SMITH WALBRIDGE CLINICS
P.O. Box 859 | Mahomet, IL 61853
217-687-2005 | Fax: 866-401-4406 | swclinics@swclinics.com | www.swclinics.com

Welcome, from the Owners of SWC!

Dear Participants and Parents,

We wish to warmly welcome you to our camp, Smith Walbridge Clinics.

This is the 78th year of the camp's operation, growing from its humble beginnings in 1949 as a small twirling baton camp with its own grounds, to servicing hundreds of students from across the country in all marching band and leadership disciplines. It is the first and longest running camp of its kind in the United States. This year, you will become a part of its legacy.

Smith Walbridge Clinics is an extraordinary place, made special by its staff, instructors, philosophy, and teaching. We are both former participants, then staff members, administrators, and now owners. The camp has been a very special part of our lives for many years. You can trust that you have chosen a safe, professional, fun, and transformative place for you/your child to learn and grow their musical, performance, and leadership skills. The camp experience at SWC is often imitated but never matched.

We are both personally involved with every aspect of the camp's operation, planning, staffing, and curriculum. Please know that all decisions made at the clinic consider you/your child's safety and well-being as paramount. You are always welcome to contact us with any concerns you may have.

Please take the time to review this carefully detailed and descriptive packet. We are so excited for you or your child to join us for a one-of-a-kind camp experience and life-long memory this July!

With Warm Regards,

Barry L. Houser and Abigail L. Houser
Owners and Directors
Smith Walbridge Clinics, INC

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2026 All-Clinics Information Packet

Contact Information:

Smith Walbridge Office:
Smith Walbridge Clinics
P.O. Box 859
Mahomet, IL 61853

Office: 217-687-2005
Fax: 866-401-4406
E-mail: swclinics@swclinics.com

24-hour emergency contact line:

217-687-2005
After hours, this line automatically forwards to an administrator cell phone if you need to reach someone at any time during the clinic.

Clinic Site:
Eastern Illinois University
Taylor Hall
2121 4th St
Charleston, IL 61920

Sending mail to participants at EIU is discouraged since it often arrives after the sessions are over and must go through central receiving.

SW is not responsible for mail sent to students.

O'Brien Field Ceremonies:
O'Brien Field
75-87 W. Grant Ave
Charleston, IL 61920

See "Closing Ceremonies and Check Out Times" in following pages for clinics which have a ceremony, and its location. Map in packet also follows.

Payments and Refunds:

After submitting your/your child's registration, a receipt will be e-mailed to you at the address you used to set up the account/registration.

Each time additional payments are processed, a new receipt is sent. Check it closely for accuracy. Refunds are made up to the deposit amount for cancellations.

TO MAKE ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS:

1. **Checks** (preferred): Include participant name and clinic(s) attending. Send to: Smith Walbridge Clinics, P.O. Box 859, Mahomet IL 61853. Payable to: Smith Walbridge Clinics.
2. **School Purchase Order**: Only the school, band director, or booster organization can request a purchase order. The organization can mail or email either a school P.O. form, OR a detailed email with all necessary information. SWC will remit an invoice for payment upon receipt. Purchase orders can be sent to: Smith Walbridge Clinics, P.O. Box 859, Mahomet IL 61853, OR emailed to: swclinics@swclinics.com, OR faxed to: 866-401-4406
3. **Credit Cards**: Can be processed by logging back in to your account (see "Manage your online account," in emailed receipt, or locate at https://campsself.active.com/smithwalbridgeclinicsinc at any time).

All balances must be paid in full in order for the participant to check-in to the clinic. Final payments may be made AT the clinic check-in, or before by the methods above.

What to Bring:

All Participants:

- ☑ Casual/sport wear clothing for everyday
- ☑ Gym shoes (2 pair), socks
- ☑ Alarm clock
- ☑ Swimsuit (optional, for swim night)
- ☑ Laundry bag
- ☑ 1 white/light t-shirt (can have writing), 1 dark shorts for pics and ceremony (not directors)
- ☑ Snacks (optional)
- ☑ Sun wear: hat, sunglasses, SPF 30+ sunscreen
- ☑ **Bedding** (sheets, blanket, pillow) for twin XL, OR sleeping bag and sheet
- ☑ Cell phone (optional)
- ☑ Toiletry items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush)
- ☑ **Towel, washcloth, shower flip flops/sandals**
- ☑ Extra towel for swimming
- ☑ Spending money: t-shirts, souvenirs, clinic store items, vending machines, evening pizza orders
- ☑ Health form, signed by parent if under 18 (do not mail)
- ☑ Pencils
- ☑ Backpack or drawstring bag for day use
- ☑ Hand sanitizer
- ☑ Bug Spray
- ☑ Rain Poncho/umbrella
- ☑ Charging cables/items, headphones
- ☑ Items for specific camp, listed below

