

University of Arkansas
Razorback Marching Band



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Dear members of the Razorback Marching Band,

Greetings from Fayetteville! Early Week is rapidly approaching and the Fall, 2009 season is about to begin. We have an outstanding staff that is working to create exciting shows and a great schedule for you.

This newsletter is designed to provide all the information you need to become a member of the Razorback Marching Band and to move in for Early Week. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. I look forward to meeting and working with each of you. Go Hogs!

Dr. Christopher Knighten
Director of Athletic Bands, Razorback Marching Band
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Registration for RMB Early Week

Your schedule for registration and rehearsals is included in this packet of information. Please read them very carefully.

At your registration time, you will:

- complete your final paperwork,
- receive merchandise you have ordered,
- check out your instrument, if applicable,
- become a member of the U of A Razorback Marching Band!

Residence Hall Information

Whether you report on August 15 or 16, you will move into your residence hall assignment for the year. Your name has been sent to our Housing Office and the arrangements will be ready for you when you arrive. You will need to go to the following website after August 1 to “check-in” with your information to be sure everything is correct and ready for you. If your housing assignment is not either for the 15th or 16th, please contact Jessica at 479-575-4100.

<https://myhousing.uark.edu/mychecklist/>

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Meals

Almost all of your meals will be provided by the Razorback Band during Early Week. For people who live off campus, you will be allowed to eat in a to-be-named dining hall throughout the week by signing in before each meal. If you live in a residence hall and are on an unlimited meal plan, you will receive your information through the university. If you live in a residence hall and are on a limited meal plan, you will be allowed to sign in for your meals after your allotment for that week has run out.

Instruments and Equipment

If you play mellophone, baritone, tuba, or percussion, we will have an instrument for you to check out at registration. If you have asked to use a University instrument in another section, we will do our best to provide you with one. If you are a flute player, you may want to obtain your own piccolo. While there are enough piccolos for everyone, not all of them are of the highest quality.

You will be asked to sign a form assuming responsibility for the instrument, its care, normal use, and proper return. Upperclassmen will be assigned priority in the instrument that they use. Please bring your own mouthpieces and reeds. **Personal mouthpieces, instruments, flip folders, and lyres are mandatory for every wind player at every rehearsal.**

Auditions

All brass and woodwind players will audition for part placement on the first day of Early Week. These are important auditions. Be prepared since this audition will determine the part you play this season. Pregame and halftime music will be distributed after these auditions. Your membership in the band and the scholarship you were awarded will not be influenced by these auditions. The audition materials are available on the band website. Check the Early Week schedule in this newsletter for specific audition times and locations.

Percussion auditions for the battery and pit will take place on Saturday, August 15. These auditions will determine membership in the sections and the band since we will have more than fifty people auditioning for approximately forty positions. Instructors Micah Hardwick and CJ Morris have done a great job of providing you with audition materials and information via our band website.

Social Events

During Early Week, there will be a social event each evening. These social gatherings are designed to help you meet other people in the band and are organized and run by Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. We hope you will attend all of the Early Week social events!

Orientation Process for New Members

Upon your arrival for Early Week, there will be some upperclassmen on hand to answer your questions about campus, dorm life, adjustment to college, and class schedules. We want everyone to feel welcome and be a part of our band family at the University of Arkansas!

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Uniforms

A huge thank you to Tyler Bishop, Rachel Weyrens and the office staff who have been hard at work preparing the uniforms for your arrival. This is NOT an easy job and we appreciate their efforts very much. Uniforms will be issued during Early Week.. Remember, you must provide your own white marching band shoes (no sneakers, tennis shoes, etc.).

The RMB also requires everyone to own a “travel uniform” which you should have ordered from the merchandise form. This uniform consists of the official 2009 RMB shirt, the official RMB shorts, white socks, and white tennis shoes. Call the band office immediately if you have not ordered those items from the merchandise order form.

RMB Rehearsal Sites

When indoors, we will rehearse in the Lewis Epley Band Building. Inside that facility are two rehearsal halls – Janzen Hall (large band hall) and Worthington Hall (small band hall). When outdoors, we will continue to rehearse at our drill field at Lot 56.

