



# JUNE NEWSLETTER

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## **GREETINGS FROM THE BAND OFFICE**

We hope your summer is off to a great start! Please take the time to read this newsletter thoroughly – every word is important!! We also want to let you know to regularly check your e-mail throughout the summer for all future correspondence, and to check [bands.uark.edu](http://bands.uark.edu) periodically for future newsletters and announcements.

### **Please read below for a special message from Dr. Knighten:**

Dear students,

Greetings! I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the summer break. Plans are now underway for the 2009 University of Arkansas Razorback Marching Band! Highlights of the season will include several exciting shows, outstanding student leadership, road trips to Little Rock, home games against Georgia, Auburn and South Carolina, and the addition of the annual UA – Texas A&M football game in the new Dallas Cowboys stadium in Arlington, TX. I hope you will consider joining us for this exciting time!

Beginning with this newsletter, you will receive bi-monthly announcements and updates about our plans for the Fall including schedules, show music, move-in dates, and other important information regarding RMB merchandise. Please take time to read this material and notice the June 19 deadline for the return of the enclosed forms.

If you have been in the Razorback Marching Band before, I hope you will consider applying for a leadership position as section leader or drill captain. Our student leadership program will be a cornerstone of the success of this year's band, and will provide an opportunity for each of you to develop leadership skills and teaching ability that you can take with you long after your time in the RMB.

I look forward to meeting and working with each of you soon.  
Go Hogs!

Dr. Christopher Knighten

Director of the University of Arkansas Razorback Marching Band

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### **FORMS TO COMPLETE AND RETURN TODAY!**

All forms are due **FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2009**. Save yourself some money and return your forms in the postage-paid envelope you received with this mailing. Returning these forms on time will really help our ability to prepare for the fall season if we receive your information sooner than that. We have some BIG plans for you this fall and need to receive your information in a timely fashion so we have time to prepare for your arrival.

1) **MEMBERSHIP REPLY FORM** (yellow form) – **Everyone needs to respond!**

The immediate return of this form is extremely important, whether your answer is yes or no. There is much planning that goes on during the summer, such as music selection and preparation, drill writing and travel plans, etc. **If you fail to return this form by the requested date, you will not have a spot to march at the beginning of the fall season.** This form will also insure that the office has your current and correct e-mail address since all further newsletters this summer will be sent electronically. So PLEASE make sure your e-mail address is correct and legible on the membership reply form!

2) **MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM** (green form) - **Everyone needs to respond!**

We have worked hard to keep your costs to a minimum. Please read the form carefully and return it to the band office **with payment** by June 19. All merchandise must be prepaid to insure arrival by Early Week. **No merchandise will be extended on credit.** If orders are not postmarked by Friday, June 19, 2009, you will not be allowed to purchase any non-required merchandise and will be required to pay a \$10 late fee. Orders received after the deadline may not be available for pick-up by the first game, and all members without the required merchandise will not be allowed to march. If you have a problem with payment, contact Jessica in the band office at 479-575-4100 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

3) **LEADERSHIP NOMINATION FORM** (blue form) - **Returning upperclassmen only**

We have enclosed this form for you to indicate your interest in leadership positions. Please be thorough with your information. You are also invited to recommend your colleagues for leadership positions. Please return this form to the band office by June 19 - a late form will not be considered. **Leadership personnel will be asked to report for Early Week two days earlier than everyone else on Saturday, August 15.**

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### **RMB EARLY WEEK**

#### **RMB AUXILIARY PERCUSSION AND LEADERSHIP – AUGUST 15-16**

The rehearsals for the color guard, majorettes, and percussion, along with the leadership meetings, are scheduled for August 15-16. You will move into your dorm room on the morning of August 15. More information will follow in the August Newsletter concerning the camps. We appreciate you for giving up your time and making the sacrifices necessary to attend these early meetings. We know that your efforts will make the RMB even more awesome this fall!

#### **DRUM LINE AND FRONT ENSEMBLE**

In July, each percussion member will find audition music on the website for each instrument in the RMB percussion section – snare, bass, tenor, cymbal, and keyboard. You may audition on more than one instrument. The auditions will take place the evening of August 15<sup>th</sup> and by the next morning the drum line and front ensemble membership will be set and we will go to work on our goals for the year.

