M-137, then come up the drive to the stop sign. Turn right and you'll find a series of free parking lots. Many of the first lots may be sectioned off or full by the time you arrive, but there is always plenty of parking .

The main campus is located right across from the first few parking lots. You'll see a Campus Map, and a round stone building that houses the Scholarship gift shop, the ticket office (you won't need tickets for our concert), and the Melody Freeze. This time of year is known as "Post Camp" at Interlochen, since it comes after the end of their regular summer camp sessions, and sometimes is not fully staffed, so the gift shop or Melody Freeze may not be open, but as a general rule they are open during the hour or two before our concert.



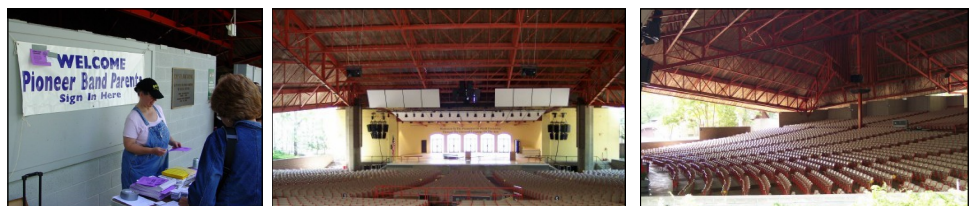
You might want to walk down the Giddings Concourse before the concert. This building is located right across from the Melody Freeze and features a wonderful set of display cases telling about the history and activities of Interlochen. Public restrooms are located in this building, as well as on the right side of Kresge Auditorium and in the hotel.



Head across the central campus towards Kresge Auditorium and look for the large roof structure decorated with international flags. There is plenty of seating around the central campus, so feel free to linger and enjoy the fresh air, while you wait for friends and other family members to arrive for the concert.

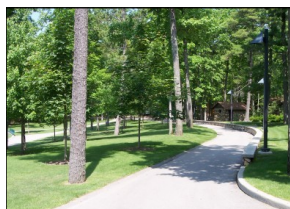
By 12:45 p.m. the **Pioneer Band Association Welcome Station** will be open outside of Kresge Auditorium. Look for the "Welcome" banner and let the volunteers there know that you are a Pioneer Band family. There are often newsletters and other printed materials being distributed, as well as Pioneer Band apparel for sale.

Feel free to head into Kresge to find a good seat. There's plenty of room!



Our Pioneer Band Camp was the first high school band invited to Interlochen by founder Joe Maddy back in 1948. Pioneer has been coming back every year since, making the 2012 camp our 64th year! Pioneer has always been housed in the Intermediate Girls camp, a premier location by the lake, complete with volleyball and tennis courts. The compound's lodge is called Braeside, where many of the week's gatherings and activities take place.

Following the concert, you are invited to come watch a traditional marching demonstration on the tennis courts. As you exit Kresge Auditorium, turn left and follow the paved path past the Interlochen Bowl. The Bowl is where Pioneer rehearses their concert music each day during camp, and for years was the main concert venue before Kresge Auditorium was built.



At the other end of the Bowl seating area, the path turns into a dirt road. Continue straight on this road, past the many small practice buildings on either side. It will lead you down towards the lake. Up ahead you'll see the sandy volleyball court and the wall at the one end of the tennis courts .

On your right, you'll pass by the Braeside lodge and farther back the Pioneer cabins. It is from this compound that the students charge down to the tennis courts each morning for calisthenics, and later for marching drills. The boys cabins are on the left, the girls cabins on the right.



Gather with the other families on the lake side of the tennis courts. The students will have been changing from the concert clothes into their marching shorts and t-shirts, and you'll see them start to trickle down to the tennis courts. Soon they will form ranks

and the Drum Major will call them to attention. For the next hour, you'll get to see the various drills that the students have been working on all week. You'll also get to see the drum major candidates, and meet the staff and counselors. The flags will perform a routine to music, and the drum line (conga) will perform their special routine. Bring your camera, as photo opportunities abound!



Volunteers from the PBA donate refreshments for the students and their families following the marching demonstration, and then Band Camp Sunday is over for the families. Parents start heading home, many stopping for dinner at the Hofbrau Pub just up the road, or Giovanni's, a bit past that. Others head back south, stopping for dinner in Cadillac, where there are a couple of nice water-side restaurants. Ask around; the experienced families can give you suggestions, tips and ideas.

The students will have a special award ceremony in Braeside Sunday night, where they will also vote on who will be the next drum major. Sunday night is bittersweet for them, as the seniors present their traditional skit, and Band Camp is almost over for another year. The buses are packed and head out first thing Monday morning to return to Ann Arbor.

We hope you'll join us as we kick off another great year for the Pioneer Bands and that you'll make Band Camp Sunday a tradition for your family for years to come!