College of Fine Arts & Communication
LAMAR UNIVERSITY
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# Summer Band Camp

# *June 7-11, 2026*

## Camp Handbook

# First Day of Camp

## Opening Day Schedule

- **Noon - 3:00 p.m.** Check-in at **University Studio Theatre**
  - *All campers must arrive by 3:00pm*
- 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. Ensemble placement auditions in Music Building
- 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Parent Meeting (Q/A) in the University Theatre *(optional)*
- 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Dinner on your own
- **5:30 p.m.** All resident campers meet at Monroe Hall for walkover to the *University Theatre*
- 6:00 p.m. Meeting begins in the **University Theatre** with ALL campers
- 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal and Activities *(scheduled depending upon ensemble placement)*
- 9:30 p.m. Rehearsal/Activities end. Resident Campers return to Monroe Hall
- 11:00 p.m. Lights Out

## Check-in Procedures

Check-in for camp will take place from 12 noon to 3 p.m. in the **University Theatre Studio Theatre** *(see last two pages of this handbook for directions.)* You may arrive at any point between noon and 3 p.m. (you do not need to arrive by noon.) Every effort has been made to make this procedure as efficient as possible. Your patience during this time is greatly appreciated.

1. **Each student participant will move through the line to be checked-in by camp staff**. During this time, registration information will be checked for accuracy and the final payment will be collected, if applicable. Once completed, each student participant will receive a wrist band. This wrist band will serve as camp identification and must be worn at all times.

2. **After receiving a wrist band, please proceed to the appropriate room in the Music Building for ensemble auditions**. Audition room assignments will be posted, and camp staff will be available to provide directions and answer questions.

3. **After auditioning, residents should proceed to Monroe Hall for move-in**. Directions to Monroe Hall are located on the final two pages of this handbook. Each student participant will be issued a room key and a lanyard to help keep it safe and with the camper at all times. Any lost keys will result in a charge of $150, an amount that is set by University Housing and therefore is out of our control.

4. **Residents move their luggage into their assigned room in Monroe Hall**. Please inspect the condition of the room when moving in. If you notice any problems, please write it down and be sure that you give it to one of the counselors or camp coordinators at your earliest convenience. It is imperative that the room be in the same condition at the end of the camp, so please do not hang or post anything on the walls, ceilings, or doors.

5. After completing camp check-in, the ensemble placement audition, and the process of moving into Monroe Hall (for those staying on campus), student participants have free time for relaxation, socialization, and dinner.

   None of the on-campus dining establishments are open on Sunday. Therefore, you will need to take care of dinner on your own. There should be time available after move-in to go somewhere for a meal. Campers should either be at Monroe Hall by 5:30 or in the University Theatre by 6:00 p.m. for the first official meetings of the camp.

   If a camper is staying on campus and the parent(s) need to leave before dinner on Sunday, then they can bring a packed dinner.

6. **Attend the camp meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the University Theatre**. This meeting serves as the official start to the Lamar University Band Camp and will be followed by the first rehearsal (so, each student participant will need to bring their instrument.) Please be sure to review the audition results prior to attending this meeting; they will be posted in Monroe Hall and outside the University Theatre. This meeting is for **all** campers, including commuters. *(See page 8 for Sunday pick-up information for commuters.)*

## Ensemble Placement Auditions

There is no audition requirement to participate in the Lamar University Summer Band Camps: all student musicians are welcome! However, on the first day of camp, each student will perform an informal and relaxed chair-placement audition in order to assist with placement within the camp's four symphonic bands.

The excerpts used for these ensemble placement auditions is available online. Please visit http://www.lamar.edu/bandcamp and scroll down to the section labeled **BAND CAMP** "**Ensemble and Chair Placement Audition Excerpts**".

Our staff is aware that many campers may have never performed an audition. We work hard to make sure that each student feels comfortable throughout the experience and leaves the audition room feeling good about their performance.

## Parent Meeting

There will be an **optional** information meeting for parents from **3:00-3:30** in the **University Theatre**. Parents are invited to attend, particularly if they have any further questions concerning the camp.

## First Camp Meeting

The first camp meeting will be held in the **University Theatre** at 6:00 p.m. on check-in day. At this time, all camp staff and personnel will be introduced, and camp rules will be discussed. Parents are welcome to attend this meeting if they so choose.

Campers should bring all equipment necessary for rehearsals. After the meeting, campers will be sent to their rehearsal sites, and the first rehearsals will begin immediately.