Drum Major Clinics:

- ☑ Baton/mace/whistles/lanyards (all optional, bring what your school uses). All on sale and at Clinic Store as well.
- ☑ Your school's show music scores (for score study, if director provided them)
- ☑ Items for skit/talent night if you wish to audition and participate.
- ☑ One set of "nice clothing" for the skit/talent final night of the clinic (completely optional)

Section Leader Clinic:

- ☑ Instrument, mouthpiece, case
- ☑ Extra Reeds, Oil
- ☑ Neckstrap (saxophones)
- ☑ **Lyre, flip folder**, rubber bands
- ☑ Sticks, mallets, drum stand (percussion)
- ☑ Items for skit/talent night if you wish to audition and participate.
- ☑ One set of "nice clothing" for the skit/talent final night of the clinic (completely optional)

Drumline & Front Ensemble Clinic:

- ☑ Drummers: Instrument, sticks. Front Ensemble: Mallets, mallet bag (keyboards provided).
- ☑ Drummers: **Drum stand**, drum carrier, case
- ☑ Ear plugs/protection
- ☑ Part placement video recorded and sent before July 1st (see last page of packet)
- ☑ Items for skit/talent night if you wish to audition and participate.
- ☑ One set of "nice clothing" for the skit/talent final night of the clinic (completely optional)

Color Guard Clinic:

- ☑ Rifle and/or Flag (with silk!) or Air Blade (whichever you plan to use as your primary equipment, and anything you may dabble in as an elective!)
- ☑ Saber (optional)- all on sale in the Clinic Store as well
- ☑ Items for skit/talent night if you wish to audition and participate.
- ☑ One set of "nice clothing" for the skit/talent final night of the clinic (completely optional)

Student Conductor Clinic:

- ☑ Your concert OR marching instrument and accessories (for playing in lab ensemble- indoors only)
- ☑ Baton (if desired-optional)
- ☑ Your school's show music scores (for score study, if director provided them)

Drill Design Clinic (basic and advanced levels:)

- ☑ OPTIONAL: Music, scores, previous drill written (for evaluation and assistance)
- ☑ OPTIONAL: Your own laptop (instructions will be emailed for a trial period of PYWARE for download and use)

Check-In and Start Times (Central Time Zone):

Clinic	Start Date	Check-In Window	Location	Classes Begin
Color Guard Clinic	7/07	9:00am-1:30pm	Taylor Hall	2:00pm
Section Leader Clinic	7/07	9:00am-1:30pm	Taylor Hall	2:00pm
Drumline & Front Ensemble Clinic	7/07	9:00am-1:30pm	Taylor Hall	2:00pm
Directors Clinic	-	-	-	-
Student Conductor Clinic	7/10	12:00pm-1:30pm	Taylor Hall	2:00pm
Drill Design Clinic	7/10	12:00pm-1:30pm	Taylor Hall	2:00pm
Drum Major Clinic, Session I	7/12	9:00am-1:30pm	Taylor Hall	2:00pm
Mace & Signal Baton Clinic	7/17	12:00pm-1:30pm	Taylor Hall	2:00pm
Drum Major Clinic, Session II	7/19	9:00am-1:30pm	Taylor Hall	2:00pm

Payment in full is due at check-in.
Late arrivals report to Taylor Hall front desk to check-in.

Closing Ceremony and Check-Out Times (Central Time Zone):

Clinic	End Date	Ceremony Time	Location	Checkout
Color Guard Clinic	7/10	10:30am-Noon	O'Brien Field	Follows ceremony
Section Leader Clinic	7/10	10:30am-Noon	O'Brien Field	Follows ceremony
Drumline & Front Ensemble Clinic	7/10	10:30am-Noon	O'Brien Field	Follows ceremony
Directors Clinic	-	-	-	12:00pm
Student Conductor Clinic	7/12	11:00pm-Noon	Taylor Hall	Follows ceremony
Drill Design Clinic	7/12	No ceremony	-	12:00pm
Drum Major Clinic, Session I	7/17	10:30am-Noon	O'Brien Field	Follows ceremony
Mace & Signal Baton Clinic	7/19	11:00pm-Noon	Taylor Hall	Follows ceremony
Drum Major Clinic, Session II	7/24	10:30am-Noon	O'Brien Field	Follows ceremony

In case of rain, ceremonies will be moved to Lantz Field House, directly east of O'Brien field. See map.

Meals Included in Fees:

1st meal: Dinner on the first day of clinic. – ***through*** – Last meal: Breakfast on the last day of clinic

For early arrivals/late departures, meals can be purchased in the adjoining cafeteria with card only. Cost is $8-12 per meal.

