Thank you for your interest in the Rocket Marching Band Drumline! The University of Toledo Rocket Marching Band announces the drumline workshop/audition dates for the 2012 season:

- **May 12:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **June 9:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **July 7:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **August 4:** Final Audition, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Each session will be held at the Center for Performing Arts on The University of Toledo main campus. These workshops are designed to offer hands-on information about the UT drumline, performance technique and expectations, as well as outlining audition expectations. **These workshops are required of potential members to be considered for a spot in the 2012 RMB Drumline, so attendance is critical.** While the workshops are primarily to serve those who are auditioning for the 2012 UT Drumline, all high school students are invited and encouraged to participate and learn.

**Goal:** The goal of these sessions is to present information about the UT Drumline in a relaxed, hands-on environment. Topics covered will include: detailed information about hand technique for all the instruments, stroke development, timing studies, how to practice more effectively, listening awareness, and other information to help you reach your drumline goals and aid you in becoming a successful member of the UT Drumline. You will have an opportunity to ask questions about any topics covered or any other marching-related topics in which you may be interested.

**Preparation:** Because these clinics are part of an overall audition process for potential UT Drumline members, attendance is critical. **Attendance at all events is mandatory if you want to be seriously considered for a spot.** Exceptions can be made with proper communication (school/family related business, geographical and travel considerations) but must be approved by Xavier Verna in advance, and an alternate arrangement must be agreed upon.

**Things to Bring:**

- Wear tennis shoes (you will be standing a good part of the day)
- Practice pad (and stand if possible)
- Marching snare sticks
- Folder or 3 ring binder w/ clear insert pages
- Water bottle
- Money for lunch (there will be lunch available in the UT Student Union)
- Earplugs (foam, not wax)

**For more information:** If you are planning to attend – either as a potential auditionee or merely to participate in the workshop – or if you have specific questions regarding these auditions/workshops, please contact UT Drumline Instructor – Xavier Verna - at xverna@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you later this year! GO ROCKETS!!!