

Subject: Band Special - July Newsletter

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From: University Bands

To: University Bands



A Message from the RMB Directors:

Exciting things are happening on the Hill as we prepare for Leadership Camp, Early Week, and the start of the coming school year. After this past season, it's nice to have a lot more "knowns" than "unknowns." In this newsletter you will find schedules and other pertinent information regarding the beginning of the season and school year.

Woo Pig!

Dr. Chris Knighten
Director of Bands

Dr. Ben Lorenzo
Associate Director of Bands, Director of the Razorback Marching Band

Dr. Jeff Summers
Assistant Director of Bands, Assistant Director of the Razorback Marching Band,
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Vaccination Survey

The vaccination rate of the RMB is likely to have a major impact on our operations this fall (e.g., rehearsal space, travel plans, performance availabilities, access to certain facilities, etc.). It's our hope that we can reach the 80% vaccination rate threshold. We've heard from over 250 folks on the vaccination survey we sent out earlier this summer. If you haven't submitted your survey yet, we want to encourage you to do so.

You can submit your survey [here](#).

Health Form and Consent and Release Form

Please submit both of the following forms before your arrival to Early Week - it will require your UofA username and password.

- [Health Form](#) - takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. Have your insurance information and emergency contact information handy.
- [Consent and Release Form](#) - takes approximately five minutes to complete.

Leadership Camp - August 6-8

All student leadership will attend Leadership Camp on August 6th to 8th. You can view the schedule [here](#).

Move-in for those members living in residence halls for the '21-'22 academic year will be Thursday, August 5th at 11am. The camp will include an orientation on our leadership structure, music and marching pedagogy, team building, and guest speakers. Details about leadership camp will be communicated via your uark email.

Registration for Leadership Camp will be in the Janzen Rehearsal Hall located in the Epley Band Building at 8:00 am on Friday, August 6th (during this time you will also pick up your requested school owned instrument). Please be sure to have completed both your [Health Form](#) and [Consent and Release Form](#) prior to your arrival.

Early Week - August 13-21

Early week will begin on Friday, August 13th and continuing into Saturday, August 21st. See [here](#) for a detailed schedule.

Important: you must complete both your [Health Form](#) and your [Consent and Release Form](#) before you can check-in. Although we anticipate operating with fewer restrictions than last year, we will still be doing so safely as possible.

On-Campus Move-In

On campus move-in for band members will take place on Thursday, August 12th. You will need to choose a time for move-in on your housing portal. If you have questions, call University Housing at (479) 575-4687.

Off-Campus Move-In

The RMB will not allow you to miss anything on the Early Week schedule to move into off-campus housing. If you need an official note from the band office, that can be found [here](#).

RMB Required Merchandise

Orders for required merchandise must be paid for by **July 5th, 2021**. If you haven't purchased your required RMB merchandise, do so [here](#). If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to [JR Hinkson](#).

Sorority Rush

Those who will register for sorority rush will be contacted at some point before Early Week. We have had numerous students successfully participate in both and are in contact with Greek Life to coordinate schedules. You will receive information from Dr. Lorenzo regarding sorority rush before the start of Early Week. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Dr. Lorenzo](#).

Registration

All 2021 RMB members should now be registered for marching band class on UAConnect. The course numbers for marching band registration are:

- Freshman Marching Band I - MUEN 1441
- Sophomore Marching Band II - MUEN 2441
- Junior Marching Band III - MUEN 3441
- Senior Marching Band IV - MUEN 4441
- Fifth-Year Senior Marching Band V - MUEN 4941
- Graduate Student - MUEN 5441

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 now in the "Band Members Only" section of bands.uark.edu. Enter your university email username and password to access this section. Files are in PDF format, organized by instrument under the heading "Fall 2021 RMB Chair Placement Excerpts." 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](#).

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 make sure that all the restrictions you placed on your [June Survey](#) are accommodated.

Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony

We are looking forward to seeing each of you this fall as we return to face-to-face instruction in full ensemble rehearsals! Auditions for the fall 2021 concert bands will take place **Saturday, August 21st** and **Sunday, August 22nd** in the Epley Band Building. Membership in the concert bands is open to all students, regardless of major. Students who are not music majors are all welcome to participate in the Fall concert bands. Both bands will meet at the same time, and you may pre-register for either class by adding one of the course numbers listed below. If audition results warrant a change in registration we can assist you with this after auditions.

Wind Ensemble (Knighten)

Rehearsal times: MWF, 12:55 – 2:15

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

Wind Symphony (Lorenzo)

Rehearsal times: MWF, 12:55 – 2:15

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

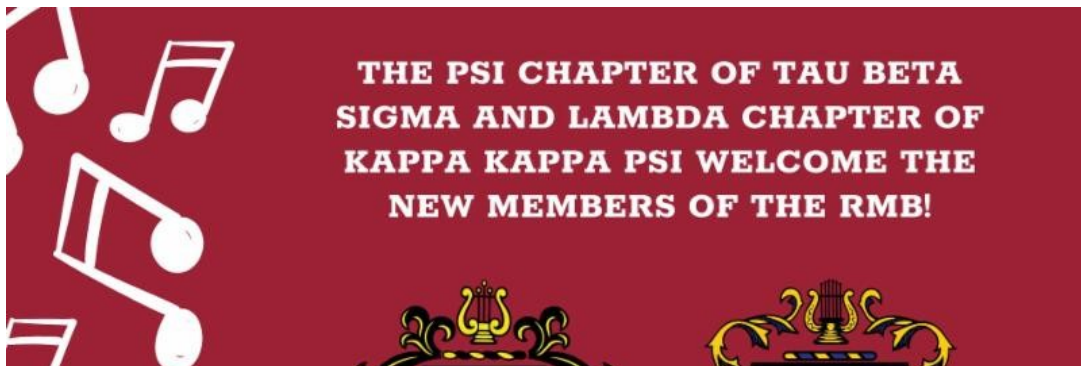
Unlike last year, auditions will not be recorded and submitted via video. These are live, face-to-face auditions with only two brief excerpts (less than ninety seconds each) and the chromatic scale. Complete audition information and audition excerpts have been posted in the “Band Members Only” section 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.

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 scholarship requirements, please reach out to [JR Hinkson](#).





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