See "Meals and Dietary Needs" in Safety & Security Procedures for more information below.

Photography:

Photography is done by our in-house team. Group shots and candids will be made digitally available to participants as a part of their clinic experience. Look for info/access emailed after the conclusion of the clinic.

Currently, no professional DVD is taken of the closing ceremony, however, we do post closing ceremony recordings on our YouTube channel, as copyright allows.

For pictures and updates throughout the week, find us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube! Search "Smith Walbridge Clinics"

Public Transportation Guide:

Champaign, IL **Illinois Public Transportation Terminal** **is the closest main transport hub to the clinics:**
45 E. University Ave, Champaign, IL (1 hour from clinic)

Train: Amtrak. Call 1-800-USA RAIL or visit www.amtrak.com.
Champaign, IL only
Services Illinois Public Transportation Terminal.

Bus: Greyhound. 1-800-231-2222.
Services Illinois Public Transportation Terminal.
Burlington Bus Company. 1-800-992-4618.
Services Illinois Public Transportation Terminal.

Plane: American Airlines services Willard Airport (CMI) in Champaign. Bring extra cash for possible baggage fees. For those traveling by air, it is strongly suggested that you bring some essential items to last for a day on the plane in the event your luggage does not arrive. Investigate cheaper fares through Chicago, IL or Bloomington, IL and combine with Peoria Charter shuttles (see below). If possible, schedule departures after 3:00 pm on the final day.

Shuttle: Peoria Charter Shuttle Services: Round/one-way trip shuttle services are available between the Bloomington (IL) and Chicago Midway, O'Hare Airports and the Champaign Public Transportation Terminal. Bookings should be made at least one week in advance of travel. Call (800) 448-0572 for possible discount coupons then go to www.peoriacharter.com to book online. The Smith Walbridge staff will provide transportation from the Champaign Public Transportation Terminal to SW Clinics.

When traveling, please take this phone number. Keep with you and notify us if your arrival times changes:
Office: 217-687-2005

SW complimentary shuttle assistance
As a favor, SW will transport participants to and from the Champaign IL Transportation Terminal or airport for those traveling using public transportation (air, train, bus). A SW staff member in a SW shirt and a sign will meet participants at their designated location. **SW Clinics IS NOT a licensed chauffeur service.** Use of our transportation assistance is free, if desired, to help minimize travel expenses costs and is at the risk of the participant. SW Clinics is not responsible for delays or cancellations that may occur while traveling. SW will not be responsible for traveler's expenses resulting from cancellations, hotels, meals, or bag fees. SW WILL ONLY pick up in Champaign.

Those needing this assistance are required to complete and send the "Public Transportation Form."

Mail/fax/e-mail it to us not less than 5 days in advance.

The waiver must be signed.

Extra nights
To accommodate long-range travel plans, additional nights in the dorms can be requested at **$30 per night,** per participant, not including extra meal costs. **Additional nights are not available for July 24th or later**, as the dorms will be closed. Extra night arrangements can be made after participant registration is complete, by contacting our clinic office at 217-687-2005.

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Transportation Request Form

Form must be submitted at least 5 days in advance of travel date!
(only if transport/ shuttle assistance is needed)

Send to:
SW Clinics, PO Box 859, Mahomet, IL 61853,
Or fax: 866-401-4406 or email (preferred): swclinics@swclinics.com

Arrival/Departure Information:

Name:_____ School: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone during travel: _____

Check all clinics attending:

____ Drumline & Front Ensemble	____ Directors Clinic	____ Drum Major Session I
____ Color Guard	____ Drill Design	____ Mace/Signal Baton
____ Section Leader	____ Student Conductor	____ Drum Major Session II

Provide complete <u>arrival</u> information below:

__ Amtrak Train-Champaign Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____ am / pm, Train #: _____

__ Willard Airport-Champaign Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____ am / pm, Flight #: _____

__ Greyhound Bus-Champaign Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____ am / pm, Bus #: _____

__ Burlington Trailways-Champaign Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____ am / pm, Bus #: _____

__ Peoria Charter-Champaign Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____ am / pm

__ Do not need shuttle for arrival

Provide complete <u>departure</u> information below.