# What to Bring To Camp

## Necessary Housing Items

For those staying on campus, please be advised that each suite in Monroe Hall is furnished with extra-long twin beds. Linens are **not** provided. Accordingly, campers should bring all bedding items including: **extra-long twin sheets, pillows, towels, and blankets or a sleeping bag**. **Toilet paper** and **shower curtains** are also **not** provided. Please plan accordingly. We also suggest that residents bring oil-based air freshener(s), Febreze, etc. Plugin air fresheners are acceptable and likely the most effective; however, candles are forbidden. And, of course, residents will need **all** toiletries, including hand/bath soap. We also suggest bringing a fan – the rooms have air conditioning, but it is often very hot in June and additional air circulation would probably be nice, especially at night.

Since there are no trashcans provided in the rooms, there will be trash bags provided by the camp.

*Note*: As of Summer 2025, refrigerators are no longer provided in the rooms. If you want a small refrigerator in the room for the week, you will need to bring one.

## Clothing *(Regular Camp Activities)*

**Clothing should be worn which is casual, comfortable, and in good taste**. Shoes should be worn at all times. *(Please note that there is significant walking throughout the duration of camp.)* Also, campers are advised to bring a hoodie just in case we have significant rain during the camp.

Those campers interested in the swimming pool evening activity on Monday night should bring a swimsuit/trunks, large towel and optionally pool footwear such as flip-flops, etc.

## Concert Attire *(Thursday evening)* [NEW AS OF 2025]

**Each student participant will also need to bring an outfit appropriate for the final concert**. This outfit should be **all black** and "classy".

> **Males**: The **shirt** should be all black; a collared shirt is preferred, but a nice pullover shirt or nice/new t-shirt is acceptable *(however, it must not have any artwork/writing/graphics on it whatsoever.)* When wearing a collared shirt, a tie is acceptable, but it's not required *(when wearing a tie, it must be solid black.)* **Pants** should be solid black; slacks are preferred, but nice all-black jeans are acceptable *(any belt worn must be solid black with a simple buckle.)* **Socks** are required and must be solid black. **Shoes** must be all black and nice; athletic shoes are acceptable; however, they must be in good condition and solid black *(some white or cream-colored trim is acceptable.)*
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> **Females**: Female participants may wear the same outfit as the males, with the same stipulations listed above. In addition, **long skirts/dresses** are acceptable; however, they must be solid black and must fall below the knees when seated. **Blouses** are also acceptable, so long as they are solid black. *(For both dresses and blouses, please avoid strapless or spaghetti straps if possible. Long or short sleeved tops are preferred.)* All participants are asked to wear **black nylons/hose** or **black socks**. Also, any **shoes** worn must follow the same requirements as stipulated for the males above.

Please note that **shorts** are not appropriate for either gender and footwear should be appropriate for a "dressy" occasion *(no flip-flops, etc.)* Also, participants may be asked to tuck-in their shirts, depending upon how it looks/fits.

## Instrument and Equipment

All campers should provide their own **instrument**, **folding music stand**, and **pencil**. Clarinet, saxophone, oboe, and bassoon players should bring at least two **reeds** (*three would be best, just to be safe*.) Brass players should bring **valve oil** or **key oil**, as appropriate. Trumpet players who already own a straight mute should bring it with them, but it is not a requirement.

A **folding music stand** can be purchased online at retailers such as Amazon or at your local music store. It may also be possible to borrow one from your school band program.

Please note that Lamar University does <u>not</u> provide woodwind or brass instruments for students to use while at the camp. Campers who typically use school-owned instruments should speak with their band director and ask if they can use the instrument over the summer. *(Band directors are often supportive of this because they like for students to play and learn as much as possible over the summer.)*

## Percussionists

Percussionists should bring their **folding music stand**, **sticks**, and **mallets**. Also, please bring a **drum pad (practice pad) and stand** if you have one available (not required). Percussionists do not need to bring a snare drum or any other equipment/instruments; all necessary instruments/equipment will be furnished by the camp.

For mallets, percussionists are encouraged to bring marimba mallets if available (*any type is fine, but a general medium hard mallet would be best*.) Xylophone and bell mallets are not required, but would be helpful in percussion ensemble, sectionals, and rehearsals if you have them.

