July, 2012

Dear Rocket Marching Band Member,

Greetings from UT! I hope your summer has been restful, and that you are beginning to eagerly await your return to campus. I personally cannot wait for the marching season to get underway! Countless hours of preparation for the 2012 Rocket Marching Band have already been completed, and more are yet to come. We have many exciting experiences planned for you, and things are shaping up for another outstanding year. All we need now is YOU!

Enclosed in this packet is everything you will need to plan for the upcoming season, including general information about the RMB, camp information, camp schedule, and a schedule for the 2012 season. It is imperative that we “hit the ground running” beginning with percussion and Rockette rehearsals on August 6 and continuing through the annual Fall Kickoff performance! **There are some new items included in this year’s mailing, so be sure to read everything thoroughly, and don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions.**

The band website ([www.utoledo.edu/bands](http://www.utoledo.edu/bands)) will be updated frequently throughout the summer with music and drill downloads, as well as updated camp and other information. Please get in the habit of checking it regularly. In addition, starting this summer you can now like us on Facebook ([facebook.com/rocketmarchingband](http://facebook.com/rocketmarchingband)), follow us on Twitter (@UTRMB), and join our current members only Facebook group “UT RMB”.

This is an exciting time to be a part of the Rocket Marching Band. I look forward to seeing each of you at camp and working with you throughout the 2012 season.

Sincerely,

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General RMB Information

Registration
All students must be officially enrolled in Rocket Marching Band - MUS:3010-001. A minimal lab fee is included in your tuition when you register for the class. This lab fee covers some (not all) of the expenses related to participating in the RMB, including the purchase of music, uniform cleaning, and some other uniform items issued to RMB members (see “Uniform” below).

Uniform
In addition to the standard performance uniform for each section, students will be issued the following items which will be worn/used at various points throughout the season: t-shirt (all members), RMB polo (first year members only), gloves (1 pair – wind players and guard only). These items are included in the lab fee. Returning members who need to replace their polo shirt, and did not indicate this on their “Intent to March” form should call or e-mail the band office. Vets: Be sure to bring polos and khakis to camp!

Shoes
Instrumentalists in the Rocket Marching Band wear white marching band shoes. You may wear any white shoe that is oxford style, smooth leather, white sole, white laces, no vent holes, no suede, no cloth, and no visible brand name. NO ATHLETIC (TENNIS) SHOES! You are strongly encouraged to wear the white “StylePlus Athletic Band Shoe.” If you need to order shoes, please refer to the enclosed RMB Equipment Order Form from Rettig Music. Orders can be placed via the Rettig Music website, or by phone or mail. In addition, they will also deliver your shoes to UT. In order to receive your shoes in time for the season, they must be ordered no later than August 15.

Instruments and Equipment
The Rocket Marching Band has certain instruments available for members who do not own or do not wish to use their own instrument. Available instruments include:

- Piccolos (limited number)
- Tenor Saxes (limited number)
- Mellophones
- Trombones (limited number)
- Baritones (marching models)
- Sousaphones
- All percussion

If you play piccolo, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, or own a silver trombone, you are encouraged to use your own instrument. Students who use their personal instrument need to provide their own lyre. For your convenience, these items can be ordered online from Rettig Music. Additional flip folder pages and rings will be available at camp. Lyres and flip folders will be provided for those using school-owned instruments. Although the band provides routine maintenance on university-owned instruments, you are responsible for any loss or damage while the instrument is in your possession. University instruments will be available for check-out on Wednesday, August 8. If you require the use of a university-owned instrument, and did not indicate this on your “Intent to March” form, please call or e-mail by July 29 so that I can have an instrument available when you check in.
Other RMB Apparel *(These items are not required for participation in the RMB.)*
The brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi are again offering several items of RMB attire for purchase at very reasonable prices. I encourage you to show your RMB pride, and support the Beta Rho chapter of KKΨ, by purchasing RMB apparel! And - They make great gifts! Order forms will be available at camp.

