

WELCOME TO THE “ALL-AMERICAN” MARCHING BAND!

Woodwind, Brass, Drumline, BBD, and Big Ten Flag Candidates: 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 450 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.

Golden Silks, Goldusters, and Twirlers: Welcome to the AAMB, and congratulations on your successful audition! The below information all applies to you except where you see references to “auditions;” you’ve already taken care of that.

To get you started on the right (well... left) foot, please read the points below carefully. This information is also available on our Purdue Bands & Orchestras website (www.purdue.edu/bands). If you have any questions, come to the Band Office and we will be happy to point you in the right direction.

COMING TO BAND CAMP? WELCOME ABOARD!

Everyone coming to band camp needs to register as soon as possible. Please navigate to <https://www.purdue.edu/bands/registration/>, log in, and complete the band camp registration. Thanks for helping us maintain the most accurate roster possible!

NOT COMING TO BAND CAMP?

If your plans have changed and you are not planning on participating in Band Camp/AAMB this season, please reconsider!

If, after reconsidering, you determine that you still cannot participate, please email your section leader and let them know you are not planning on attending. If you have already registered for band camp, navigate to <https://www.purdue.edu/bands/registration/>, log in, and remove yourself from the band camp registration. We cannot manually remove you, so you will continue to get camp update emails from us until you remove yourself from this list.

ARRIVAL DATES AND TIMES

The Band Camp schedule (<https://www.purdue.edu/bands/ensembles/aamb/>) has a very detailed list of dates and times for everyone. This section is merely a summary of initial report times for each group of attendees.

- **Student Leadership Team:** Thursday, August 8 for 1’s, Friday, August 9, 8:00 AM for all 1’s and 10’s.
- **NEW Woodwind, Brass, and Big Ten Flag Candidates:** Sunday, August 11, 12:00 Noon Check-In
- **RETURNING Woodwind, Brass, and Big Ten Flag Candidates:** Tuesday, August 13, 8:00 AM Check-In
- **ALL Drumline, Golden Silks, Goldusters, Twirlers, and Big Bass Drum:** Sunday, August 11, 12:00 Noon Check-In

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**

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. Everyone should bring their own mouthpiece whenever possible.
 6. **Drawstring backpack:** This is HIGHLY recommended to carry drill charts, water bottles, etc. to and from the drill field each day.
 7. **Flip folder:** EVERY INSTRUMENTALIST (including percussion and piccolo players) is required to own a flip folder for the music. These 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 provide a pair of solid black shorts (***no stripes, patterns, or large logos***) that can be used for the end-of-camp performance and all Gold Day rehearsals throughout the season.
10. **Sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat:** Highly recommended at camp.

MUSIC PREPARATION

New wind candidates for marching band need to have completed a music audition prior to being invited to attend camp. Returning wind candidates will play an audition the day they arrive to camp. Audition materials are here: <https://www.purdue.edu/bands/aamb2019audition/> (password: audition). Drumline candidates should navigate directly to www.purduedrumline.com for audition information.

Under no circumstances should anyone arrive at camp without significant musical preparation on the audition materials. Even if you “pass” the initial music audition, you will be expected to improve before camp.

INSTRUMENT CHECK-OUT

Anyone using a school instrument for camp will be issued an instrument and locker at check-in. All woodwind and brass candidates will be expected to provide their own mouthpiece, though one will be provided by the department in hardship cases.

BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

The most up-to-date camp schedule is always available at <https://www.purdue.edu/bands/ensembles/aamb/>. Please check this frequently to see if there have been any changes. Any conflicts with the camp schedule should be communicated to Prof. Conaway (conaway@purdue.edu) immediately.

RESIDENCE HALL CHECK-IN

Residence Hall move-in will be Friday, August 9 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Saturday, August 10 from 8:00 am- noon, and Sunday, August 11 from 8:00 am- noon (Student Leaders should already have their earlier move-in information). Sign-ups will take place at the University Residences [Online Portal](#). When the online portal asks for a program, please select “Band Camp.”

Cost per night is \$22 for the room. This cost will be billed to your MyPurdue account.

