BLAST OF BRASS 2026

STUDENT & PARENT FINAL DETAILS for CAMP

We are very pleased to have you attending the 29th Season of BLAST OF BRASS! Please read this information as it will provide the FINAL DETAILS that you will need to be prepared for camp. We will be posting this information on the website, if you need to locate it quickly at www.blastofbrass.com

VIDEO RECORDINGS

All recordings should already be submitted, if you have yet to submit your Video Audition Recording, please upload to your assigned DROPBOX FOLDER. Please email us if you have NOT received your Dropbox invitation.

REQUIRED FORMS ***VITAL STEP, ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST COMPLETE***

There are THREE FORMS which MUST BE COMPLETED in your Online Active Account: (The registration platform)

1. FORM A – TALENT RELEASE
2. FORM B – WAIVER GENERAL for ETAMU/MRC, Indemnification, Assumption of Risk and Medical Treatment
3. FORM C – BOB/MMP Waiver, Indemnification, Assumption of Risk and Medical Treatment Authorization

If you have not completed these forms, you will be receiving a email reminder by July 1, 2026.

CHECK-IN SCHEDULES

HOUSING STUDENT CHECK-IN
JULY 5, 2026 (SUN) 6:00PM – 7:30 PM
PHASE II RESIDENCE HALL (H2 – Campus Map)

COMMUTER STUDENT CHECK-IN
JULY 6, 2026 (MON) 8:00AM
MUSIC BUILDING (B2 – Campus Map) Camp Office

CHECK-OUT SCHEDULE

ALL STUDENTS will be released at the end of the **FRIDAY CONCERT, JULY 10, 2026**, at approximately 8:45pm. Your student will have already packed and be ready to go. The university will provide the Multi-Purpose Room at PHASE II RESIDENCE HALL for luggage. You will be directed back to the dorm to retrieve your items. Your student will have already officially checked-out that morning.

DAILY SCHEDULE for COMMUTER STUDENTS

8:00am – 5:00pm, please arrive early as classes will begin at 8:15am and be released at 5:00pm.

ADDRESS & CAMPUS MAP

EAST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – COMMERCE, TX
2100 University Dr., Commerce, TX 75248

CAMPUS MAP:
https://www.etamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Map-East-Texas-AM-University-Main-Campus.pdf
ALL CLASSES, RECITALS, and CONCERTS will be held in the ETAMU MUSIC BUILDING (B2 – Campus Map)

EQUIPMENT to BRING

1. Instrument, accessories, and supplies (EX: Pencils, valve oil, creams, mutes, instrument stand, etc.)
2. Please note that Music Stands ARE provided.

ATTIRE ***PLEASE NOTE that the CONCERT ATTIRE is ALL BLACK***

1. Masterclasses, recitals, and rehearsals: CASUAL clothing, comfortable, and appropriate for our professional educational event. PLEASE avoid anything revealing, keep it casual, but appropriate.
2. Recreation and free time: modest swim suites, beach towel, sportswear, but nothing inappropriate.

3. Concert Attire is **ALL BLACK**.
    a. MEN: ALL BLACK slacks, long sleeve shirt, belt, socks, and shoes.
    b. WOMEN: ALL BLACK dress or slacks and blouse, socks, and shoes. Please consider dress length.
    c. No flip-flops, tennis shoes, or jeans, please keep the attire professional.

DORM SUPPLIES to BRING & CAMP RULES * PLEASE READ*****

1. XL twin sheets, blanket, pillow and pillow case.
2. Bath towels, washcloth, soap, and other toiletries.
3. For your comfort, you may wish to bring a small fan.
4. Please read the Rules & Regulations on our website at http://www.blastofbrass.com/housing-info.html
5. Bring your own WATER BOTTLE to carry throughout the day.
6. **DO NOT TO BRING** drugs, weapons, foul language or attitudes. All of these will get you removed, some by police other by parents. ☺

MEDICAL SUPPLIES ***VITAL - PLEASE READ***

Medical supplies (if needed) – For students bringing medications and medical supplies, they will be required to report it to the summer camp staff at check-in. IF we need to administer any medications, please provide it at Check-In with WRITEN INSTRUCTIONS on HOW and WHEN to administer the medications.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Money: most activities will be provided as part of the camp. It is recommended that you do not bring excess amounts of cash with you. Bring only what is needed for drinks, snacks, and so forth.
2. Snacks, fan, water bottle…

PARKING PERMIT

If you are commuting OR if you will have your car at camp, please REQUEST a PARKING PERMIT at CHECK-IN. If you have your car at camp, you will park it at the dorm and it will not be in use during the camp.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER
(214) 236 – 8441 cell

BLAST OF BRASS has a cell phone on at ALL TIMES. The only time it may not be answered is during a performance or masterclass. If no one answers, please leave a detailed message and it will be returned quickly. However; only call in the case of an emergency…emails are appreciated for most questions, please send your questions to office@blastofbrass.com

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Please be aware that it is very important that all students follow the rules established by the university and BOB. If students choose to disregard the rules, it is because they have chosen to go home at their parent's expense. This has only been executed twice over the last 28 seasons. You may ask why, it's because we see you as a young professional and you will be treated as such. If you do not act as a young professional, then you will be removed. I hope this is clear and that we all understand that we are protecting all parties, you, the university, and BLAST OF BRASS. Thanks for bringing your best to camp and we will do everything to share knowledge, but most of all, we want to INSPIRE the next generation of brass artists!

Blessings,
Keith Meek, founder / conference director
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