



July 29, 2009

Dear Wildcat Marching Band Member,

Greetings from Big Blue Country! I hope your summer has been restful, and that you are eagerly awaiting your return to campus. I can't wait for the marching season to get underway! This is an exciting time to be a member of the WMB – new uniforms, new drum line, and new logos. I had dinner with Joker Phillips the other night, and he is excited about the two new quarterbacks and their great recruiting class. And let's not forget a new era of Kentucky Basketball when that time comes. 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 WMB, camp information, camp schedule, and a schedule for the 2009 season. **There are some new procedures in place this year, including dorm move-in and apparel ordering, so be sure to read everything thoroughly. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.** The band website (<http://ukbands.org>) is your primary source of information for anything related to the UK Bands. Bookmark it in your browser, and get in the habit of checking it frequently!

We are looking forward to welcoming back past members of the WMB for the Alumni Band reunion on October 24, 2009. They will join us in pregame and halftime performances, and are excited to see the outstanding tradition of the WMB continue!

All in all, things are shaping up for a great season! We are looking forward to having you back on campus. See you in a few weeks!

GO CATS!

Sincerely,

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Attention everyone! Have you...

Registered for MUC 190?

All students must be officially registered for 1 credit hour. Please contact the band office if you are having trouble registering for WMB. Students will not be allowed to participate in any WMB activities until they are properly registered for the course.

Completed the Intent to March form?

This online form helps us plan for camp, including housing, meals, shirt orders, and lots of other things. If you have not done this, please go to http://ukbands.org/form_WMBIntent.php and do this right away!

Do you have friends who should be part of the WMB? Maybe they marched with you in high school, and just weren't sure if they wanted to march in college. Or maybe they marched a year or two ago, but don't anymore. It's not too late to become a part of the largest and most visible student organization on campus! Have them contact the band office to find out how to get involved!



Housing/Move-in

Starting this year, UK Housing has begun to charge all students who move in early \$17 per night. This includes members of the WMB, fraternity/sorority members, athletes, etc. The UK Bands will cover this cost for all members of the WMB. As you can figure out, 100 students at \$17 equals \$1700 *per night*, which adds up quickly. (We anticipate housing to cost us \$8500 or more for Early Week, NOT counting meals.) To help reduce the impact of this cost on the UK Bands budget, we are asking that **only** undergraduate staff (Senior Assistants, Drum Majors, Section Leaders, and Assistant Section Leaders) move in on Saturday, August 15. Everyone else can move in on Sunday, August 16 or Monday, August 17.

Please note: Housing will not provide carts or move-in assistance after Saturday, August 15. Please plan accordingly. The best time to move in is from 9:00 am-2:00 pm.

If you have a need to move in on Saturday, please contact the band office to discuss this with us. You will be responsible for the cost of Saturday move-in if you have not notified us first!

Meals

The UK Bands will provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner to all members of the WMB from Monday, August 17 through Friday, August 21. Meals will be served in Blazer Café according to the times on the Early Week schedule.

In addition, we will host a cookout for all new members of the WMB and their parents on Sunday, August 16 following the first rehearsal. Please call the band office to RSVP no later than August 5!

These meals cost the UK Bands over \$15,000 just for Early Week! Please take advantage of the opportunity to eat three good meals each day. You will burn many calories during Early Week, and need to eat well to avoid getting sick.

Parking

From August 7-21, the UK Parking lots will be off control. Students may park in the R1 lot north of Memorial Hall, or the K lots next to Commonwealth Stadium. Please note that parking in E lots, or in handicapped spaces or metered spots is always controlled! For more information, visit <http://www.uky.edu/Parking/>.

South Limestone Project to Impact Bus Route, Parking

As part of the South Limestone project, the intersection of South Limestone and the Avenue of Champions will be closed to north-south as well as east-west traffic for approximately one month. The intersection closure will affect both campus bus service and access to Parking Structure #5, located next to Kennedy Book Store on South Limestone.

Be sure to allow extra time to get around the congestion caused by this project! Check www.southlimestoneprogress.com for updates.



Required apparel

All members of the WMB are required to purchase the following apparel, which will be worn at certain times throughout the season:

- WMB polo (\$20)
- WMB t-shirt (\$10)
- WMB hat (FREE – courtesy of athletics)
- Nike Dri-Fit T-shirt (\$10) – worn under the uniform during hot weather – not required for Color Guard or Sweetheart Majorettes

Please bring a check for \$40 (\$30 if you are in the Guard or Majorettes) with you when you sign in at Early Week registration. Checks should be made payable to the University of Kentucky Bands. You will be issued your apparel at that time. *No apparel will be issued without payment.*

All band members are required to have at least one pair of khaki shorts (no cargo shorts, at least mid-thigh length, no longer than the knee), one pair of khaki pants (dark tan preferred), and a pair of athletic tennis shoes (white, or mostly white preferred) to wear at certain times. These items, along with the polo or t-shirt will constitute the “summer uniform.”

Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma will also be offering optional WMB gear for sale. Your purchase not only shows your support for the WMB, but also helps to support the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma service organizations.

Shoes

All woodwind, brass, and percussionists are required to wear the official WMB shoe. Students will order and pay for shoes on Monday, August 17 starting at 5:00 pm. Cost is \$22, and can be paid for by cash, check, or credit card.

Lyres and flip folders

All woodwind and brass instrumentalists are required to have and to use a lyre and flip folder for their instrument. If you need to purchase these items, or other supplies, Hurst Music will be on hand on Monday, August 17 from Noon-1:00 pm. Costs are as follows:

- Flip folders (\$5.00)
- Extra pages (\$0.50 each)
- Flute lyres (\$14)
- Clarinet lyres (\$8-\$10)
- Saxophone lyres (\$7-\$10)
- Trumpet lyres (\$7-10) – also will have silver Bach Strad lyres (\$23)
- Trombone lyres (\$12) – also will have Bach lyres (\$21)
- Baritone lyres (\$15)
- Al Cass Valve Oil (\$4.25)
- Vandoren Clarinet reeds (\$3.00)
- Vandoren Alto Sax reeds (\$3.75)
- Vandoren Tenor Sax reeds (\$5.25)



School owned instruments

Students who play piccolo, mellophone, baritone, sousaphone, and percussion will be issued an instrument at the beginning of Early Week. A limited number of trombones are also available.

Auditions for WMB

Drum line members will audition on Sunday and Monday for part assignments within the drum line. Woodwind and brass players who have not auditioned for the WMB should plan to audition when you check in for camp on Sunday, August 16.

Blue and White Bands

Occasionally the WMB is asked to perform at certain venues that do not (or can not) accommodate the entire marching band. These venues are generally higher-profile, university-related functions. For these performances, a smaller pep band is employed. Auditions are held during band camp. Specific audition times and requirements will be announced during the first full band rehearsal on August 17.

Getting ready for Early Week

Band camp rehearsals are normally 2½ to 3 hours in length and can be quite vigorous. Be prepared with comfortable athletic shoes (no flip-flops or sandals!), comfortable clothing, a hat, sunglasses, 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 we tend to take frequent water breaks of just a few minutes.

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. We recommend that you get outside and engage in some moderate exercise in the weeks before camp so that you begin to acclimate yourself to the summer weather conditions.

A WMB camp schedule is included with this packet. 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/guard gear, flip folder/lyre with all music, drill charts, pencil, and a water container.



KKΨ/TBΣ: Our Band Service Organizations

At the University of Kentucky, we are fortunate to have two band service organizations: Kappa Kappa Psi Honorary Band Fraternity and Tau Beta Sigma Honorary Band Sorority. Both service groups are actively involved in promoting the UK Bands and helping to make sure things run smoothly. They are an integral part of the success of the UK Bands!

During Early Week you will have the opportunity to meet and talk with members of these two outstanding service groups. If you would like to further enhance your WMB experience, we encourage you to get involved with Kappa Kappa Psi or Tau Beta Sigma!

Concert Ensembles (Wind Ensemble, Symphony Band, Concert Band)

All students are encouraged to audition and perform with the Wind Ensemble, Symphony Band, or Concert Band. *If you are a band scholarship recipient, you are required to audition.*

Audition materials will be posted on the UK Bands website (<http://ukbands.org/auditions.html>) on or before August 1. Each audition will include the prepared material and sight-reading. The audition schedule will also be available online.

The Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band rehearse M-W-F from 2:00-3:50 pm. The Concert Band is open to all students; an audition **is not** required to participate in Concert Band. The first meeting of the Concert Band will be Tuesday, September 1 in Room 22 FA.

When to report

Students should report for camp according to the following schedule:

Who?	Move-in	1 st meeting
Undergraduate staff (Senior Assistants, Drum Majors, Section Leaders)	Aug. 15 9:00 am-2:00 pm	Aug. 16 10:00am
New members, All Drum line, Color guard, And Sweetheart Majorettes	Aug. 16 9:00 am-2:00 pm	Aug. 16 5:00 pm
All Returning WMB members	Aug. 16 9:00am-2:00pm	
	Aug. 17 9:00am-Noon	Aug. 17 1:30pm

Music majors & scholarship students will meet briefly on August 17 at 11:30 am in SCFA. This meeting is required for all band scholarship recipients.





EARLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2009

Saturday, August 15

All day Dorm check-in (see newsletter for schedule)

Sunday, August 16

All day Dorm check-in (see newsletter for schedule)
 10:00 am Staff meeting (SCFA)
 3:00 pm Registration - New members, ALL Drum line,
 Guard & Majorettes (SCFA lobby)
 3:00 pm New member auditions - Woodwinds & Brass (33
 FA)
 5:00 pm Ensemble rehearsal (SCFA)
 6:00 pm New member cookout (SCFA) - Parents welcome!