Parking on Campus

You are required to have some type of parking permit to park anywhere on campus. If not, plan to park in the parking deck next to the band building that can be accessed from Stadium Drive. When using the parking garage, be sure to park in meter spaces only. If you do not own a valid University of Arkansas parking sticker and you want to purchase one, please contact Parking and Transit.

Merchandise

A few of you are yet to finalize some merchandise issues with us. It is important that you take care of business **IMMEDIATELY!** Please help yourself and us by returning your form and money with your late fee today.

2008 Razorback Marching Band CD

Our 2008 Razorback Marching Band CD's are in! All members of the 2008 Razorback Band will receive a CD **for free** from the band office - all others must buy one at the bookstore or over the internet.

Wind Symphony Auditions

Auditions for Wind Symphony will take place during the first two days of classes (August 24 and 25). The audition times will be posted on the front doors of Epley Band Hall. Please sign up as soon as you arrive on campus for Early Week if you are interested. Audition music is available now on the band website. You will be asked to play scales from memory and read a short sight-reading exercise. The literature for the fall semester should be exciting and Mr. Warren is looking forward to working with a wonderful group of musicians.

Class Conflicts

Class conflicts will be handled on an individual basis. Late arrivals due to scheduling conflicts with other courses will be the only acceptable reason for class conflicts. If you have a class conflict, please contact Dr. Knighten.

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2009 Leadership Team

THANK YOU to everyone who applied for section leader and drill captain positions. If you have been selected as a section leader or a drill captain, you must be able to attend the Leadership Training Sessions on August 15-16. If you cannot attend, please call or email Dr. Knighten immediately to give us time to find a replacement for your position.

Head Drum Major – Chase Jones
Assistant Drum Major – Lee Larry
Assistant Drum Major – Michael Moore
Sound Equipment Managers - Drum Majors
Librarians –Geneva Quinn, Jenna Oney, Amy Mayes and Kristin Kelley
Uniform Managers – Tyler Bishop and Rachel Weyrens
Instrument Inventory –Stephanie Richardson and Brandon Hults

Section Leaders

Piccolo – Allison Rasche
Clarinet – David Ruppert
Alto Sax – Jessica Carson
Tenor Sax – Kory White
Trumpet – Jack Teague
Horn – Taylor Sitzman
Trombone – Robert Garner
Baritone – Leslie Fowler
Tuba – Brad Helton
Percussion – TBA
Flag – Vesta Luttrull
Majorette – Kristen Privett

Drill Captains

Piccolo – Tony Collins, Maria Guilbeau, Michael Lutz, Kati Smith, Kirstie VanFleet, Mollie Webb
Clarinet –Rachel Aubert, Katie Kennan, Brynn Jones, Amy Mayes, Natalya Terlouw, Paul Valentine, Mindy Williams
Alto Sax –Mallory DeLay, Chris DuVall, Jordan Gilbertson, Jimmy Moore
Tenor Sax – Molly Cowan, Jill Picardi
Trumpet – Ashley Burgess, Dan Castellanos, Ben Coulter, Daniel Gates, Emma Neal, Patrick Oliverio, Laura Strother, Case Tolleson
Horn – Will Baldwin, Lauren Hopkins, Heather Jackson, Devin Haughey, Sarah Penn, Abby Schleiff
Trombone – Matthew Cope, Jake Henderson, Mike Miller, Joe Wilhelm
Baritone – Grace Santamaria, Corris Stewart
Tuba –Gerren Jackson, Rhys Moore, Jack Sallee, Alex Simpson
Percussion – TBA after auditions on August 15
Flag – Allie Seckinger, Morgan Meredith, Lauren Schook

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2009 Performance Schedule

Below is the RMB performance schedule for Fall 2009. It does not include pep rallies, basketball/volleyball schedules, or special event performances. You will receive the complete performance schedule when you arrive at Early Week.

September 05	Missouri State	Little Rock, Ark.
September 19	Georgia *	Fayetteville, Ark.
September 26	Alabama *	at Tuscaloosa, Ala.
October 03	Texas A&M	at Arlington, Texas
October 10	Auburn *	Fayetteville, Ark.
October 17	Florida *	at Gainesville, Fla.
October 24	Ole Miss *	at Oxford, Miss.
October 31	Eastern Michigan (HC)	Fayetteville, Ark.
November 07	South Carolina *	Fayetteville, Ark.
November 14	Troy	Fayetteville, Ark.
November 21	Mississippi State *	Little Rock, Ark.
November 28	LSU *	at Baton Rouge, La.

