WELCOME TO THE “ALL-AMERICAN” MARCHING BAND!

We’re glad to have you auditioning to become a member of the “All-American” Marching Band. If you are new to Purdue this year, this whole routine may seem a bit overwhelming at first, but be patient. There are another 400 or so folks in the same boat as you, and with a little luck all of you will make it through band camp without any problems. Before you know it, you’ll be calling home telling your family how to get tickets for that first game so they can come and see you march with the finest band in the Big Ten, if not the country.

To get you started on the right foot, please read the points below carefully, and note the printed schedule for the week of band camp. This information is also available on our Purdue Bands website (www.purdue.edu/bands). If you have any questions, come to the Band Office and we’ll point you in the right direction.

BOILER GOLD RUSH

A reminder to ALL freshmen that you will participate in the main sessions of Boiler Gold Rush as a part of your Marching Band Workshop schedule. **DO NOT REGISTER FOR BOILER GOLD RUSH** – you are already scheduled for your sessions through the Band Office.

ITEMS YOU WILL NEED FOR AAMB PARTICIPATION

1. **Shoes**: Comfortable shoes for rehearsal are required: Tennis shoes are the norm. Sandals, flip-flops, etc. are not an acceptable alternative. Students are encouraged to break-in shoes before arriving to camp!
2. **Large water bottle**: Nalgene type
3. **Reeds**: Woodwind players will need to provide reeds. We expect students to use quality reeds at all times.
4. **Supplies**: All musicians should come to camp with your own supply of cork grease, slide oil, valve oil, etc. to keep your instrument in great working order.
5. **Instrument**: All candidates for wind instruments except for mellophone, baritone, and sousaphone are expected to bring their own instrument to camp.
6. **Drawstring backpack**: can be purchased from us when you arrive at Purdue from the band department. You will carry drill charts, water bottles, etc. to and from the drill field each day in this pack.
7. **Flip folder**: EVERY INSTRUMENTALIST (including percussion and piccolo players) is required to own a flip folder for the music. Theses may be purchased in the Band Kloset if you do not already have one.
8. **White gloves**: all students using a university woodwind or brass instrument will be required to use white gloves at every rehearsal/performance. These can be purchased in the Kloset.
9. **Black Shorts**: all students must have a pair of solid black shorts (no stripes or patterns) that can be used for the end-of-camp performance and all Gold Day rehearsals throughout the season.
10. **Black Slacks**: We will utilize a “casual uniform” for certain performances. The polo shirt will be purchased here during camp, but you must provide solid black dress slacks (no stripes or patterns).

AUDITIONS

Audition music is found on the website www.purdue.edu/bands. The password is: audition. Students should be prepared to play the audition music for one of our faculty members the afternoon of August 16th. Marching assessments take place during the entire week of band camp.
INSTRUMENT CHECK-OUT

The Supply Office will be open prior to the first meeting on August 16th. If you have any instrument problems or need help with equipment, feel free to stop in and talk with the folks manning the office. Any damage to university-owned instruments should be brought to the attention of Professor Cox IMMEDIATELY.

BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKET

PLACEMENT TESTS

If you are scheduled to take any placement tests or the like during the week of band camp, you may report for these as needed, then return to band at the conclusion of the testing. Just make sure your section leader knows the situation! Otherwise, you are expected to be at all rehearsals throughout the entire Workshop week. Use the free time during lunch and dinner to take care of personal matters.

RESIDENCE HALL CHECK-IN

1. If you are moving into residence halls, you can arrive on August 14th (8:00 AM-5:00 PM), August 15th (8:00 AM-12:00 PM) or August 16th (8:00 AM – 12:00 PM). Student leaders may check in on the 13th. As long as you are registered in our system, you do not need to make any advance reservations. You will not pay any money up front for your early move-in, but will later be billed $22 per day (arrival through the start of the housing contracts on August 21) through your MyPurdue account.

2. Early arrivals will be moved into their room for the year and will stay there throughout Band Camp week. Remember that the early check-in fees will be billed later through your MyPurdue account. Do not send any housing fees to the band office.

3. Students living in off-campus housing will need to make their own arrangements with landlords for check-in to residences.

COURSE REGISTRATION

1. All freshmen are required to attend the STAR program during the summer to get important information regarding Purdue class registration.