__ Amtrak Train-Champaign Departure Date: _____ Time: _____ am / pm, Train #: _____

__ Willard Airport-Champaign Departure Date: _____ Time: _____ am / pm, Flight #: _____

__ Greyhound Bus-Champaign Departure Date: _____ Time: _____ am / pm, Bus #: _____

__ Burlington Trailways-Champaign Departure Date: _____ Time: _____ am / pm, Bus #: _____

__ Peoria Charter-Champaign Departure Date: _____ Time: _____ am / pm

__ Do not need shuttle for departure

Permission and Release (required if participant is under 18 years old):

I, _____ (parent/guardian), wish for a marked, identifyable representative from Smith

Walbridge Clinics to transport/shuttle my child, _____, to/from the Illinois Transportation Terminal or Willard Airport to/from the Smith Walbridge Clinic site at Eastern Illinois University. I understand that this is a favor, and that Smith Walbridge Clinics is **NOT** a licensed chauffer service. I understand that the use of our transportation assistance is free to help minimize travel expenses costs and is at the risk of the participant. I understand that Smith Walbridge Clinics is not responsible for delays or cancellations that may occur while traveling, but will adjust shuttle pick-up time to meet an early or delayed participant. I understand that my child will spend a period of time in the transportation terminal/airport unsupervised, as SW only drops off/picks up. I understand that Smith Walbridge Clinics will not be responsible for traveler's expenses resulting from cancellations, hotels, meals, or bag fees.

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____ Date: _____

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HEALTH FORM (REQUIRED)

To be completed by a parent/guardian, or by yourself if over 18 years old.

BRING TO CLINIC – DO NOT MAIL IN!

First & Last Name of Participant_____ Dates attending _____

Date of Birth _____ Cell phone # (optional) _____

_____

Home address City State Zip Code

Parent/Guardian Contact #1 _____ Home #_____ Work # _____

Parent/Guardian Contact #2 _____ Home #_____ Work # _____

Insurance Provider _____ Policy/Group # _____

Name of person carrying policy _____

Employer providing insurance _____

Does your insurance cover office calls? Y N Doctor's Name _____ Doctor's Phone # _____

HAVE HAD OR ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING (use back if you wish to note/explain more):

_____ Headaches	_____ Polio	_____ Mumps	_____ Lung Trouble
_____ Abdominal Pain	_____ Typhoid Fever	_____ Chicken Pox	_____ Hernia
_____ Fainting	_____ Pneumonia	_____ Asthma	_____ Ear or Sinus Problems
_____ Tonsillitis	_____ Heart Problems	_____ Diphtheria	_____ **Other, please explain below**
_____ Cramps	_____ Epilepsy	_____ Diabetes	_____
_____ Sleep Walking	_____ Measles	_____ COVID-19	_____

_____ Seasonal allergies (please list): _____

_____ Food allergies (please list): _____

Are you allergic to any medication? _____ (please list): _____

Date of last tetanus shot: _____ Vaccinated for COVID-19? _____ If yes, date: _____

Under any special medical care in the past year? _____ If yes, please explain _____

Is there any reason why your camper should not participate in the clinics? _____

Has participant been **exposed** to any contagious disease(s) within the last 30 days? _____ If yes, what? _____

Participant currently taking medication? _____ If yes, please list (with dosage): _____

_____

Any special instructions? _____

The undersigned parent/guardian assumes responsibility for the participant while attending the clinic(s) or camp (s) with the understanding that the undersigned, and/or emergency contacts will be notified immediately should anything unforeseen happen to the participant. In the event of an emergency, if Smith Walbridge is unable to or have sufficient time to contact (or locate) the undersigned, then Smith Walbridge may take temporary measures as it deems appropriate for the well-being of the participant, including medical, hospital, or ambulance services. The undersigned, or the medical insurance company of the undersigned, agrees to pay all medical expenses incurred by the participant attending the Smith Walbridge Clinic(s) or camp(s).

Parent/Guardian Signature_____ Date _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name _____

