

2013-2014
AMP'D PROGRAM
INFORMATION PACKET

Please review all attached information.
Return the signed *Participation Policy* and the
Student Information Sheet. Students will not be allowed to rehearse with
bands until all paperwork is signed and turned in.
Keep the *Important Dates* and *Contact Info* sheets
for your own records.

AMP'D Program Student Information Sheet

This information is only for the use of On Track Music Guitar School and will not be shared with any third party. The contact information is extremely important! We must be able to keep students and parents aware of all events and activities. Please fill out in its entirety.

Please Print Legibly!!!

Student information:

Student Name: _____ Instrument: _____

Group Time: _____ Group Name: _____

Student Birth Date: _____ Student Age: _____

***Student Phone #'s:** Home: _____ Mobile: _____ Work: _____

Father: _____ Mother: _____ Other (name & phone): _____

* Please list as many phone numbers as possible! We do not always have access to our computer database when out playing gigs, so the more numbers you provide, the easier it will be to find you!

Student Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Student Mailing Address (if different than above):

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent or Guardian information:

Mother: _____ Father: _____

Other: _____ Relationship to student: _____

Student Email information:

Please list email addresses with the best chance of being viewed by parents and students!!!

Note: This section MUST be filled in, email information is CRITICAL for our communication! Rest-assured that we will NEVER share your email address with any outside source. Please provide the email address that you use on a regular basis to ensure our emails reach you quickly!

Parent Email: _____

Student Email: _____

2013/2014 A.M.P.'D BAND PARTICIPATION POLICY

Because the A.M.P.'D program is an alliance of teaching organizations, the tuition policies for the program are outlined separately by On Track Music (guitar, bass, keyboard and vocals) and The Groove Dr's (drums / percussion). All participating students must abide by the tuition policies set forth by the alliance member that they are enrolled through in order to participate in the program.

OVERVIEW

The A.M.P.'D performance group program is an alliance of professional music teachers who recognize that their student's musical experience cannot be made complete without having the opportunity to play with other musicians in a real band situation. The A.M.P.'d teachers cooperate in forming student bands and shaping them for public performance opportunities. With the professional guidance of the A.M.P.'d staff, students learn the right way to put together a real band. Classes are held at the On Track Music Guitar School and are conducted in a safe atmosphere that encourages musicianship, creativity, teamwork, and friendship.

EACH STUDENT WAS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM BASED ON TEACHER RECOMMENDATION. THE QUALITY OF THE ENTIRE PROGRAM IS DEPENDANT UPON THE DEDICATION OF EACH PARTICIPATING STUDENT.

Students who do not respect the rules of the program can ruin it for those who do!

COMMITMENT

Each person participating in an A.M.P.'d performance group deserves the courtesy and respect of every other member in that group. Most of the players involved in the groups are excellent musicians who really want to demonstrate their skills publicly. Group members will work hard all year to sharpen their skills in anticipation of our exciting performance opportunities. Because the overall success of the program depends on every member of the group, students and parents must agree to the following:

Commit to the entire length of the program, Sept. - May, and attend class on a weekly basis.

Commit to performing at the annual Student Fest, held the weekend before Memorial Day in May and be able to attend all performances and dress rehearsals scheduled for that weekend (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday).

Commit to performing at the Winter Expo concert, traditionally held the last Saturday of January or the first Saturday of February, depending upon venue availability.

Commit to arriving on time for each class.

Commit to personal practice on a regular basis in order to be prepared for each group class.

Commit to staying in the private program in order to make a better contribution to the group.

If one or more of the staff members feels that a participating student is jeopardizing the friendship, stability, or overall success of his/her band, for any reason, the offending student will be considered for removal from the program.

SCHEDULING

All lessons are scheduled on a 'Lesson Block' basis (based on Scott Graves' personal teaching schedule at On Track Music). Lesson blocks are not the same as calendar months. Lesson Blocks run in 28 day cycles consisting of four weekly lessons and allow for up to four weeks each year that students will not have scheduled lessons. Those weeks are indicated on the Yearly Lesson Block Schedule as Summer/Winter/Spring Breaks. All participating students will be given a lesson block calendar that clearly shows the dates for all breaks, events, etc. Tuition for the A.M.P.'D program always remains the same for each lesson block even in cases of student absence.