Monday, August 17

All day Dorm check in (see newsletter for schedule)
 7:30 am Breakfast
 9:00 am Marching Fundamentals (Stoll)
 Drum line auditions
 10:00 am Registration - Returning members
 11:30 am Meeting for music majors & scholarship students
 (SCFA)
 Noon Lunch
 Lyres/Flip folders (Hurst Music)
 1:30 pm Full band meeting (SCFA)
 2:00 pm Sectionals/Part placement
 3:30 pm Ensemble rehearsal (SCFA)
 5:00 pm Dinner
 Band shoes (Ron Roth)
 6:30 pm Field rehearsal (Stoll)
 9:00 pm KKΨ/TBΣ Activity

Tuesday, August 18

7:30 am Breakfast
 9:00 am Field rehearsal (Stoll)
 Noon Lunch
 1:30 pm Ensemble rehearsal (SCFA)
 5:00 pm Dinner
 6:30 pm Field rehearsal (Stoll)
 9:00 pm KKΨ/TBΣ Activity

Wednesday, August 19

7:30 am Breakfast
 9:00 am Field rehearsal
 Noon Lunch
 1:30 pm Ensemble rehearsal/Sectionals (SCFA)
 5:00 pm Dinner
 6:30 pm Field rehearsal (Stoll)
 9:00 pm Free time

Thursday, August 20

7:30 am Breakfast
 9:00 am Field rehearsal (Stoll)
 Noon Lunch
 1:30 pm Ensemble rehearsal/Sectionals (SCFA)
 5:00 pm Dinner
 6:30 pm Field rehearsal (Stoll)
 9:00 pm KKΨ/TBΣ Activity

Friday, August 21

7:30 am Breakfast
 9:00 am Field rehearsal (Stoll)
 Noon Lunch
 1:30 pm Sectionals/Field rehearsal (Stoll)
 4:30 pm Wrap-up
 6:00 pm Picnic @ Spindletop

Saturday, August 22

1:30 pm Field rehearsal
 3:00 pm New Student Induction Ceremony (Memorial
 Coliseum)
 5:30 pm Box lunches at Fine Arts Building
 7:30 pm Parade to Commonwealth Stadium/Big Blue U
 10:00 pm Load truck

Sunday, August 23

All day RELAX!

Monday, August 24

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Wind Ensemble/Symphony Band
 Auditions
 5:00 - 9:00 pm Field rehearsal (Stoll)

Tuesday, August 25

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Wind Ensemble/Symphony Band
 Auditions
 5:00 - 9:00 pm Field rehearsal (Stoll)
 9:00 pm KKΨ/TBΣ Info Night

Wednesday, August 26 (Classes Begin)

5:00 - 7:00 pm Regular WMB rehearsal (Stoll)



The University of Kentucky
WILDCAT MARCHING BAND
FALL PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE 2009

The following schedule is subject to change. The most current and official calendar for the WMB is available online at <http://ukbands.org/googlecalendar.html>. In the event of a post-season bowl invitation in December or January, all members of the WMB are expected to travel with the band. Please plan accordingly!

FULL BAND PERFORMANCES

August	16-25	Early Week (see Early Week Schedule for specific dates/times)
	22	Big Blue U (6 pm)
September	5	UK @ Miami (OH) (tentative) – Paul Brown Stadium, Cincinnati, OH (12 pm)
	12	Exhibition performance (tentative) – Location and time TBA
	19	UK vs. Louisville (12 pm)
	26	UK vs. Florida (TBA)
October	3	UK vs. Alabama (TBA)
	24	UK vs. Louisiana-Monroe – ALUMNI BAND WEEKEND (TBA)
	31	Homecoming Parade (9 am)
	31	UK vs. Mississippi State – HOMECOMING (TBA)
November	7	UK vs. ECU (TBA)
	8	Band Spectacular – Singletary Center for the Arts (2 pm)
	28	UK vs. Tennessee – Senior Night (TBA)

Note: This performance is scheduled during Thanksgiving Break. Attendance is required of all members of the WMB!

ROAD BAND PERFORMANCES (50-piece Pep Band)

October	9-11	UK @ South Carolina
	16-18	UK @ Auburn
November	13-15	UK @ Vanderbilt
	20-22	UK @ Georgia

PEP BAND PERFORMANCES (Small group performances)

August	21	Freshman Move-in (10-11 am, 2-3 pm)
	22	New student induction ceremony (3-5 pm)
	25	We Are UK Pep Band/Drumline performance (tentative) (4-7pm)
October	16	Midnight Madness – Rupp Arena (8pm – Midnight)
	24	Ag Roundup – Good Barn (TBA)
	25	Men's Soccer (1 pm)
	30	See Blue @ Keeneland (TBA)
	30	Homecoming Pep Rally (TBA – pm)
TBA		Volleyball (August 28 or November 22)
		Women's Soccer (August 29 or October 4 or October 11)

Student call time for home football games is four and one-half hours prior to the scheduled kick-off time. Call time for all other events will be announced in advance of the event.