



Sycamore Drum Major Clinic
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<http://www.indstate.edu/band/dmc>

Dear Drum Majors and Band Directors:

Welcome to the Sycamore Drum Major Clinic! Each year we work hard to give Drum Majors all the specific skills they need to be successful in front of their bands in the fall and throughout their lives.

We encourage you to compare us to other drum major camps in the following areas:

INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION IN CONDUCTING SKILLS – Through the use of small groups, each student is able to experience a curriculum of skills that will apply to what they're doing with their bands at home. We make it a priority to put students in groups that allow them to grow while keeping the groups small enough that students get plenty of individual attention. In addition to the small groups, students get around two hours of private instruction on music they bring from home. Another priority for us is that the Drum Majors spend time conducting live musicians in several different settings. This gives students experiences leading in very real musical situations.

USEFULNESS OF SKILLS - In designing the curriculum, we concentrate on the things that students actually need, not on the things that are convenient for us to teach. We try to focus on other real-life skills that many Drum Majors will be asked to do – from executing salutes to motivating their peers to teaching drill. Our leadership curriculum tries to get Drum Majors to consider many of the questions they'll encounter as student leaders while putting them in many realistic situations that they may experience on and off the field.

DATES AND COST - This year's clinic will take place during three separate sessions. The regular weeklong session will take place on July 10-15, with check-in beginning on the morning of the 6th. We will also be hosting four weekend “mini-camps.” These weekend sessions will be basic presentations of conducting technique, leadership, and salutes, but will not include most of the many other distinctive features of the weeklong clinic. The cost for the full week session is \$450 for resident students and \$300 for commuters. Included in the cost are a camp T-shirt and camp picture, a personalized certificate of achievement, all instructional materials, and a DVD on which the Drum Major's conducting performances are recorded. For the weekend mini-camp, the cost is \$300 for resident students and \$225 for commuters. Enrollment is limited to 100 students for the full week session, so please submit applications and deposits early. The deadlines for each event are listed on the application form. Full payment of fees will be due upon listed deadlines.

We hope you will consider attending the 21st annual Indiana State University Drum Major Clinic. For your convenience, application forms are available on our website (<http://www.indstate.edu/band/dmc>). If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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