

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to have your child in the Advanced Placement Program next year. College-level courses will prepare them for the next stage of life. Like you, we are committed to preparing your child for the future.

The goal of AP Boot Camp is for your child to discuss and develop the skills they will need for success in high school, in college, and beyond. This program is for students who have taken numerous AP courses, as well as those who are just starting out. The Boot Camp is not about learning academic content, but developing those attributes that will guarantee success while having fun and building relationships. In addition, this event will allow students to establish bonds with their peers that will promote solidarity in the classroom.

AP Boot Camp is NOT a military recruitment event or a highly physical endeavor. The boot camp theme is simply a fun way to get students excited about demonstrating their skills. The AP Boot Camp is free. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at 727-774-7200. Thank you again for encouraging your child to take the challenge of an AP course. We look forward to working together this coming school year.



Sincerely,

The AP Team

RIVER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED PLACEMENT

HOW PHYSICAL ARE THE EVENTS?

Most events will take place indoors and require less physical than mental effort. Nevertheless, students with health issues (heart conditions, asthma, physical disabilities, etc.) are exempt from all physical events. Please notify us if you have concerns.

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING WHEN YOU ENLIST?

Bring the following items:

- *Athletic Shoes and Socks*
- *Shorts*
- *Bottle of Water*

WHAT IF I CANNOT ATTEND THE AP BOOT CAMP?

All AP students are encouraged to participate.

“Striving for a 5”

For more information about the
AP Program and AP summer
assignments visit the school website:
<http://rrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us>



BOOT CAMP

**AUGUST 7, 2014
2 PM – 5 PM
FRESHMEN & 1ST TIME
AP STUDENTS**

**AUG. 7, 2014 5-6PM:
PARENTS**

**AUGUST 8, 2014
9-3 ALL AP STUDENTS
9-11 TEAM BUILDING
11-12 LUNCH
12-3 ROUND TABLE
DISCUSSIONS**

WHAT IS AP BOOT CAMP?

AP Boot Camp is an interactive leadership workshop where students discuss and practice the qualities required for success in college and in the corporate world. This event will focus on developing five attributes:

TEAMWORK, COMMUNICATION, ORGANIZATION, CRITICAL READING, AND PROBLEM SOLVING. This program is for students that have taken AP classes, as well as those who are just starting.

To go with the military boot camp theme, students will divide into platoons and compete in tasks that will allow them to demonstrate these skills. Current AP teachers and former AP students have been invited to return as Boot Camp Instructors and will help supervise each platoon. After each task, students will reflect upon their performance and discuss how they can improve. Boot Camp has four goals:

1. Introduce students to the unique academic challenges of the RRHS AP Program and how to excel as an AP Scholar.
2. Guide students in skill development with focus on teamwork, communication, organization, critical reading, and problem solving.
3. Discuss the practical application of these skills inside and outside the classroom.
4. Provide opportunities for students to develop a support network with their teachers and peers.

WHEN IS AP BOOT CAMP?

You will enlist at the RRHS cafeteria on Thursday August 7 at 2pm if you are a **first-time** AP student. **All parents** are invited to attend from 5-6pm on August 7, 2014.

Day 2: **ALL AP students** are invited to attend Bootcamp from 9-3. From 9-11am, team-building activities will occur. Lunch will be served from 11-12. From 12-3pm, you will have the opportunity to meet with individual teachers about course expectations and summer work questions.

WHY ARE WE HAVING AP BOOT CAMP?

The five skills we will develop are those that are most desired by Fortune 500 firms. Instead of a lecture about the importance of these skills, we have decided to have a hands-on program that gets students actively engaged.

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act but a habit."
- Aristotle

ENLISTMENT

Complete the following form with your parent/guardian signature and return it to Erik Hermansen by August 1st.

Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail*: _____

(This address will be used for contact over the summer.)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Emergency Contact #: _____

Medical Conditions/Food Allergies, etc.: _____

☐ New to AP ☐ Experience (Taken 1 or more AP courses)

List AP Courses that you are taking in 2014-15:

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Rank yourself for each of the following skills with 5 being excellent and 1 being deficient:

Teamwork:	1	2	3	4	5
Communication:	1	2	3	4	5
Organization:	1	2	3	4	5
Effective Reading:	1	2	3	4	5
Problem Solving:	1	2	3	4	5