

The Troopers Drum & Bugle Corps

HOUSTON SATELLITE BRASS AUDITION CAMP & CLINIC

Camp Description:

First and foremost, the purpose of this camp is to provide potential members with an educational experience that will help them become better musicians and performers. There will be a brass clinic as well as a marching clinic, each of which will be taught by members of The Troopers instructional staff. In addition to the clinics, we will be holding auditions for the 2008 Troopers brass line. The staff will be reviewing all of the audition material during the clinics, so potential members should be well aware of what the staff is looking for during the individual audition.

Camp Date & Time:

9am to 7pm. Saturday, December 1st

Camp Location:

Stephen F. Austin High School Band Room
434 Pheasant Creek Drive
Sugar Land, TX 77478

Camp Schedule:

9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Marching Technique Clinic
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch*
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Brass Technique Clinic
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Individual Auditions
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Dinner*
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Follow-up

*Lunch and Dinner will be on your own. There are numerous fast food places and restaurants within walking distance of campus.

Fees:

There are no camp fees or audition fees. This is a free clinic provided by The Troopers Drum & Bugle Corps.

Audition Procedure:

Auditionees will be evaluated in an individual as well as a group setting. During the marching and music clinics, the staff will be evaluating on how well potential members march and play as well how well they learn and adapt in a group setting. A good attitude and strong work ethic are the most important traits that the staff looks for in a potential member. So, the evaluation will take place throughout the entire day and not just in the individual portion.

The individual portion of the audition will be in a relaxed setting. The only people in the room will be instructional staff. You will not be asked to play in front of anyone except the instructional staff. In addition, the staff will do their best to create an environment that is as stress free as possible. Please be aware that your performance in the individual audition does not guarantee nor deny acceptance into the corps.

Equipment:

We do not guarantee equipment for the clinic. If at all possible you should bring your own. We will do our best to provide instruments, but availability is limited. So, please bring your own if at all possible.

In addition to your instrument, you should bring your mouthpiece, a foldable music stand, and a water bottle.

Attire:

Please wear clothing that is appropriate for a rehearsal. You need to wear clothing that are easy to move around and march in. Please do not wear blue jeans or any other attire that may limit your ability to move in. In addition, please be aware that we will be indoors in a warm environment at times as well as outdoors in what could be a very environment. So, plan ahead.

Camp RSVP:

You must RSVP for the camp. This allows us to know who is coming so we can plan ahead accordingly. To do so visit The Troopers website and fill out the necessary forms.

Additional Info:

If you have any further questions, please consult The Troopers website at www.troopersdrumcorps.org. In addition, there are member specific forums where you can ask questions and find more information. For any further questions you may contact Scott Atchison at Troopersbrass@yahoo.com.