(HOME GAMES IN BOLD)

2009 Razorback Marching Band Early Week Schedule

Final details will be included in this schedule you arrive for Early Week.

Saturday, August 15

8:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Percussion, color guard, twirlers, section leaders and drill captains move in to residence halls.
10:30 a.m - Noon	RMB registration for above groups– Janzen Hall.
Noon	Lunch – Janzen Hall
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Leadership meeting with graduate students, instructors, drum majors, section leaders, drill captains – location TBA
1:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Percussion Rehearsal – Janzen Hall Guard and Twirler sectionals – Bud Walton Arena
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Leadership meeting with drum majors, section leaders and drill captains – location TBA
5:00 p.m.	Dinner – Janzen Hall
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Percussion auditions – Janzen Hall Guard and Twirler sectionals – Bud Walton Arena
7:00 – 8:15 p.m.	Drum Majors, Brass and Woodwind Leadership – Drill Field

Sunday, August 16

8:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Brass and woodwinds move into residence halls
8:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Percussion, Guard and Twirler sectionals – same locations
10:30 a.m - Noon	RMB registration for brass and woodwinds – Janzen Hall.
Noon – 1:00 p.m	Instrument Check-out – Janzen Hall

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- 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Percussion, Guard and Twirler sectionals – same locations
Brass and woodwind auditions – locations TBA
- 4:00 p.m. Dinner – Epley Band Building
- 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Percussion, Guard and Twirler sectionals – same locations
- 8:00 p.m. Full Band meeting – Janzen Hall

Monday, August 17

- 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Full band rehearsal, drill field
- 11:30 – 12:30 Lunch – NW Quad Dining Hall
- 1:00 – 1:50 pm Sectionals: Brass and Woodwind – Band/Music Building,
Percussion – Drill Field, Guard and Twirlers - BWA
- 2:15 – 4:00 p.m. All winds - Janzen Hall, Percussion – Drill Field, Guard and Twirlers -
BWA
- 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. Dinner – NW Quad Dining Hall
- 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. Full band rehearsal, drill field.
Section Night – Location TBA

Tuesday, August 18

- 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Full band rehearsal, drill field
- 11:30 – 12:30 Lunch – NW Quad Dining Hall
- 1:00 – 1:50 pm Sectionals: Brass and Woodwind – Band/Music Building,
Percussion – Drill Field, Guard and Twirlers - BWA
- 2:15 – 4:00 p.m. All winds - Janzen Hall, Percussion – Drill Field, Guard and Twirlers -
BWA
- 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. Dinner – NW Quad Dining Hall
- 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. Full band rehearsal, drill field.

Wednesday, August 19

- 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Full band rehearsal, drill field
- 11:30 – 12:30 Lunch – NW Quad Dining Hall
- 1:00 – 1:50 pm Sectionals: Brass and Woodwind – Band/Music Building,
Percussion – Drill Field, Guard and Twirlers - BWA
- 2:15 – 4:00 p.m. All winds - Janzen Hall, Percussion – Drill Field, Guard and Twirlers -
BWA
- 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. Dinner – NW Quad Dining Hall
- 6:15 - 8:00 p.m. Full band rehearsal, drill field.
Outdoor Extravaganza, drill field.

Thursday, August 20

- 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Full band rehearsal, drill field
- 11:30 – 12:30 Lunch – NW Quad Dining Hall
- 1:00 – 3:00 pm All Winds – Janzen Hall, Percussion – Drill Field, Guard and Twirlers -
BWA
- 3:00 – 5:00 Full Band rehearsal, drill field
- 5:30 p.m. Band Picnic – The Gardens

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Friday, August 21

8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Full band rehearsal, stadium

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch – NW Quad Dining Hall

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. All Winds – Janzen Hall, Percussion – Drill Field, Guard and Twirlers -
BWA

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Full band rehearsal, drill field

6:00 p.m. Band Follies – Fine Arts Concert Hall

8:00 – 10:30 p.m. Dance – Janzen Hall

Saturday, August 22

2:00 p.m. “Kick-off the Season” Pep Rally in the Gardens

Sunday, August 23

3:00 p.m. All Band Freshmen perform at 2009 Academic Convocation, Bud
Walton Arena