

Band Special - August 2022 Newsletter

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RMB,

As we turn the page on the month of July, we also start to say goodbye to our summer homes and prepare for another year on the hill. While, admittedly, there are some perks to the student migration out of Fayetteville during the summers, I always look forward to the energy that students bring to town.

For some of you, we might be approaching your last "first day." Made wiser by studying, friendships, and perhaps a few bad choices along the way, you've seen this ensemble through some difficult and challenging times. The band is larger, stronger, and better now thanks in part to the time you've given. (Waking up each day knowing Pittman and Musselman are on our side helps, too.)

For our new members, the next couple of weeks will be challenging as much as they are liberating. I remember being handed my first dorm room key and knowing that as much as I'd miss my family, great new opportunities lay before me.

Wherever you are in your journey with the band, we welcome you to Fayetteville and can't wait to see you. Go Hogs!

Dr. Jeff Summers
Interim Director, Razorback Marching Band

Health, Consent, and Release Form - click [here](#) to begin

The form takes about 15-20 minutes to complete and will require your UARK username and password. You will not be able to check-in to Leadership Camp or Early Week if this form is not complete. To complete it you will need:

- Information for two emergency contacts
- Insurance and medical information

Updated Schedules

We have made some slight changes to our schedules since the previous newsletter.

Early Week schedule, click [HERE](#).

Leadership Camp, click [HERE](#).

RMB Year At A Glance, click [HERE](#).

Weather and Hydration

This is a friendly reminder to make sure you have appropriate marching shoes and an individual water jug for Early Week and regular season practices. The weather will be hot, we will be outdoors most of the time, and you must make sure you come to band already hydrated and with your personal water jug to remain that way.

Black Shorts Reminder

As we mentioned back in the June Newsletter, all brass, woodwind, and percussion members are responsible for providing their own black shorts. These shorts will be used as part of our pep rally uniform. You may purchase your black shorts through any retailer you choose provided they meet the following criteria:

- 100% solid black, chino-style or golf-style shorts
- no mesh, gym/athletic, or cargo shorts
- no highly visible branding
- your shorts should hit between 2 and 4 inches above your knee when standing

Uniforms

If you have not been measured for a uniform, please stop by stop by the Lewis E. Epley, Jr. Band Building between 8am-5pm to be fitted. We need to get as much of the band measured before Early Week as possible.

RMB Placement Auditions

For all winds, initial placement in the pregame and halftime drills will be based on your playing audition for chair placement and marching audition.

- The playing audition will be on Monday, August 15th.
- The marching audition component will be taught during the first two days of Early Week, and auditions will also take place on Monday, August 15th.

Audition materials are available in the "Band Members Only" section of the band website at bands.uark.edu. Enter your university email username and password to access this section. The 'Fall 2022 RMB Chair Placement Excerpts' are organized by instrument. The fight song excerpt must be MEMORIZED. You may use the music for the other excerpts. If you have any questions, please contact [Dr. Summers](#).

Early Week Locations and Food

During Early Week we will rotate through Epley Band Building, the Greek Theater, The Gardens, and the East Baum practice facility. Please familiarize yourselves with these locations.

Most meals are on your own (or on your meal contracts) during Early Week. Please note that the cafeterias are NOT open for Breakfast on August 13th and 14th. You will need to make plans for food at an alternate location.

Food Restrictions and Allergies

When planning meals, we will try to provide appropriate foods for those with special diets due to allergies and food sensitivities. However, please know that you are always welcome to bring your own meal to substitute any meal that is provided by the UA Bands. We will do our best to make sure all the restrictions you placed on your [June Survey](#) are accommodated.

Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony

Auditions for the fall 2022 concert bands will take place **Saturday, August 20th** and **Sunday, August 21st** in the Epley Band Building. Membership in the concert bands is open to all students, regardless of major.

Wind Ensemble (Knighten)

Rehearsal times: MWF, 12:55-2:15pm

Course Number: MUEN 1691, 2691, 3691, 4691, 4861

Wind Symphony (Summers)

Rehearsal times: MWF, 12:55-2:15pm

Course Number: MUEN 1461, 2461, 3461, 4461, 5461

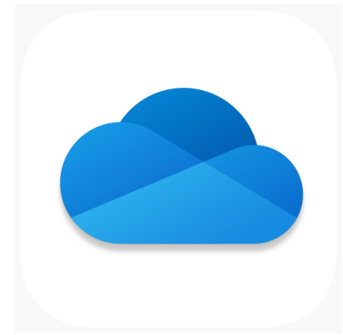
If you are planning to audition, add one of these courses to your schedule now and then adjust if necessary after placement.

Complete audition information and audition excerpts have been posted in the "Band Members Only" section at bands.uark.edu. You may access this section by using your UARK username and password.

Please contact [Dr. Knighten](#) if you have questions about auditions.

OneDrive

In previous years, the band program has used Google Drive to store its library of sheet music, however this fall we have switched the entire library to OneDrive (a Microsoft application). Before you come to campus, please download the "OneDrive" app on your phone. You will use this to access the RMB library. You can log-in to OneDrive with your UARK username and password.



Scholarships

For students receiving a scholarship - do not expect the award to post to your UAConnect account until at least the first week of school. No late fees will be assessed to your account for a balance that a scholarship in process will cover.

Make sure at this time that **you are enrolled** in the proper courses so your scholarship disbursement is not delayed. If you have any questions about your enrollment or scholarship requirements, please reach out to [JR Hinkson](#).



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