

# Information for Rehearsal Camp - February 16-18, 2024

**Sections** Brass, Conductor, Percussion

**Start Date** Friday, January 12, 2024  
**Start Times** Check-in is from 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
Camp starts at 7:00 P.M.  
OPTIONAL Parent Meeting 7:30 P.M.

**End Date** Sunday, January 14, 2024  
**Ending Time** Approximately 1:00 P.M.

**Fee** One-time fee of \$200 for audition camps, whether you attend one camp or more than one.

**Location**  
Eisenhower Middle School  
3525 Spring Creek Road  
Rockford, IL 61107



**Telephone Contact**  
If issues arise as you are traveling, please call or text  
**Phantom Regiment Office (815)261-1956.**  
Press 1 for Corps Membership queue.

**Camp Travel Form**  
Regardless of your method of travel, we ask that you complete the **February Camp Travel Form**, in UltraCamp, at your earliest convenience. This allows us time to adequately prepare for your arrival and departure shuttle.

**Driving**  
If you are driving, plan to arrive no earlier than 5 P.M. Central Standard Time. When you arrive, park in a parking stall, even if you are just dropping off a camper, to avoid interfering with shuttles, moving equipment, and school operations .

## Flying

Anyone flying must arrive at **Chicago O'Hare (ORD)**, then take the **Coach/Van Galder** bus to [Rockford, IL at 7559 Walton Street](#). Chicago O'Hare Airport (ORD) is the only airport option to access the bus to Rockford, IL.

We will pick you up from the Van Galder bus stop and transport you to the camp. The Phantom Regiment shuttle will run continuously starting at 4:30 P.M. Friday, until all are picked up. Camp check-in is 5 P.M. to 7 P.M.. The bus ride from O'Hare to Rockford will be approximately 1-1/2 hours. The shuttle from the Coach bus stop to Eisenhower Middle School is approximately 25 minutes.

**ARRIVAL ON FRIDAY:** Try to schedule a flight that lands by 12 P.M. on Friday.

**DEPARTURE ON SUNDAY:** Your flight home should depart from the airport after 6 P.M. on Sunday. We will shuttle you back to the same Van Galder bus stop and then you'll ride the bus back to O'Hare. Early flights will cause you to miss most of, if not the entire day.

### Instructions for after you land at O'Hare:

- Retrieve your checked luggage
- Go to the [Multi-Modal/Rental Car Facility](#) at 10255 W. Zemke Boulevard.
- Purchase ticket at the Van Galder desk to

**DESTINATION ZONE: 7559 Walton St- Van Galder Terminal - Rockford, IL.**

### Additional Information for Coach/Van Galder Bus

- It is recommended you download the Coach USA app for the easiest access to real-time updates. You may also access information on the website at [coachusa.com](http://coachusa.com).
- Tickets can be purchased online or through the app ahead of time.
- Be sure to purchase a round-trip ticket.
- Ticket prices are currently \$48.00 (as of 10/23), but are subject to change.

### Unaccompanied Minors

Coach/Van Galder has an unaccompanied minor policy. To avoid travel disruption, be sure to carry a signed permission slip onto the bus. The unaccompanied minor policy is as follows:

*Minors under age 17 are allowed to ride under the following conditions:*

- *The parent must be present to purchase the ticket*
- *Emergency contact information must be provided*
- *The name and phone number of the person meeting the child must be provided to the driver*
- *If no one is there to meet the child, the authorities will be contacted.*
- *Those who are 17 and older may be asked to provide identification. If no identification is available, the driver has the right to refuse transportation.*

*If you have any questions pertaining to Coach/Van Galder policies, contact them at (866)912-6224 or email [questions@coachUSA.com](mailto:questions@coachUSA.com).*



**Unaccompanied Minor Consent to Travel on Van Galder to  
Phantom Regiment Camp in Rockford, IL**  
(for 17 years and younger)