MISSED LESSONS

EXCESSIVE ABSENCES AND UNPREPAREDNESS UNFAIRLY HURT THE ENTIRE GROUP! Students who fail to attend on a regular basis will be considered for removal from the program. No make-up lessons are given for any missed group classes. No refunds are given for missed lessons.

WITHDRAWALS

Students enrolled in the A.M.P.'D program must commit to the entire length of the program and may not withdraw without paying the full price for the entire duration of the program (Sept – May). If a student withdraws before January and a replacement member can be found for that student, the withdrawing student will be released from his tuition obligation once the replacement student has been enrolled into the program. If a student withdraws, or is removed, from the program between January and May his account will continue to be billed monthly until the entire amount of the tuition for the remaining school year has been paid in full. Any Student who withdraws from the A.M.P.'d program in the months of April or May or who fails to perform in the Student Fest or Winter Expo for any reason other than extreme illness or qualifying injury (doctor's note required) will be assessed a fine equal to 3 months of AMP'D tuition.

STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BE AWARE OF DATES AND EVENTS

It is the parent's and adult student's responsibility to be aware of all performance and rehearsal dates for the A.M.P.'D program as well as dates that the school is opened and closed. The school will post notices on the school premises, send notices home with students, list activities on the website and in school newsletters, and make announcements in class as to all important dates and events. The parents and adult students are solely responsible for reviewing the material and keeping the school office informed of current address and contact information.

PERFORMANCE FEES

All performances require a small additional fee from each participating student in order to help cover the cost of the event. Example: Most events require a professional sound engineer. If each participating student pays \$25 for the event, we can hire one of the areas premier sound companies and insure that each band will sound the best that they possibly can. (Note: it is our goal to keep all performance costs to a minimum. In the past many of our events have been put on at no charge to the students, however we have learned that paying for a good sound man is well worth the modest cost incurred!). There is always a cost for participation in the annual Student Fest to help secure the facility, provide food for the event, cover advertising costs, and supply the thousands of dollars worth of prizes that we give away. The cost for participation in the Student Fest is \$45. Student accounts will be billed for both the Winter Expo and Student Fest performance fees in January of 2014.

LESSON MATERIAL

The majority of lesson material is written and transcribed by Scott Graves and is part of a continuing copyright. All lesson material issued to students is the property of Scott Graves and is intended only for private use by those to whom it is issued. Any unauthorized reproduction or distribution of any lesson material in any form either written, video taped, audio taped, photocopied, digitally copied, or any other form of reproduction is a violation of federal law. It will also subject the student to having his/her lessons terminated.

PHOTO RELEASE

The school is hereby granted permission to take photographs of the students to use in brochures, websites, posters, advertisements and other promotional materials the school creates. Permission is also hereby granted for the school to copyright such photographs in its name.

By signing below, students and parents are agreeing to abide by the rules set forth in the above stated policy for participation in the A.M.P.'D performance group program.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Congratulations! You have been admitted into the most exciting music performance program available!

Signature of A.M.P.'D representative

2013 / 2014 Teaching Year

A.M.P.'D Teacher's Alliance 6233 S. Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84121 (801) 272-7917

Important AMP'D Dates to Remember:

November 28 -29 School Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.

December 21 - January 1st School Closed for Winter Break.

The School may be closed an additional one or two days after January first pending confirmation of the finalized school calendar for 2014.

Saturday, February 1st, 2014.

Winter Expo at Pat's Barbeque.

All bands will be invited to play. Plan for a 30 - 45 minute set. In the past the bands have started at Noon and run through 9:00 PM. Your band is only obligated to be there for your set, but you must arrive 60 minutes before you are scheduled to play. You are invited to stay for the whole day! Come hungry and bring lots of friends 'cause Pat's Barbeque is some of the best food in town.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, May 15, 16, 17, 2014

Student Fest 2014.

Student Fest is traditionally held the weekend before Memorial Day Weekend in May. If these dates change due to unforeseen circumstances, you will be notified many months in advance. All AMP'D Band members are required to attend a two hour dress rehearsal on the Thursday evening before Student Fest and play at Student Fest on Friday and Saturday evenings. **No weekly AMP'D Band rehearsals will be held the week of Student Fest.**