## Spending Money

For resident campers, all meals and activities during camp are included in the cost of tuition. Campers may wish to bring cash to spend on vending machines, pizza and candy sales that take place nightly, etc.

Commuters may also purchase individual meals in the dining hall:

- Lunch: $10.68
- Dinner: $10.68

## Checklist

Use the following checklist to ensure that you come to camp properly prepared.

**For Registration**:

- Balance of tuition owed to camp (*if applicable.*) Only cash and money orders will be accepted at registration. Otherwise, the final payment will need to be made online (*using a credit card*.)

**Everyone (Residents and Commuters):**

- Appropriate clothes for classes and rehearsals
- Dress clothes to wear for the final concert *(see page 3 under "Concert Attire")*
- If interested in the swimming pool evening activity on Monday/Tuesday night: swimsuit/trunks, large towel *(and pool footwear [e.g., flip-flops] if desired).*
- Umbrella or raincoat (*campers are also advised to bring a hoodie just in case we have significant rain during the camp.)*
- **Instrument <u>and</u> all related equipment** *(see above under "Instrument and Equipment" for details)*
- Pencils
- **Folding music stand**

**Residents Only**

- Bedding and linens (extra-long twin sheet(s), pillow(s), towels, and comforter/blankets/sleeping bag)
- Toilet paper
- Shower curtain & rings/clips *(it is a standard shower with a shower rod)*
- A mat or unique towel to step on after getting out of the shower *(opt.)*
- Towels & other toiletries, including hand and bath soap.
- Clothes for sleeping and nighttime
- Enough underclothes, etc. for four days *(plus a little extra, just in case)*
- Snacks, bottled water, power bars, etc. However, please do not bring energy drinks.
- Disposable plates, napkins, etc. if planning to buy pizza sold at the camp, etc.
- Trash bags (and optionally, a small trash can, if desired)
- Small Fan, if desired *(the rooms are air conditioned, but if one tends towards being hot, having a fan is a good idea to help with air circulation, especially at night. The thermostat will not go lower than 73.)*
- Oil-based air freshener, Febreze, etc. Plugin air fresheners are acceptable and likely the most effective; however, candles are forbidden.
- Spending money in cash
- Small Refrigerator, if desired *(as of Summer 2025, the rooms no longer have refrigerators provided.)*

**Commuters Only:**

- Money for lunch/dinner if not bringing bag lunch and/or dinner.

# Daily Schedule

The following is an example of a **typical** daily schedule. Depending upon the ensemble in which the camper is placed, specific schedules will vary.

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| 7:15 | Wake-up |
| 8:00 | Breakfast |
| 9:00 | Band Rehearsal |
| 10:50 | Master Class / Sectional |
| 11:45 | Recreation / Free Time |
| 12:40 | Lunch |
| 1:40 | Band Rehearsal |
| 3:40 | Elective * |
| 4:40 | Recreation / Free Time |
| 5:40 | Dinner |
| 7:40 | Evening Activities |
| 10:00 | Room Check |
| 11:00 | Lights out |

* Elective placements will be determined after audition results are posted and will be announced at the first rehearsal on Monday. Oversubscribed electives will be determined by the postmark date on the student's registration form.

# Camp Rules and Regulations

1. Every participant, faculty, and staff associated with the LU Summer Band Camp is a respectable musician and should be treated as such. It is important to arrive early for all events, practices, and rehearsals. This provides sufficient time to warm up and ensure a timely arrival. Tardiness will not be tolerated.
2. The use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs is strictly prohibited.
3. Campers are not allowed to leave campus without going through the official check-out procedures. Anyone caught off campus will be sent home.
4. Campers are required to be present and on time to all classes and rehearsals.
5. For those staying on campus, please keep the door to your suite locked at all times, and always keep your key with you. Also, do not hang anything from the ceilings, walls, or doors. Finally, rooms must be clean at all times. A counselor will check rooms every night. Trash bags are provided for your use.
6. Please do not run, yell, or make excessive noise.
7. Wear shoes and proper clothing at all times.
8. Watch for posted meeting times and places.
9. Please use proper conduct while in the dining hall. After you have eaten your meal, please put away your tray and dispose of all trash.
10. If you are sick or injured, please notify your instructor or counselor or come to the front desk of Monroe Hall immediately.
11. Campers are required to attend all planned activities throughout the duration of camp.
12. Use vending machines at your own risk. Lamar University is not responsible for lost change.
13. Fire procedures will be discussed in detail at the first dorm meeting.