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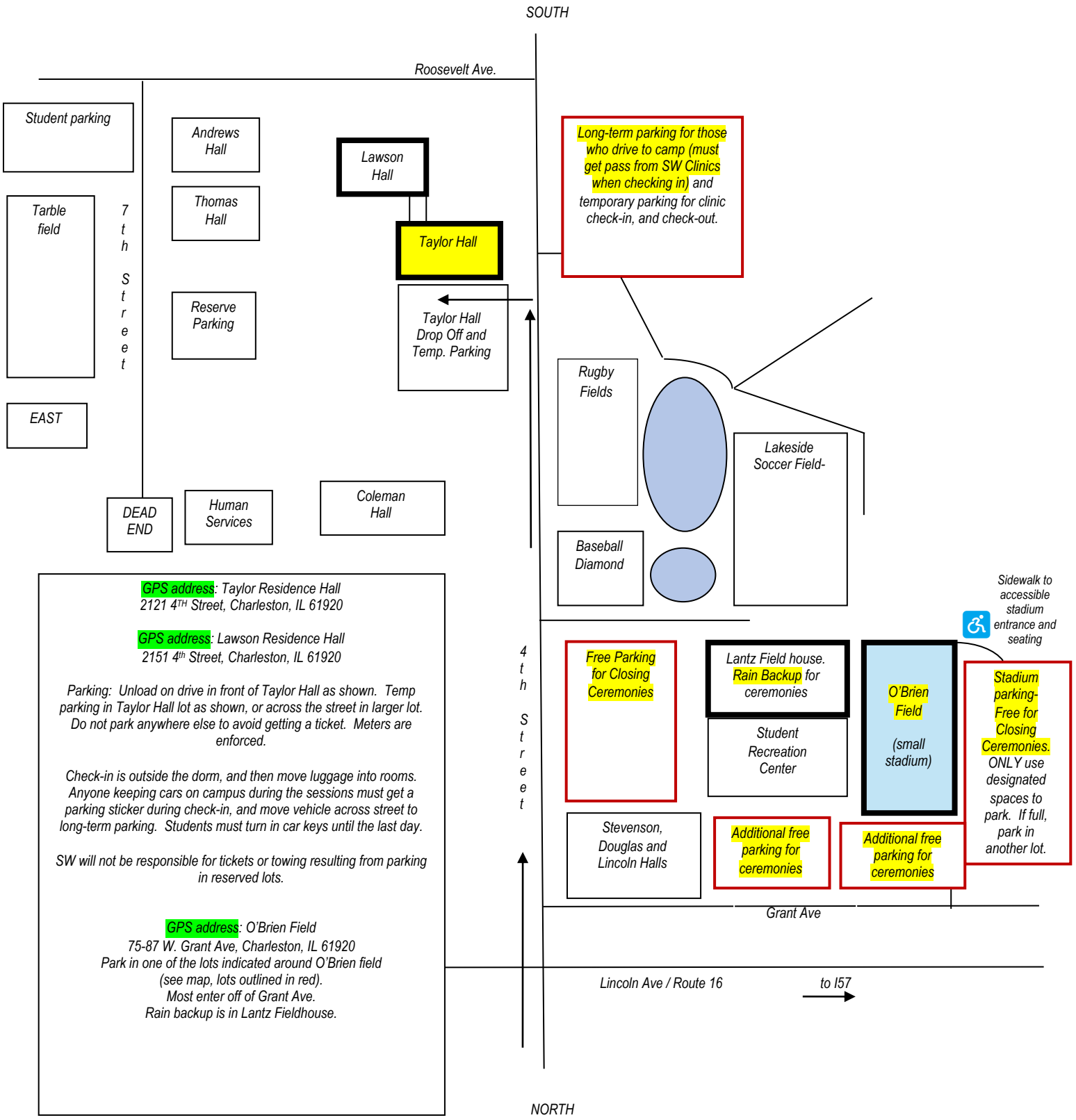
DIRECTIONS TO TAYLOR HALL AND O'BRIEN FIELD



GPS address: Taylor Residence Hall
2121 4TH Street, Charleston, IL 61920

GPS address: Lawson Residence Hall
2151 4th Street, Charleston, IL 61920

Parking: Unload on drive in front of Taylor Hall as shown. Temp parking in Taylor Hall lot as shown, or across the street in larger lot. Do not park anywhere else to avoid getting a ticket. Meters are enforced.

Check-in is outside the dorm, and then move luggage into rooms. Anyone keeping cars on campus during the sessions must get a parking sticker during check-in, and move vehicle across street to long-term parking. Students must turn in car keys until the last day.

SW will not be responsible for tickets or towing resulting from parking in reserved lots.

GPS address: O'Brien Field
75-87 W. Grant Ave, Charleston, IL 61920
Park in one of the lots indicated around O'Brien field (see map, lots outlined in red).
Most enter off of Grant Ave.
Rain backup is in Lantz Fieldhouse.

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Smith Walbridge always considers the safety and security of participants and staff a TOP priority. Protocols are reviewed each season, overseen by on-site, acting administrators, and taught to all staff for additional support and enforcement. This document is a resource itemizing the policies and procedures which apply to the operation of all activities.

Safety

Health Form and Medical Needs

SW requires a health form to be submitted for each clinic participant. This information is kept on file and is available for use by administrative staff if a health situation arises. It contains insurance information, emergency contacts, special health needs, and pertinent medical issues, which would be helpful to a doctor, should it become necessary to seek medical assistance. If an emergency contact is not available and a situation is critical, SW takes the individual to the hospital. The health form and release signed by the parent/guardian (those under 18), and received at check-in, gives SW the authority to seek emergency medical treatment, and authorizes a qualified doctor to make emergency medical decisions. Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital has a 24-hour emergency room, and is approximately 6 miles away. Sarah Bush Lincoln can/will also transport to Carle Foundation Hospital in Champaign, IL for further treatment. ALL MEDICAL COSTS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INSURANCE COMPANY, OR THE RELATED PARENT/GUARDIAN. THIS INCLUDES AMBULANCE COST, SHOULD THE SITUATION BE CRITICAL. The health form, including insurance carrier AND policy number, should be BROUGHT TO CAMP. **DO NOT send in the health form in advance.**

