

The University of Tennessee
"Pride of the Southland"
Marching Band



153 Years of Tradition

HANDBOOK
2022-2023



PRIDE OF THE SOUTHFLAND BAND

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

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A Short History

The University of Tennessee Marching Band, known as the “Pride of the Southland,” has represented The University of Tennessee and the State of Tennessee since its initial organization following the Civil War. What began as a small, all-male band attached to the Military Department on the Knoxville campus has grown to a 350 member university marching band known worldwide for its outstanding musical performance and precision marching. It is also one of the oldest and most prestigious collegiate band programs in the world.

The University of Tennessee Band was first organized as a corps of cadets in 1869. The band’s instrumentation was primarily cornets, and was often headed by a cadet leader. In 1892, Ernest H. Garratt was appointed the band’s first official bandmaster. Two years later, Mr. Garratt was replaced by Charles P. Garratt. At the turn of the century, William A. Knabe took over leadership of the band, and held the position of bandmaster until his death in 1914. It was during this time that in 1902 the band made its first appearance at a football game when UT played Sewanee. UT won 6 to 0! By 1917, the band, wearing WWI style uniforms, had 30 members, and was under the leadership of William Crouch. In 1925, Crouch was replaced by Ernest W. Hall. During Hall’s tenure, the band grew to over 80 members. The 1940’s brought considerable change to the band. Walter Ryba was named the new director, and women musicians marched with the band. The half-time shows became theme oriented and included guest artists. Major Ryba, a former member of the John Philip Sousa Band, served for two decades as UT’s director. It was during this time that Ed Harris, sports reporter for the Knoxville Journal, dubbed the band as the “Pride of the Southland.”

With Ryba’s retirement at the end of 1960, a new era in the band’s history began. For the next three decades, the band, under the direction of Dr. WJ Julian grew in size, prestige, and reputation. The band was moved from ROTC to the College of Education, and during his first year, Dr. Julian designed new uniforms for the band. The look of these uniforms remain a tradition at The University of Tennessee. By 1964, the band had grown to over 140 members. Under Dr. Julian, the band was revolutionized in style and appearance, and known not only for its level of performance, but also as an innovator of the “circle-drill.” In 1972, Dr. Julian introduced a new song to the fans at Neyland Stadium which immediately became the school’s unofficial fight song - “Rocky Top!” Countless traditions were established under Julian’s leadership including the opening of the “T” for the football team at every Pregame ceremony.

In 1997 Dr. Gary Sousa was appointed Director of Bands, followed by Dr. Donald Ryder, who in 2015 was appointed the tenth Director of Bands, continuing the long tradition of excellence. With Dr. Ryder’s retirement in 2022, Dr. John Zastoupil joined the faculty as the Director of Wind Studies. Dr. Michael Stewart was appointed the director of the Pride of the Southland Band with the Associate Director of Marching & Athletic Bands, Dr. Fuller Lyon. During this era, the Pride expanded its “in game” experience and continued to uphold the great UT Traditions.

The Pride of the Southland Band’s national reputation for excellence is due in part to its countless television appearances in the last fifty years. Besides representing the State of Tennessee in fifteen Presidential inaugurations (a record unmatched by any civilian organization), the band has appeared at over 50 bowl games including the Rose Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Orange Bowl, Citrus Bowl, Peach Bowl, Sun Bowl, Hall of Fame Bowl and the 1998 National Championship Fiesta Bowl. When The University of Tennessee Marching Band takes the field, the fans, alumni, and student reactions indicate that it is not only the Pride of all Tennesseans, but truly the “Pride of the Southland!”



PRIDE OF THE SOUTHLAND BAND

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Personnel

• BAND FACULTY •

Dr. John Zastoupil: Director of Wind Studies
 Dr. Michael Stewart: Director of Marching & Athletic Bands - Assoc. Dir. of Wind Studies
 Dr. Fuller Lyon: Assoc. Director of Marching & Athletic Bands - Asst. Dir. of Wind Studies
 Dr. Andy Bliss: Associate Professor of Percussion

• SUPPORT STAFF •

Ms. Jennifer Wolfenbarger: Band Business Manager
 Lindsey Cupp Maples: Majorette Coordinator
 Laura Royse Williams: Colorguard Coordinator

• GRADUATE ASSISTANTS •

Alex Boone
 Julie Bronson
 Eli Garcia
 Tom Mika
 Hope Williams

• Black Suits •

Sara Clark
 Jaleisa Crain
 Chandler DeArmond
 Reed McAmis
 Joshua Sizemore
 Mallory Vatter