Those who wish to eat in the residence halls will have to pay on a per meal basis (breakfast \$7.50, lunch \$11.50, and dinner \$11.90). Most students eat off campus with their sections and stock their residence halls with breakfast items to save money.

Contact University Residences with any questions regarding the move-in schedule.

COURSE REGISTRATION

1. During registration, remember to sign up for Band 11000-001, which is the course number for Marching Band. Note that this is the 3:30-5:20 PM section; the other section (002) is for Boiler Beats and requires approval.
2. Students will need to be registered for the correct Band class by the end of the first week of classes.

DATABASE

1. All students must go to the following link and complete your profile: <https://www.purdue.edu/bands/registration/> (after logging in, click on “My Profile”). Returning members should be able to copy in the previous year’s information, making this a VERY easy process!
2. This form includes your medical/insurance information, so please make sure all information is completely up to date.
3. If you do not have a passport, leave that information blank. Even though your registration may show that you are less than 100% complete, we recognize it as being done.
4. **The database/medical information must be completed before you can participate in Marching Band Camp.**

SEASON SCHEDULE

The full schedule for the season is available at <https://www.purdue.edu/bands/ensembles/aamb/>, and is included in this packet. All performances are required, **including bowl games**. Note that bowl participation is uncertain until we win six games OR lose seven, so avoid making significant travel plans during late December and the very beginning of January. Absences from performances are not taken lightly, and must be approved well in advance. The AAMB handbook (found at the above link) has a partial list of acceptable reasons to miss a performance, but ALL must be pre-approved. If you know you will be missing a performance for an invalid reason, it is best not to audition for the ensemble.

COURSE CONFLICTS

We allow up to 2 hours per week of course overlap with BAND 110 in the fall semester. Schedule overrides can be requested using the schedule assistant tool. That will send a request to Janet Baker in the band office, and she will process the override after faculty approval. Note that non-course conflicts will not be considered (outside employment, study time, etc.).

EXPECTED COSTS

All students who are accepted to the AAMB will be expected to purchase certain mandatory uniform items upon their acceptance. These items are purchased through the university, and will be billed to your MyPurdue account sometime during the first semester. For planning purposes, a rough breakdown of costs is as follows:

- Band Jacket: ~\$80 (returning members should have this already)
- Band Polo Shirt: \$~25 (returning members should have this already)
- Uniform Shoes: \$~30 (returning members should have this already)
- 2019 “Gold Day” Hat: \$~15 (all 2019 members will need to purchase this)

Note that these fees are in addition to the course/activity fees that are concurrent with enrollment in BAND 11000, which will total \$170 for the semester, and includes the fall banquet ticket, all uniform dry cleaning/repairs, equipment maintenance, and the like. All fees are billed to your MyPurdue/bursar account several weeks into the fall semester, so don't be surprised when this bill comes across!

SOCIAL MEDIA

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Instagram, Twitter, & Snapchat: @purduebands

Facebook: Purdue “All-American” Marching Band // Purdue Bands & Orchestras

YouTube: Purdue Bands & Orchestras

You can also follow our auxiliary units! Search for Purdue Twirling, Purdue Golden Silks Color Guard, Purdue Golduster Dance Team, Purdue Drumline and Percussion, and the World's Largest Drum.

IN CLOSING...

- Start hydrating regularly NOW. Band Camp is almost always extremely warm, and we rehearse on asphalt.
- Start conditioning yourself to be on your feet for long periods of time. Frequent brisk walks will help you start to get into condition.
- Complete the profile form as discussed above. You must have the medical information completed in order to participate.
- Get in the habit of answering all correspondence immediately. Your parents will not be able to do this for you, as we **ONLY** communicate with students about schedules, course requirements, and nearly everything else about your potential participation in our programs.

We know this is a ton of information, but it is all relevant to coming into this program with a complete understanding of the schedule and preliminary expectations of membership in the “All-American” Marching Band. If you are completely familiar with all of this information, you should expect to come to camp fully prepared to give your very best audition and performance. Just focus on coming in and showing the very best of your work ethic and abilities. While we cannot take everyone who auditions into the AAMB, know that there will be a place for you to perform somewhere in our department!

Come prepared, ask questions, and do everything in your power to be prepared for camp. You're in for a great experience this year!