First Aid and Staff Training

The two supervising administrative staff members are required to maintain current American Red Cross Certification for First Aid, CPR, and AED training to handle minor first aid situations. They call the parent, guardian, or emergency contact to assist with making medical decisions. These administrative staff members are available 24-hours per day and carry cell phones. They are all over 21 years of age, one is male and one is female, and are involved in the field of education. Additionally, there is a first aid room in the residence hall in which participants can obtain ice packs, medications, or assistance. SWC owns an AED (Defibrillator) kept on-site with students in case of a life-threatening emergency. Refrigeration of medications is also available. Instructors carry first aid medical packs during outdoor classes for minor situations (insect bites, blisters, scrapes) as well as cell phones to call for further medical assistance from the indoor first aid location.

Sun and Heat Exposure

Most all of the outdoor classes are held in the morning, late afternoon, and/or evening. Afternoon classes occur indoors, or in heavily shaded areas. Participants are encouraged to wear hats, light colored clothing, and sunscreen. Instructors are trained to watch carefully for signs of overexposure to the sun. Students are encouraged to move out of the sun at early sign of sunburn or heat related issues. Water is constantly available to students in large water coolers at every outdoor location, and we encourage them to get water as often as needed. A clinic water bottle is provided to each participant upon arrival.

Meals and Dietary Needs

The food selection is diverse and nutritious with various choices for the main course. Every meal includes fruits, vegetables, salads, and various beverages. Students are encouraged not to skip meals. The food selection is extensive enough to satisfy the needs of vegetarians. Participants with special dietary needs should inform us at least one week in advance of the clinic, if not already identified on their online registration. Dining services will issue the participant a menu and separately prepared meals depending on needs/allergy/restriction.

Medication

Participants taking prescription medication must bring this medication in the bottle/package with the prescription, doctor, and dosing listed. For participants under 18, the parent/guardian may decide if 1) the participant may keep the medication and self-medicate, or 2) the SW first aid staff should keep the medication and distribute to the student. Please bring only enough medication for the duration at the clinic. If refrigeration is required, please make this known to our staff before the clinic. SW will distribute, but not administer necessary medications (i.e. injections, creams, etc.) except by emergency necessity. All medications and needs will be reviewed by our staff, in-person, with the participant and/or parent, upon check-in to the clinic.

Parent Contact and Medical Releases

SW staff will contact the parent/guardian of any minor (and emergency contact if they cannot be reached) for informative purposes regarding any condition/incident/situation which is anything more than needing a Band-Aid. Even if the event has been resolved, or is not worrisome to the minor participant, SW staff will always inform the parent of any health concern regarding him/her. If needed, course of action will always be up to the parent of any minor. If a parent/guardian will be out of the country or leaving their minor child in the legal care of another person during camp, please consider writing a temporary guardianship letter to allow this person to act on your behalf with regard to medical decisions, discharge, etc.

Prohibited Items

Participants may not bring or posses items that are considered inappropriate or threatening to a one's health or safety and include (but are not limited to) weapons, implements for purposeful cutting, drugs, alcohol, and objectionable images carried in print or on digital devices. To protect participants from themselves, or others, designated camp administrators may conduct an informed and witnessed search of personal effects if there is good reason to believe that prohibited items exist. Parents are always notified. SW will never conduct any personal search. Proper authorities will be involved for any and all instances of illegal activity or suspicion thereof.

Supervision

Evening Activities

Evening activities are optional and vary with the specific camp attending. They include a dance night with a local DJ, swimming at the University or Rotary Park pool, bowling at the University Union, and a talent/skit night (attendance required, participation optional). **Those wishing to participate in the skit/talent night should bring instruments, props, costumes, etc. as needed** for their performance. A piano and microphone will be available. All activities are supervised, students are escorted to locations by staff, and all appropriate lifeguards are mandated by the operating license of the pool.

Class and Free Time

During breaks, meals, and evening activities, students must remain in the immediate area commons of the residence hall and are supervised by our staff. This includes transportation to various locations on campus, and all evening events. During classes, students are supervised by their instructors and the head clinician. Attendance is taken at all classes (except for specialty classes, which rotate) and all classes are required unless excused by a staff member for health reasons. Water and restrooms are located close to all class areas.