I. PARENT(S)  
I/We, \_\_\_\_\_ am/are  
the lawful custodial parent(s), or legal guardian(s) of:

II. MINOR  
Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

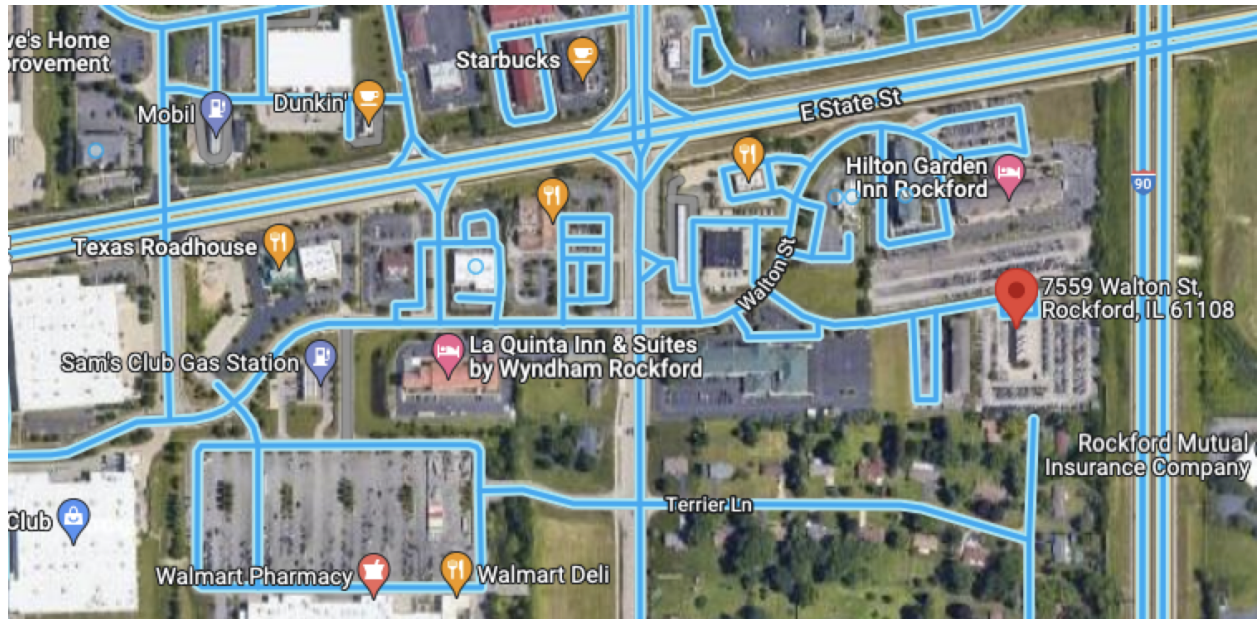
III. ITINERARY  
I/We authorize my/our child to board the Van Galder bus to travel to Rockford, IL to attend a rehearsal camp with Phantom Regiment. Furthermore, I/we authorize my/our child to be dropped off at the Van Galder terminal, whether traveling alone or accompanied by other campers.  
I/We authorize my/our child to travel during the period beginning  
\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, and ending on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.

IV. EMERGENCY CONTACT  
In the event of an emergency, contact  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

V. SIGNATURE(S)  
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Instructions to student:**  
***This form must be carried onto the bus while traveling on Van Galder to and from the camp. Do not leave this in your luggage, as the driver may request to see it.***

## Area around the Van Galder bus stop



The red pin is the Van Galder bus stop. It is located within a fair walking distance from retail and restaurants should you arrive early and need anything while you wait; however, in the winter, the area is not very pedestrian-friendly, so it is advisable to take care of those needs while in Chicago. In Rockford, there is a Walmart for general merchandise needs. Nearby restaurants include Steak & Shake, Burger King, Starbucks, Dunkin, McDonald's, Denny's, Texas Roadhouse, and Machine Shed.

## Accommodations

All camp attendees will stay at the school.

## What to Bring

**Items for bed:** air mattress, pillow, sleeping bag or bedding

**Item for shower:** towel, toiletries, shower shoes/flip flops

**Clothing:** loose fitting, cool clothing, active wear, tennis shoes, sweatshirt/coat for cold temperatures

**Misc:** Instrument, charger, water bottle, medications (if applicable).

## Meals

Eat dinner prior to arrival on Friday. A snack will be served late after rehearsal on Friday. All meals will be served Saturday, and breakfast served on Sunday. If you have food allergies, make sure they are listed on the 2024 Medical Form within 5 days prior to the start of camp.

## **Audition Shirt**

You will receive an audition shirt upon your arrival to the first camp you attend. If you attend more than one, please remember to pack your shirt. You will write your name on the front of your shirt. If you really want to keep this shirt clean, or if you lose your audition shirt, a plain white tee shirt with your name is acceptable as well.

## **The Phantom Regiment Experience**

You will get a glimpse of what it is like to be a member of the Phantom Regiment. If you are not invited back this year, just know that the experience is still invaluable to your future auditions, whether here, or with another corps.

## **Questions**

If after reading this packet, you still have questions, refer to the Facebook audition group specific to your section, or email [membership@regiment.org](mailto:membership@regiment.org).

## **For family members who may be staying in town:**

**There are many hotels to choose from, but here are some suggestions.**

- Closest to downtown attractions: Embassy Suites
- Closest to the interstate: There is a block of hotels on Rockford's east side at E. State Street off of Interstate 90, including Holiday Inn, Comfort Inn, Hilton Garden Inn, Radisson Hotel, Sleep Inn, and more. All are conveniently close to shopping centers, grocery stores, the movie theater, casino, and other local attractions.

Family members may sign up to volunteer at the camp, or enjoy the time off and explore our city.

To volunteer, submit a volunteer interest form here: <https://regiment.org/support/#>

For a list of activities in the Rockford area, visit <https://www.gorockford.com/phantom-regiment/>.