**Blue & Gold Band**
Occasionally the RMB is asked to perform at certain venues which do not (or can not) accommodate the entire marching band. These venues are generally higher-profile, university-related functions, and number between 5 and 10 per season. For these performances, a smaller pep band is employed. This group may also perform at several volleyball games, a few basketball games prior to the end of the fall semester, and the Alumni gala before each home game. Auditions are held during band camp and there will be a separate rehearsal schedule for those accepted (about 6 or 7 hours in total). Specific audition times and requirements will be announced soon so check the website for more info. Membership in this ensemble will result in a **paid stipend** at the end of the semester so if you need some extra $$$, audition! We’ll also be creating a substitute list from the players that audition so even if you don’t make the group, you can get your name on the approved sub list to make some cash once in a while by subbing for someone. More details to follow so once again, check the website.

**University Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band**
The University Wind Ensemble and the Symphonic Band are the two concert bands at The University of Toledo. Both ensembles meet in the fall and spring, performing two to three concerts per semester.

The University Wind Ensemble is the premiere concert wind band, composed of students from across campus in various majors. An audition, held the first two days of classes, is required for membership. The ensemble rehearses MWF, 12:00-12:50. Please contact Dr. Jason Stumbo, Director of Bands and conductor of the Wind Ensemble, if you would like more information about the ensemble or the audition process (*jason.stumbo@utoledo.edu*, 419.530.2217).

There are no formal auditions required to participate in the Symphonic Band, which rehearses on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Register for MUS:3010-002. Contact Professor Andrew Rhodes with any questions regarding participation in Symphonic Band (*andrew.rhodes@utoledo.edu*, 419.530.4559).
2012 Rocket Marching Band
Camp Information

When to report
Students should report for camp according to the following schedule:

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Move-In/Check-In Procedure
If you will be living in a residence hall, report first to the Center for Performing Arts (CPA) on the date/time listed above. A member of Kappa Kappa Psi or the RMB Leadership staff will check you in and help you with the move-in process. Returning members: Please e-mail me by July 20 and let me know when you will be moving in.

Dormitory residents will not be charged room expenses during band camp. If you have specific questions about housing, please contact the Student Housing Office (419.530.2941). If you are living in the residence halls, but will not be moving in on the dates listed above, please call or e-mail me so I can discuss it with you.

New members who are not living in the residence halls (are living off campus or are commuting) should report to the Center for Performing Arts for the orientation and cook-out on Friday, August 10th at 5:30PM.

Vets who are not living in the residence halls (are living off campus or are commuting) should report to the Center for Performing Arts for the full band rehearsal on Saturday, August 11th at 6:00PM.

Meals
A light breakfast will be provided at the field each morning. Lunch and/or dinner will be provided a few times throughout the week. However, students are responsible for all other meals during camp. There are fast food restaurants within walking distance of campus as well as in the Student Union, and there is a buffet available in the International House. Students who are on a Meal Plan and/or Rocket Card may begin using the plans/cards at lunchtime on Wednesday, August 15.
Parking
Student parking permits are encouraged but not required in order to park in student lots during camp. To avoid receiving a ticket, however, students should park in white lined spaces only. Do not park in faculty, staff, handicapped, service vehicle, or metered parking areas. University Bands will not be responsible for parking tickets incurred during band camp! The closest lots for field rehearsals during camp are Lots 3, 4, and 5. For rehearsals at the CPA, students may park in the Law Building lot directly across the street from the CPA.

Rehearsals
Band camp rehearsals are normally 2½ to 3 hours in length and can be strenuous. Be prepared with comfortable athletic shoes (no flip-flops or sandals, please!), comfortable clothing, a hat, plenty of sunscreen, bug repellent, a light jacket or sweatshirt, and rain gear. You must bring your own water container to all field rehearsals!!! I recommend a water jug of at least ½ gallon! Water may not be readily available at all of our practice locations and staying hydrated is critical to avoiding injuries and staying healthy. You may encounter sore muscles, aches, pains, and possible discomfort due to heat and physical exertion. Be prepared to deal with these conditions and realize your limitations. Remember, you are more valuable to the band in a healthy state rather than ailing and fatigued. Plan on eating smart, drinking plenty of fluids, and getting plenty of sleep.

A sample RMB camp schedule is included with this packet. A final schedule will be given to you when you check in. Locations and activities are subject to change based on facility and clinician availability and/or weather. Rehearsals will not be cancelled due to weather, and we will march in light rain if there is no threat of lightning. Please have all materials at every rehearsal, including instrument/flag/dance gear, flip folder/lyre with all music, drill charts, pencil, and a water container.

Regular rehearsals during the semester are from 3:30-5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. When scheduling classes, schedule RMB first, then place classes around it.