# Illness/Accident Procedures

Every effort is made to maintain a safe environment for all participants. However, there are always unforeseen situations in which a student may become ill or have an accident while attending camp.

In the event of illness, parents will be notified and will have two options:

1. Pick up the child (if the medical problem is resolved, the student may return to camp).
2. Advise the camp staff to take the child to a local health clinic or hospital. The health clinic or hospital will charge their normal fee. (**Note**: **the parent or guardian is responsible for any illness expense.**)

In the event of an accident or emergency, our staff will either take the student to urgent care or an emergency room or call 911 to have medical professionals sent to our location on campus. In either case, someone will call the emergency contact number provided during registration so that parents/guardians are notified right away.

If you do not want the camp staff to follow these procedures, please provide a written statement to the camp director indicating your desires in the event of an emergency, illness or accident.

# Visitation Rules

Parents and other family members are welcome to visit their students at camp under the following stipulations:

- After move-in, no visitors will be allowed to go inside of Monroe Hall. All residence hall visits must occur in the Monroe Hall lobby. This is for the safety and security of all campers.
- All visitations must conclude by 10 p.m. so that the camper may prepare for lights-out.
- All visitations should occur during meals or other free time so as not to remove participants from rehearsals or classes.

# Item Drop-Off / Deliveries

Parents or guardians can drop off items, for both residents and commuters, in the lobby of **Monroe Hall** any time from 9:00am and 9:00pm, with a possible short break around lunch and dinner. The staff person on duty will deliver the item to your child for you, either that evening or immediately, depending upon how urgent it is. If the camper is a resident, you could also tell them to meet you in the lobby between 9:30 and 10:00pm, as they should be in Monroe Hall by that point.

If you need to have anything delivered, the address for Monroe Hall is 855 Iowa Avenue, Beaumont, TX, 77705.

# Early Departure/Check-out

Parents or guardians who need to check their child out of camp for any reason are asked to come to the front desk of Monroe Hall to ask for their child. (*See "Driving Directions", at the end of this handbook, for more information on the location of Monroe Hall.*) For the safety of our campers, if a parent is unable to pick up his or her child, written permission must be given by the parent to have the child picked up by someone else.

No child will be released from camp without written and signed consent by a custodial parent or legal guardian. Also, please note that these procedures/policies are applicable to both resident and commuter campers.

# Last Day of Camp

## Schedule

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Regular Morning Rehearsals/Classes
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Final Rehearsals/Classes
4:30 Dinner
5:30 Students change into concert attire
6:15 **Concert Begins (University Theatre)**

- Campers and Parents will be notified by Wednesday night (via email) as to each band's concert start time. The first band will start at 6:15 and the last band will start at 8:35pm.
- Residents will check-out of Monroe Hall **after** their performance

### Check-out Procedure for Residents

Resident campers will check-out of Monroe Hall **after** their final concert. They will be escorted by camp staff, as a group, back to Monroe Hall after the performance for check-out; therefore, parents should plan to meet resident campers at Monroe Hall, not at the University Theatre. Although no check-outs will be allowed prior to the concert, campers will be encouraged to begin packing Wednesday night to expedite this process.

Before check-out, each room must be cleaned and left in the same state as it was found. Campers are encouraged to do most of this work before the final concert. Counselors will be stationed throughout Monroe Hall to assist with checkout. Once your room is completely clean and straightened, find a counselor and have him or her inspect your room. If the room passes inspection, a checkout slip will be provided.

Once the camper receives a checkout slip, he or she will that slip and his or her room key to University Housing personnel. *(Lost keys will be charged $150 per key.)* A receipt will be provided that then needs to be turned-in to a camp counselor stationed at the exit door.

# COMMUTERS

## Drop-off

**All commuters should be dropped off at the Circle Drive in front of the Music Building/University Theatre.** We will have counselors there to meet arriving campers beginning at 8:15 am. Camp activities begin at 9:00 am; therefore, all commuters should be on campus no later than 8:45 am.

## Pick-up

### Sunday

There are no camp requirements after check-in and auditions until the first full camp meeting. Therefore, after their audition, commuting students may choose to stay on campus or may leave with their parents/guardians, but they must be back for the camp meeting at **6:00 pm** in the **University Theatre**. They will then be finished and ready for pick-up around **9:45 pm** at **Monroe Hall** *(see page 10 for directions.)*

### Monday – Wednesday

Commuting campers may be excused for pick-up after the classes/rehearsals which end at 5:30 pm. A counselor will there wait with them at the Circle Drive until 6:00 p.m.