2. During this registration, remember to sign up for Band 11000, which is the course number for Marching Band.

DATABASE REGISTRATION

1. It is essential that EVERYONE complete the registration form which is found on the Purdue Bands website – https://www.purdue.edu/bands/students/auditions/registration/

2. This is not your OFFICIAL COURSE REGISTRATION. Please make sure you register with your advisor during STAR.

3. The database information must be completed before you can participate in the Marching Band Camp.

4. This form includes your medical information which we will need for the band camp week.

UPPERCLASSMEN REPORTING SCHEDULE

1. ALL upperclassmen that have been members of (or tried out for) the marching band previously (other than Auxiliaries and percussionists) should report to Elliott Hall on Tuesday, August 18 between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m.

2. Registration will take place in the band lounge.

3. You will sign in, pick up your materials, and then report to Hull Drill Field for a marching fundamentals rehearsal. You should have signed out an instrument if you need to prior to this meeting.
NOTE: IF YOU ARE A FIRST-TIME AUDITIONER, YOU SHOULD FOLLOW THE NEW MEMBER SCHEDULE!

PERCUSSION REPORTING SCHEDULE

1. If you play a percussion instrument, no matter what year you are in school, you should report to Elliott Hall of Music on Sunday, August 16.

2. Follow the signs to the registration table, sign in and pick up your materials between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Once that process is completed, all students and any parents who wish to attend should report to Room 15 for a special meeting at 2 p.m.

3. After this introductory meeting, percussionists will do their playing auditions in Room 30. After auditions and the meetings, you follow the regular camp schedule.

AUXILIARY REPORTING SCHEDULE

1. Auxiliary members will report to Elliott Hall of Music on Sunday, August 16 between 1 and 2 p.m.

2. After a brief meeting at 2 p.m., you will begin working with your instructor.

NEW MEMBER/FRESHMAN REPORTING SCHEDULE

1. If you are a freshman or a person new to the marching band (that is, you have never auditioned for our marching band before), you will report on Sunday, August 16. Registration will take place between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. in the band lounge.

2. At 2:00 p.m., there will be a group meeting for all new band members. If you need to sign out a school-owned instrument, you can do this between 11 a.m. and the meeting at 2 p.m.

3. All new members (other than those discussed above) are required to attend this session, and parents are invited to attend as well.

4. We will run through the entire camp week with you, introduce staff, answer questions, etc. It will get you started in the right (actually the left) foot and set the tone for the entire week.

5. Immediately after the meeting – around 2:30 p.m., you will begin your marching band music audition. You will be directed where to go for these auditions.

6. After you have completed your music audition you will be free to grab some dinner. Report back to Elliott Hall of Music room 15 at 6:30 p.m.

7. You will walk with your student leaders down to Hull Drill Field for our first marching fundamentals rehearsal, weather permitting.

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON AND MIXER

1. Our band sorority, Tau Beta Sigma, is hosting an optional get-acquainted luncheon at Elliott Hall in Room 15 at 12:00 noon for all new members and their families who are interested. There is no cost.

2. After the Sunday evening rehearsal Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma, our band fraternity and sorority, will host a freshman mixer at Hull Drill Field immediately following the rehearsal (9pm). Following the mixer, you are finished for the day.
1. Once you read through all of the above sections, you should have a pretty good idea of how the camp week will get started and when you are expected to join us. The complete details of the week are also posted on the band website www.purdue.edu/Bands.

2. The week is not all work and no play, and you will not be on the field that entire time. You will meet various university officials from the president to head football coach Darrell Hazell, you’ll get a campus tour with the upperclassmen, have a cook-out lunch, an end of camp dance, and many other things. It is a busy week, but not a daunting one.

3. Your best approach is to relax and “go with the flow”. If you work hard and listen to your student leaders, there is no reason why you can’t qualify for membership in the “All-American” Marching Band!

4. Freshmen, it certainly is a new experience for you and you will be learning some things that will be different from your high school band experience. You are moving on to a new phase of your musical career, and college bands are different. Be open minded and ready to embrace new ideas and traditions. The memories you will have of your years in the AAMB will be ones you will treasure for years to come.

If you have any concerns, questions, worries, etc., please do not hesitate to contact us at (765) 494-0770, email Professor Jay Gephart at jsgephart@purdue.edu or contact your student leader, who by now should have contacted you and discussed the marching band experience with you. If you have not heard from your section or rank leaders, let us know and we’ll see that they contact you. You are auditioning for one of the finest, most respected musical ensembles in the world, and you have the talent to be a part of this great band and to participate in all of the wonderful experiences that come with membership. Come ready to work, and we’ll teach you what you need to know! See you in August!