A Game Day rehearsal schedule will be announced well in advance of each performance and will be on an as-needed basis.

Activities for New Members
All new members are required to attend the RMB orientation meeting in the Recital Hall of the CPA. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, August 10. A cook-out will follow in the CPA Plaza. Parents and family members are invited to attend as well.

In addition to the normal band camp activities, there are several other activities planned for new members so that you may get to know your new friends in the RMB. More details on these events will be distributed when you check in.
SAMPLE Band Camp Itinerary
(subject to change)

Be prepared to play and march at all rehearsals!
CPA=Center for Performing Arts

**Monday, August 6**
9:00am  Percussion & Rockettes move-in  
(Drumline & Rockette Schedules provided by Instructors)

**Wednesday, August 8**
9:00am  Color Guard & Leadership move-in  
(Guard Schedule provided by Instructor)

**Thursday, August 9**
8:00am  Leadership Meeting w/instr. – CPA  
6:00pm  Leadership/Staff Cook-Out

**Friday, August 10**
9:00am  Leadership Work Meeting  
1:00pm  All Winds begin dorm move-in  
Leadership Work Meeting  
5:30pm  RMB Orientation/Cook-Out – CPA

**Saturday, August 11**
8:00am  New Member Camp w/ Leadership  
1:00pm  Returning Members – CPA  
6:00pm  FULL BAND Rehearsal – CPA

**Sunday, August 12**
1:00pm  Full Band Rehearsal  
6:00pm  Full Band Rehearsal

**Monday, August 13**
8:00am  Full Band Rehearsal  
1:00pm  Sectionals  
6:00pm  Full Band Rehearsal

**Tuesday, August 14**
8:00am  Full Band Rehearsal  
1:00pm  Sectionals  
6:00pm  Full Band Rehearsal

**Wednesday, August 15**
8:00am  Full Band Rehearsal  
1:00pm  Sectionals  
6:00pm  Full Band Rehearsal

**Thursday, August 16**
8:00am  Full Band Rehearsal  
1:00pm  Sectionals  
6:00pm  Full Band Rehearsal

**Friday, August 17**
8:00am  Full Band Rehearsal  
1:00pm  Sectionals  
6:00pm  Full Band Rehearsal

**Saturday, August 18**
8:00am  Full Band Rehearsal  
1:00pm  Sectionals  
6:00pm  Full Band Rehearsal

**Sunday, August 19**
1:00pm  Full Band Rehearsal  
TBA  2010 Fall Kick-Off Concert

This is the basic schedule. Adjustments will be made daily. You will be given time off throughout the week to take care of your university business.
Rocket Marching Band
TENTATIVE Fall Event Schedule 2012

Current as of 7/10/2012

Attendance at all performances is required of all members.
Any times listed are event start times, and are subject to change.
Student report times will be announced in advance of the event.

August
6 Drumline & Rockettes begin Rehearsals
8 Leadership Reports & Color Guard begins Rehearsals
10-19 Band Camp (A detailed camp schedule will be available in July.)
19 Fall Kickoff performance (Time TBA)
20 Classes begin

September
15 UT vs. BGSU
22 UT vs. Coastal Carolina - Band Day

October
6 UT vs. Central Michigan – Homecoming
13 UT @ Eastern Michigan – Full Band Travel
20 UT vs. Cincinnati

November
6 UT vs. Ball State – 7pm, ESPN2
17 Toledo Holiday Parade – 10am start
20 UT vs. Akron – 7pm, ESPN2
30 MAC Championship Game (Detroit, MI)

December
TBA RMB Banquet

Possible post-season appearances (depending upon team success during the season):

December 15 – Famous Idaho Potatoes Bowl (Boise, ID)
December 26 – Little Caesar’s Pizza Bowl (Detroit, MI)
January 6 – Go Daddy Bowl (Mobile, AL)
TBA – Other possibilities

Post-season rehearsals may be scheduled depending upon bowl and travel schedules. Make plans to be available during the winter break if the team receives a bowl game invitation.
Everyone is required to attend/participate!

Scheduled “No Rehearsal” Days
The UT Band program encourages and promotes academic excellence. On occasion, our performance schedule will allow us to take some well-deserved “time-off.” These dates will be announced well in advance so that students may schedule around them.

This is a tentative schedule. A final schedule will be distributed in the official Band Handbook/Course Syllabus.