However, commuters are also welcome and encouraged to participate in our evening activities. These activities are scheduled to end at 9:00 pm, after which time commuters are available for pick-up at **Monroe Hall** *(We will encourage students to contact their parent/guardian if we know that we may be ending early for any reason.)* A Counselor will be with campers at all times to ensure safety; however, we ask that students be picked-up by 9:30 pm at the latest.

### Thursday

Commuters are excused after their final concert on Thursday evening. The first band begins the concert at 6:15 pm in the University Theatre. Commuters should bring their concert attire on Thursday morning so that they can stay with their friends (and their band mates) throughout the afternoon/evening until the concert.

## Meals

The tuition rate for commuters does **not** include meals. Commuters can either pack one or both meals to bring with them, or they can bring money to eat at the Dining Hall. The Dining Hall meal prices are as follows:

- Lunch: $10.68 (12:40 to 1:25 p.m.)
- Dinner: $10.68 (5:40 to 6:40 p.m.)

Please note that all commuters should be dropped off each morning at the Music Building circle drive. So, breakfast on campus will **not** be available to commuters.

## Item Drop-Off | Early Pick-up | Early Departure/Check-Out

Please see page 7 for information on these topics. The procedures are the same for both commuter and resident campers.

# Camp Emergency Closure Policy

In the event of inclement or forecasted severe weather or any other emergency that would require the closure of the university, the Lamar University Band Camp will follow the decision made by the university president: if the university is open, the camp will proceed as scheduled; if the university is closed, the camp will be cancelled for that day. This will be the camp policy regardless of the current weather or forecast.

If the camp is cancelled (*either for a single day, multiple days, or the entire week*) due to impending, forecasted, or current weather conditions related to a tropical storm or hurricane, no refunds will be issued, and no discounts will be provided for future camps. The only exception would be if the entire camp were cancelled at least one week prior to the first day of the camp. In that specific instance, refunds would be provided to all registered campers.

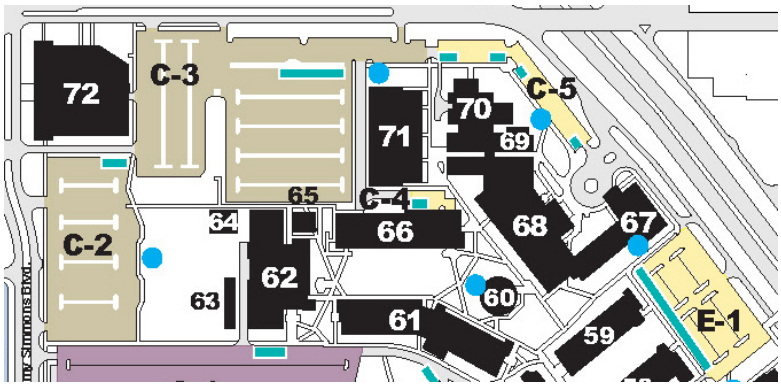
Weather cancellations are rare, as it is very unusual for Beaumont to experience a tropical storm or hurricane so early in the summer. In fact, the two-day cancellation in 2017 was the only known cancellation in the 70+ years since the camp began in 1953 that would have been impacted by the procedures and rules presented in this policy.

# Driving Directions

## Registration & Concert Locations

The best way to acquire driving directions is to visit Google Maps and search for "**Jimmy Simmons Music Building, Beaumont, TX**" (e.g., https://goo.gl/UCr31C). Camp Registration and the final concert are both in the University Theatre, which is adjacent to the music building.

The map below highlights the area of campus where the **Music Building** (#67) and **University Theatre** (#68) reside. You may feel free to park in either the parking lot marked **C-5** or **E-1**.




## Monroe Hall

Campers who are residing on-campus will be staying in Monroe Hall, which is part of the Lamar University Cardinal Village. They will check-in **after** registration **and** ensemble placement auditions. They will check-out **after** the final concert on Thursday. A camp counselor will be stationed in Monroe Hall at all times throughout the week.

