

Band Special - June 2022 Newsletter

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Dear students,

Congratulations to all of the new members of the 2022-2023 University of Arkansas Bands and welcome back to all of our returning students! This is the first of several newsletters you will receive at the beginning of each month this summer. In these newsletters you will find answers to many of your questions about the Razorback Marching Band including instrument check-out, residence hall move-in dates, Early Week, part placement auditions, the Fall semester schedule, and everything you will need to start the semester. You'll also find information here regarding auditions for the Fall concert bands (Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony), the Hogwild Pep Band, and our new online store packed with optional Razorback Marching Band merchandise.

As many of you know Dr. Ben Lorenzo has accepted the Director of Bands position at Kent State University, and Dr. Jeffrey Summers has been appointed Interim Associate Director of Bands and Director of Athletic Bands for the 2022-2023 academic year with the departure. As a member of the Department of Music and our band faculty since 2020, Dr. Summers is familiar with the traditions and standards of

our program and is committed to providing great musical experiences for everyone in the band program. In his role he will serve as Director of the Razorback Marching Band, conduct the Wind Symphony, and teach Department of Music courses.

We are anticipating record enrollment at the University of Arkansas and in the Razorback Marching Band this Fall, and we are looking forward to your arrival or return to campus!

Go Hogs!

Dr. Chris Knighten
Director of Bands
Professor, Department of Music
University of Arkansas

IMPORTANT DATES

Please save the following dates:

- June 11th - Drumline Camp #1
- June 22nd-24th - Twirler Camp
- July 6th-9th - Color Guard Camp
- July 9th - Drumline Camp #2
- August 5th-7th - Leadership Camp
- August 11th - Move-in Day for RMB members in on-campus housing
- August 12th-21st - Early Week

JUNE SURVEY - [click here to complete](#)

This is a preliminary survey of some additional information the band needs before you arrive on campus this fall. It only takes a few minutes to complete. Please [fill it out](#) as soon as possible.

REQUIRED MERCH DEADLINE IS JULY 8 - [click here to order](#)

If there are any problems with processing payment or issues with the eCommerce system, please reach out to J.R. Hinkson at hinkson@uark.edu

BRASS, WOODWIND, & PERCUSSION

For **NEW** members, you will purchase a New Freshmen package [on the eCommerce site](#) that includes the following:

- White Marching shoes
- Ear Protection
- Uniform Sunglasses
- Ultimate Drill Book subscription
- Supplemental battery pack for your phone
- *E-flip (not needed for percussion and tubas)

For **RETURNING** members

- You will need to purchase your UDB subscription.
- You are able to reuse shoes and other items (e-flip, sunglasses, etc.) so long as they are in good condition.
- If you need to replace any items from last year, you can order items individually

For **ALL** members

In addition to the items above, all brass, woodwind, and percussion members are responsible for providing their own **black shorts**. You may purchase 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

COLOR GUARD & TWIRLERS

See your auxiliary leaders for merch requirements: Trey Antonetti (Color Guard) and Cecely Clinkscales (Twirlers).

OPTIONAL MERCH DEADLINE IS JULY 15 - click [here](#) to order

The Razorback Band is pleased to offer officially licensed Razorback Band gear, available to purchase through [this link](#). You may purchase items beginning June 1st. Orders will be shipped approximately two weeks after the store closes on July 15th.

FALL CONCERT BAND AUDITIONS

Live auditions for Fall Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony will take place Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21 in the Epley Band Building. Audition excerpts are posted in the "Band Members Only" section of the [band website](#).

Since both ensembles meet at the same time, students may pre-register by adding one of the following courses to their Fall course schedule. Any necessary schedule changes can be made after auditions during the first week of the Fall semester.

All students are encouraged to participate, regardless of instrument or major.

Wind Ensemble: MWF, 12:55-2:15pm, Dr. Knighten

- Freshmen: MUEN 1691
- Sophomores: MUEN 2691
- Juniors: MUEN 3691
- Seniors: MUEN 4691
- Fifth-Year Students: MUEN 4861
- Graduate Students: MUEN 5691

Wind Symphony: MWF, 12:55-2:15pm, Dr. Summers

- Freshmen: MUEN 1461
- Sophomores: MUEN 2461
- Juniors: MUEN 3461
- Seniors: MUEN 4461
- Fifth-Year Students: MUEN 4661
- Graduate Students: MUEN 5461

UNIFORMS

Incoming Members

During your New Student Orientation Session this summer, stop by the Lewis E. Epley, Jr. Band Building between 8am-5pm to get fitted for a uniform.

Returning Members

These members successfully completed the Uniform Survey back in May and will have the same uniform as last year. If your name is *not* on that list, then you will need to be refitted for a uniform. The band building is typically open from 8am-5pm, M-F this summer. Stop by for a refitting, but we suggest calling ahead and making sure someone will be available.

FRESHMAN SCHEDULING FOR RMB

During New Student Orientation, please work closely with your academic advisor to ensure you will be able to make it to rehearsal on time and that your attendance record for band rehearsals is not in jeopardy. We have already communicated to all advisors on campus when RMB rehearsals are held, and most of you will discover that you have been pre-enrolled in Razorback Marching Band. If not, please remind your advisor that you need to register for MUEN 1441 SEC 001.

CLASS SCHEDULING AROUND RMB REHEARSALS

Razorback Marching Band rehearsals are Tuesday/Thursday 3:30 PM - 5:45 PM and Friday 3:05 PM - 5:00 PM at the Baum East parking area on campus. To give yourself enough time to change into rehearsal attire and be prepared for rehearsal, your last class before marching band on Tuesday/Thursday should be over by 2:45. Your last class on Friday before marching band should end by 2:15. Students should allow 30 minutes at the end of rehearsal to get to their next scheduled class.

If you anticipate being late or have a direct conflict with rehearsal, please submit a [Course Conflict Approval Form](#).

SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENTS

Students are encouraged to use their own instruments whenever possible with a few exceptions. The Razorback Marching Band has school-owned instruments for these sections available for check out.

- Sousaphones
- Baritones
- Trombones
- Tenor Saxophones
- Mellophones
- Piccolos
- Drumline and Front Ensemble

Sousaphones, Drumline and Front Ensemble will receive their instruments during Early Week.

Baritones, Trombones, Tenor Saxophones, Mellophones and Piccolos, are encouraged to stop by during New Student Orientation or to call the band office at (479) 575-4100 and set up a time to check out your instrument in advance of Early Week (keep in mind that you must be registered for fall classes for an instrument to be checked out). Otherwise, you can receive your instrument at Early Week.

Our supply of alto saxophones, trumpets, and clarinets are extremely limited. These instruments will be prioritized for double-reed players and music majors.

HOGWILD BAND

The Hogwild Band has been at the epicenter of sports in Bud Walton and Barnhill Arenas for decades. Hogwild supports the Razorbacks in volleyball, men's and women's basketball, and tournament play. Every member of Hogwild receives a scholarship for their service. More information on how to get involved will be shared in the coming newsletters.

EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM UA BANDS

All future emails from the band program will be sent to your university email address. You will be held responsible for meeting all deadlines and all information sent to your UARK email address. Note: working at summer camps, participating in drum corps, or working at a job are not acceptable excuses for not checking your UARK email address or not completing required forms.

SORORITY RECRUITMENT CONFLICTS

Please let us know if you will be rushing so we can work out an acceptable compromise between organizations.



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