Greetings!

Here in the UT Band office, we are already looking toward the fall and another exciting season with the Rocket Marching Band! Whether you are a new or prospective member, or a returning vet, please read this letter carefully, as it contains important information to help you (and us!) plan for the summer and fall events. **If you are a recently-graduated alum of the Rocket Marching Band, please consider joining the Rocket Marching Band Alumni Affiliate.** You can find more information by going to the UT Alumni Association website ([http://www.toledoalumni.org](http://www.toledoalumni.org)) and following the link to “RMB Alumni Affiliate.”

**Registration**
Here is what you need to do **NOW**:

- Complete the online “Intent to March” form, if you have not done so already. You will find the link on the Rocket Marching Band page of the UT Bands website: [http://www.utoledo.edu/bands/ourbands/marching/index.html](http://www.utoledo.edu/bands/ourbands/marching/index.html)
- Enroll in the Rocket Marching Band class (MUS 3010 001) for 1 semester hour (New members can enroll at your Rocket Launch date this summer. Be sure to have your advisor add this course first, and then schedule around it in order to alleviate as many schedule conflicts as possible. If schedule conflicts do arise, we can work around them in most cases. Please contact me to discuss your particular situation, or stop by the Music Department booth at Rocket Launch.)

Your attention to these two items is critical as we use this information to plan for camp housing needs, ordering supplies, drill writing, etc., as well as to communicate with you throughout the summer. **Please do not procrastinate – take care of these two things NOW!**

No audition is necessary for woodwind and brass players. The dance team has already been auditioned and finalized, as well as the Feature Twirler positions. If you are a percussionist or guard member and have not auditioned, there is still a possibility for you to participate. You will need to contact the percussion or guard instructor as soon as possible.

Percussion: Xavier Verna, xverna@gmail.com
Guard: Chad Clum, UTColorguard@aol.com

**Schedule**
A tentative schedule of summer and fall events (including dates for Band Camp) is enclosed. Put these dates on your calendar now to avoid conflicts later on!

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Miscellaneous

☐ We will be using e-mail and our website to communicate with you throughout the summer months, as well as during the school year. Be sure to bookmark the band website (http://www.utoledo.edu/bands), and check it often!

☐ Some of our summer communication will also be available via social media. We encourage you to like us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/rocketmarchingband) and join our current-members-only Facebook group “UT RMB”.

☐ The athletic department is offering great season ticket packages – This is a good chance for your parents to come see you in action, as well as to enjoy the excitement of Rocket Football! A flyer about special band family seating will be released later. For more information, go to http://www.utrockets.com.

☐ A final camp mailer will be sent in mid-July to the email address you provided on the online “Intent to March” form. This packet will contain everything you need to know to prepare for band camp, including what to bring, report times, a schedule, and lots of other important information.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the band office at any time! I can be reached by e-mail at andrew.rhodes@utoledo.edu, or by phone at (419) 530-2217. Have a safe, relaxing summer!

Sincerely,

Andrew L. Rhodes
Director of Athletic Bands