The best way to acquire driving directions is to visit Google Maps and search for "**Monroe Hall Beaumont, TX**". It is labeled as #19 on the map below. *(Note: Although the map may give the illusion that it is a significant distance from the Music Building, #67, it is actually a very comfortable walking distance.)*

You can also use the street address for Monroe Hall. It is 855 Iowa Avenue, Beaumont, TX, 77705. *(This is also the address you could use for any deliveries, etc.)*

Please note that parking for Monroe Hall is labeled as G-2 on the map on the next page (*it's southeast of the building.*) Also, the roads that come from the west are not open – you must follow the route marked with the magenta arrows below, which would be the most direct path from Registration.

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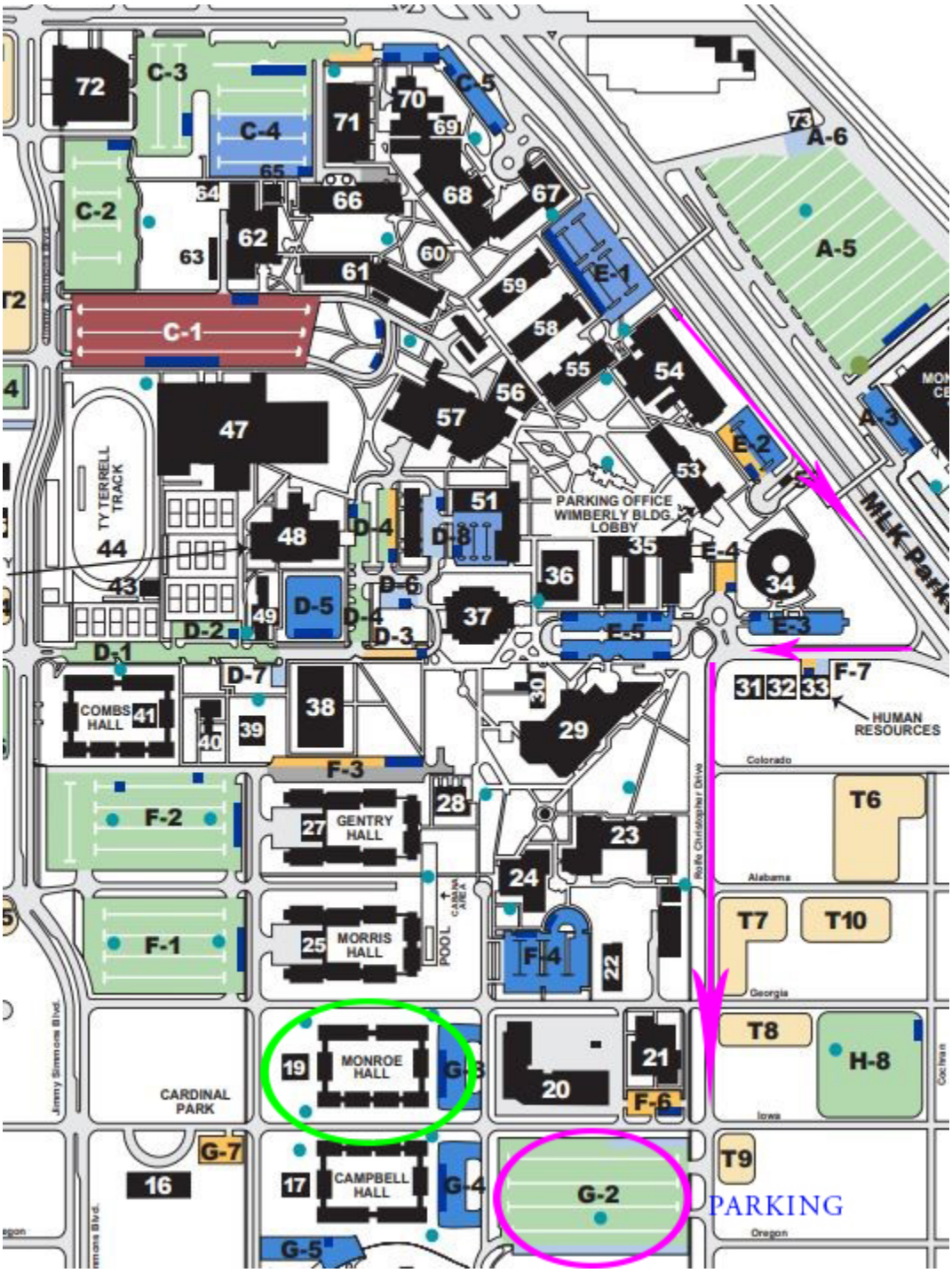
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