Interns (counselors)

There are interns assigned to each floor of the residence hall. They are on duty 24 hours per day on their floor in the evening and all night. They supervise students during all free time including breaks, meal times, and evening activities. They perform bed checks in the evening and make sure all participants are awake and have departed for breakfast and classes in the morning. The interns are a very select group carefully chosen by SW administrators. They are all over 18 years old, college students, and undergo training prior to the camp. They are all background-checked. Two interns are assigned to each floor in each tower.

Guests/Early departures

Participants may not have guests outside Smith Walbridge Clinics on the premises, except for check-in/ check-out. Only those registered for the clinic may be on its grounds. Participants 18 and under are not allowed to leave the campus area unless accompanied by a verified parent/ guardian, or have been approved to leave by the legal parent/ guardian by a signed and approved note (contact SWC to obtain this release). Any early departures from the clinic must be accompanied by a parent/guardian, or parent/guardian approved adult in a signed note, submitted in advance. Early departures must check out and sign out with our administrative staff.

Non-Participants, Sponsors, and Band Directors

With the SW intern procedures, it is not necessary for groups to be supervised by sponsors or chaperones during the clinic. **Sponsors, band directors, or any other non-parent/guardian, who may be taking one of our adult Directors or Drill Clinics concurrently, may NOT take ANY minor child, even if they are "their students" from the supervision of SWC at any time during the clinic, once those students have checked in. ONLY a parent/guardian or appropriately authorized (by SWC release form) adult may leave the residence hall/camp facilities with a minor under 18 years old during the clinic session.**

Housing Arrangements

Attendees will have a same-gendered roommate from the same school, OR from the same clinic and approximately the same age. Bathrooms are communal, per floor, with privacy doors and curtains. Male and female participants are housed in separate floors within the residence hall. Male participants are not allowed on the female floors and females are not allowed on the male floors. Transgendered participants are housed in the facilities consistent with their expressed gender. Non-binary participants may choose their accommodation, or request a housing accommodation. We do reserve housing options for specific cases concerning gender, and those participants may contact us if accommodation is needed. Adult participants (college students) are housed on a separate floor from the high school students, as is all staff. Directors and Drill Clinic participants (adults) are housed in a separate building/facility, away from minor student participants.

Each participant is issued two keys- one to the security door for their floor, and one key for their room. Rooms should be kept locked when unoccupied. In addition to floor doors which are always locked, the residence hall's outer doors lock from 11pm-6am. Smith Walbridge is not responsible for lost or stolen items, as we have provided appropriate security for use. Keys are issued at check-in, and are collected at check-out. **Lost keys will incur a $60 "re-core" fee.**

Inclement Weather

Smith Walbridge takes inclement weather very seriously. Students in outdoor classes are moved to back-up indoor locations during rain. In the event of lightening within a 6 mile radius of the clinic, students are moved indoors, and must wait 30 minutes to return outdoors after the last strike. SW works closely with athletic supervisors at Eastern Illinois University to assure weather safety. Multiple indoor facilities are secured to allow students to continue in classes.

Cell Phones

Participants in all clinics may keep their cell phones on them at all times, should they choose, and may use them throughout the day as they see necessary. The residence areas have free Wi-Fi. SW is not responsible for cell phone safety, use, or charges. Participants may **NOT operate their cell phone in any way in any restroom or shower areas.**

Car Keys / Participants Driving to the Clinic

Participants driving themselves to the clinics are able to park on campus at no additional charge. These participants will check-in and be issued a parking pass for the week noting their name, vehicle make/model and license plate. After unloading, participants will move their vehicle to a large, visible, lighted, adjoining lot for the duration of camp. Upon locking their vehicle, *participants age 18 and younger (high school participants) will check their keys with our administrative supervisor*. Keys are tagged and kept in a lock box in the supervisor's locked office. This is to protect both the vehicle owner and other camp participants. Keys can be retrieved at check out, using a state-issued ID or clinic-issued name tag. If a participant or parent has issue with keys being surrendered for the camp dates, please arrange for a drop-off/pick-up scenario, or an alternate transportation arrangement.

Health Mitigations and Protocols

As the safety and health of all at Smith Walbridge Clinics is paramount, the following precautions have been implemented for the season. ***This list is subject to change as events and policies unfold****, at the State Health Department, EIU, and elsewhere. Most current health mitigations and protocols can be found at www.swclinics.com.*

Tests or Vaccinations:
No proof of vaccination or negative tests of any type will be required for entry to the clinics. We highly recommend, but will not require, all eligible participants to be vaccinated for all vaccines they are eligible for, including flu and Covid-19. SWC also highly recommends, but will not require, each participant to take an at-home (or other) Covid-19 antigen or PCR test immediately prior to their arrival at the clinic.