#### **EARLY WEEK – AUGUST 16-22**

If you are not on the leadership team, the color guard, the majorettes, or the percussion section, you will move into your dorm room on Monday, August 16 – more details will be included in the August Newsletter. We will learn the pregame show, the first half of our first halftime show and many of our stand tunes. We spend a reasonable amount of time outside on the practice field as a full band but we also spend a great deal of time rehearsing in sections or even smaller groups. One thing you will notice immediately during Early Week is the efficiency of the rehearsal time. We feel strongly that bright college students can learn a lot in a very short time, a premise that has proven to be true year after year.

#### **EARLY WEEK - THE SCHEDULE**

We rehearse three times a day for the first few days of Early Week, with a social event planned at the end of each day. Breaks for lunch and dinner are provided for rest and relaxation or to take care of other collegiate business. The week's highlights are the Early Week Picnic that is held on Friday evening, August 21 and the annual production of the RMB Band Follies scheduled for early Saturday evening, August 22 - a can't-miss affair. Early Week's final rehearsal is on Saturday morning, August 22. The first year members will perform on Sunday afternoon, August 23, for the annual Freshman Convocation in Bud Walton Arena. The next rehearsal is Monday, August 24, when your classes and the school year begin.

#### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

The Razorback Band likes to have fun. During Early Week, there will be social gatherings to help you meet other people in the band that are planned by Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. Plan to attend **all** of the Early Week social events – more details will be included in the August Newsletter. **YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID!!!**

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### MEALS

The RMB will provide all meals from your registration period through breakfast on Saturday, August 22, unless you are on a meal plan for the year. You will receive more details in the August Newsletter.

### MATERIALS FOR SUCCESS

#### INSTRUMENTS/EQUIPMENT

If you play mellophone, baritone, tuba, or percussion, we will automatically have an instrument for you at Early Week. **If you play any other instrument, you must indicate on the “Membership Reply Form” that you require a UA owned instrument.** You will be asked to sign a form assuming responsibility for the assigned instrument. You will be held responsible for the cost of repairs for damages beyond normal wear and tear. Upperclassmen will be assigned priority in the instrument that they will use. **You will need to provide your own mouthpieces, reeds, etc...**

Because we will be dealing with a large amount of music, every member **must** buy a music lyre and a flip folder for their instrument. Flip folders can be purchased for \$7 dollars, as well as other supplies, from the merchandise order form. Please bring these required items with you to Early Week.

#### UNIFORMS/ MERCHANDISE

We will provide you with a complete RMB uniform and an official RMB raincoat. Uniforms will be issued during Early Week and a schedule will be posted assigning you a time to appear. Remember, you must provide your own **white** marching band shoes (No sneakers, tennis shoes, etc.) – which will be purchased on the merchandise order form.

Please read the enclosed Merchandise Order Form very carefully. The RMB requires each member to own a travel uniform which includes the official RMB red shirt, the official RMB black shorts, socks, and tennis shoes. The entire travel uniform is required, and **all** members must order everything now. Be prepared to pay for them when you order. Make your checks payable to Kappa Kappa Psi.

### REGISTRATION AND ACADEMICS

Be sure to sign up for **Marching Band, MUEN 3441 (not MUEN 5441 - this section is for graduate students only)**. You will not be allowed to participate in the RMB if you do not register for the course. If you have further questions about your academic career and band participation, please come and see us or give us a call.

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### **TRIPS**

We will take a pep band to all five away games. The details of the total number of students we will take to each game are yet to be determined. As musical ambassadors for the University of Arkansas, we have the reputation of being a well-disciplined band. We want all restaurant and hotel managers to tell our administration that the Razorback Band was the classiest college band to have ever visited them.

### **WIND SYMPHONY**

The Wind Symphony meets in both the fall and spring semesters. We will hold auditions for each semester as we have in the past. Auditions are scheduled during the first two days of classes, August 24 and 25. The first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, August 26. If you want to audition for the Fall Wind Symphony, please email [bands@uark.edu](mailto:bands@uark.edu) with your name, instrument and mailing address, and we will mail it to you as soon as we have it.

### **REMINDER**

All future correspondence this summer will be done by e-mail and all newsletters will be available on our website at [bands.uark.edu](http://bands.uark.edu). So PLEASE make sure your e-mail address is correct and legible on the membership reply form!

### **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. Please mark these dates on your calendar. An updated performance schedule will be sent in the August Newsletter.

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

**(HOME GAMES IN BOLD)**

GO HOGS GO!