Dear Potential 2013 West Liberty Marching Hilltoppers Wind Member,

To all returning members, welcome back! And to all new people auditioning, welcome! I am looking forward to meeting all of you and getting started. This letter contains the information you need to prepare for the 2013 preseason camp and audition. This audition will be used for placement purposes, so please do not stress too much over it!

The audition will take place on Saturday, August 17th, beginning at 9:00 AM and go as long as needed. It will be held in the Fine Arts Building, room 326 at West Liberty University. Please arrive early to fill out all necessary paperwork before you enter the audition room.

The audition will be conducted in two parts. The first part will consist of an individual audition where I will hear each of you play the requirements specified below. The second part will consist of me and the other faculty observing you on your assigned instrument.

Below you will find specific audition requirements for individual instruments. Please be prepared to play these exercises by yourself. Additionally, please have ALL other exercises learned prior to arriving at camp. We will have very limited time at the camp and will need to maximize that time by practicing certain techniques and skills, not learning notes to exercises.

**Audition Specifics**

Exercise #2 - Lip Slurs
Exercise #4 - Staccato Scales
Exercise #6 - Weber Chorale (please learn your specific part)

*** All members will mark time when they play exercises 2 and 4, so please practice playing and marking time at home. Also, make sure you are playing with a metronome and making use of a mirror when you are practicing all exercises and music.
In addition to having your music learned for the audition, please also have these items with you for preseason camp:

- Three-Ring notebook with all of your music in plastic sheet protectors
- Pencil
- Water cooler, with water. Please do not bring sugar filled drinks or soda!
- Sunscreen
- Comfortable shoes and clothes. We will be outside for most of the week, so please plan accordingly.

If you have any questions at all about the audition process or the music, please contact me at:

brian.baldauff@westliberty.edu

Please check the Marching Hilltoppers website for updates and information regarding preseason camp, rehearsals, and shows throughout the season:

http://westliberty.edu/wlmb

Thank you for your interest in the Marching Hilltoppers!

Best of Luck,

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Mellophone

Warm-Ups, Etudes, and Chorales

1. Tuning Sequence/Long Tones

Play Three Times

mp-mf-ff

2. Lip Slurs

3. Chromatic Flexibility

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Complied by Patrick Dunnigan and Brian Baldauff
4. Staccato Scales

5. Articulation Studies

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