Masks
Any participant may choose to mask, if they wish, and will supply their own masks. Extra masks will be available for a small charge in the clinic store. Participants must agree to remove their mask, if asked by staff, momentarily to confirm identity if necessary.

Housing
Participants will have a roommate. Students of the same sex and of the same school are roomed together, unless requested otherwise. Other students have a roommate from the same clinic, and of the same approximate age. Students may not enter the rooms of others on their floor. They are welcome to meet in common areas within the residence hall and on the surrounding lawn/quad. Bathrooms are communal. Surfaces in bathrooms are cleaned each day using a disinfectant spray. Every other day, bathrooms are completely scrubbed down. Air filtration systems exist on every floor, each with recommended filters. All rooms are opened, cleaned, and sanitized before participant entry. In almost every instance, the room has been vacant a minimum of 48 hours before occupied by an incoming participant.

Bedding
Participants will bring in and then pack out their own bedding. Please bring appropriate storage (bags) to cover and depart with all sheets/blankets/pillows/sleeping bags. This minimizes our staff contact with participant used bedding and eliminates dirty bedding mass collection at the conclusion of the clinic. All beds are twin XL size mattresses.

Lobby
Hand sanitizing stations and wipes are available in the lobby near all doors and in the lower level. Participants are encouraged to wash hands before meals, and move their activity during free periods outside to the lawn area.

Check-In
Clinic check-in will be outdoors, weather permitting. Parents may accompany their child at the check-in. A health prescreening will be completed, as well as a temperature check if determined necessary. **Parents will not be allowed into the residence hall or onto any student floor.** Hugs and goodbyes, or time spent chatting before the clinic is welcome outdoors in the lawn area. We ask that you please not ask to be an exception to this rule. Any assistance needed will be provided by the participant's floor intern. Parents should attend the virtual parent meeting, or watch its recording, to be familiarized with residence hall layouts, bathrooms, and dining areas, if they wish.

Dining
Clinics eat in shifts to avoid lines and crowds. Meals are dine-in, in the attached cafeteria. Students are not to share food or drink, and dispose of their dishes on a belt that delivers to the cafeteria wash room. Cafeteria staff routinely wipe tables down as students clear them.

Other Camps/Conferences
Other camps and conferences do run concurrently with Smith Walbridge Clinics. They do NOT use the same residence hall facilities, but they DO utilize the same cafeteria services. Dining times with these groups are staggered.

First Aid
Participants with injury-related needs who visit the first aid station are separated by wall-type dividers. The staff in first aid wear additional PPE when necessary for close contact, depending on the injury. Participants are asked to participate in their own first aid care as much as possible to avoid close contact (i.e. apply own band-aid, etc.).

Sickness
Participants feeling ill will be monitored by our staff but will be asked to quarantine in their room. Temperature and symptoms will be monitored. For any illness that is not fleeting (temporary headache, allergy, etc.), the participant will remain quarantined, and the parent will be called to pick up the participant (or dismiss in writing if they drove themselves). SW will share any and all symptoms and recorded information with the parent, as requested. Any roommate of a participant who becomes ill will be issued a new room.

Procedural Modification
SW may modify health related procedures at its clinics. SW works closely with EIU, the Coles County Health Department, and the Illinois Department of Public Health to ensure best practices are being implemented and followed for the safety of all participants, staff, and the larger surrounding communities. Attendance at SW Clinics means that you accept the current and updated health related restrictions and procedures. SW reserves the right to dismiss any participant who cannot abide by these guidelines and subsequent modifications or refuses to do so.

SWC Drumline/Front Ensemble Part Placement Video

READ DIRECTIONS FIRST:

For all participants in the **Drumline and Front Ensemble Clinic only**: bass, snare, tenor, and mallet/keyboard players.

Perform the lines below. Playing on a concert snare or pad is perfectly acceptable for bass, snare, tenor players. Any keyboard instrument is acceptable for mallet players. **Video yourself so only the instrument, your hands, and upper body/head are in the frame (fill the frame). Start by telling us your name and instrument you will be playing at camp.**

To submit to SWC:

1. Save your file as "YourLastName.YourFirstName.2026"
2. Upload to a cloud service (like google drive) and share the link (**settings must be: "anyone with the link"** can view), OR upload to YouTube as unlisted, and send us the link (this is our preferred method preferred).
3. Send links to swclinics@swclinics.com. We will confirm receipt.
4. Complete this no later than July 1, 2026.

Note: **EVERYONE will play the instrument they wish, and the one they are bringing to camp**. We DO however have scaled parts based on level and experience so that each musician is appropriately challenged and learning, without being bored or overwhelmed. Because of rising camp numbers, it is most effective to evaluate each student's level before their arrival. Saving this time allows us to have the best experience together. Do not stress too much about this submission.

Still have questions?
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