• DRUM MAJOR •

Julia Boylan

• ASSISTANT DRUM MAJOR •

Reed McAmis

• HEAD MAJORETTE •

Abi Long

• SQUAD LEADERS •

Piccolo

Andrea Byrd
 Iris Flemming
 Sarah Godfrey
 Amelia Rigdon

Clarinet

Lauren Goldston
 Anna Hutchinson
 Emilee Jerrell
 Malena Pierce

Saxophone

Katelyn Bledsoe
 Claire Clark
 Pate Dennis
 Isaac Hill
 Lena Shoemaker

Mellophone

Aaron O'Donnell
 Carter Satterfield
 Kristen Spradley

Trumpet

Autumn Bowling
 Kendra Jessee
 Cole McFarland
 Lexi Tucker

Trombone

Ethan Erb
 Samuel Thomas
 Ayla Williams
 Carl Woodard

Baritone

Amelia Helms
 Stephanie Hensely

Tuba

Tony Clark
 Lexi Hollowell
 Austin Kerr

Snare Drum

TBA

Tenor Drum

TBA

Bass Drum

TBA

Cymbals

TBA

Color Guard

Meghan Morse
 Emma Stalker

• STUDENT STAFF •

Front Office

Chandler DeArmond
 Pate Dennis
 Reed McAmis

Librarians

Karah Godfrey
 Sarah Godfrey
 Ayla Williams

Uniform Room

Ploomie Messer
 Matthew Murphy
 Lena Shoemaker

Field Crew

Tommy Bond
 Melanie Lick
 Jonathon Myers
 Nathaniel Rutherford

Social Media Team

Pate Dennis
 Ryan Hulsey
 Katelyn Bledsoe
 Taylor Greene
 Tyler Delaney
 Breton Stanley
 Lexi Hollowell
 Aaron O'Donnell
 Lexi Tucker

Band Camp

Wednesday, August 10

- 9:00 AM –
11:00AM **Check In & Registration (Band Room)**
Leadership, Drumline, Color Guard, Majorettes Only
-Temporary Dorm Check In
-Leadership Uniform Fitting (A through M)
- 1:00 PM Squad Leader Training Session (Band Room)
Drumline, Color Guard, Majorettes (Field / Gym A & D)
- 5:00 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM Squad Leader Training Session (Band Room)
Drumline, Color Guard, Majorettes (Field / Gym A & D)
- 9:00 PM Dismissed

Thursday, August 11

- 9:00 AM Squad Leader Training Session (Band Room)
Drumline, Color Guard, Majorettes (Field / Gym A & D)
- 12:00 PM Lunch
-Leadership Uniform Fitting (N through Z)
- 2:00 PM Squad Leader Training Session (Band Room)
Drumline, Color Guard, Majorettes (Field / Gym A & D)
- 5:00 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM Squad Leader Training Session (Band Room)
Drumline, Color Guard, Majorettes (Field / Gym A & D)
- 9:00 PM Dismissed

Friday, August 12

- 9:00 AM –
11:00 AM **Check In & Registration (Band Room)**
First Year Members: Woodwind & Brass
 -Temporary Dorm Check In
 -New Member Instrument Check-out
 Trumpets, Mellophones, Trombones, Baritones, Sousaphones
- Rehearsal: Drumline (Field), Guard (Gym D) & Majorettes (Field)
- 11:00 AM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Opening Meeting (Band Room)
 Leadership, All First Year Members, Drumline, Color Guard, Majorettes
 -Introductions, General Meeting, Policies & Procedures
- 1:30 PM Rehearsal: Guard (Gym D) & Majorettes (Field)
 Full Music Rehearsal (Band Room – Breaks as needed)
 -Warm Up; Pregame; Show 1
- 3:30 PM Sectional Rehearsal (Warm Up/Tune; Pregame)
 **A Music Evaluation will be held during every sectional
 -*Evaluation #1: Evaluate general playing of Pregame*
 -Woodwinds / Brass / Drumline – Locations TBA
- 5:00 PM Picnic Dinner – Haslam Music Center
- 6:30 PM Marching Rehearsal (Field)
 -Fundamentals in Squads
- 6:30 PM Position of Attention
- 6:35 PM Instrument Carry / Posture
- 6:40 PM Horns Up
- 6:45 PM Mark Time (low)
- 6:50 PM Review
- 7:00 PM Break
- 7:10 PM FM Glide Step & Halt
- 7:50 PM Halt / Kick
- 8:00 PM Break
- 8:10 PM Backward March 8 to 5
- 8:40 PM March Review
- 9:00 PM Dismiss

Schedule

Saturday, August 13

9:00 AM	Marching Rehearsal (Practice Field)
9:05 AM	Review FM 8 to 5 (10 min.)
9:15 AM	Flanks (10 min.)
9:25 AM	To The Rear (TTR) (10 min.)
9:35 AM	Lateral Slides (10 min.)
9:45 AM	Review Flanks, TTR, Lateral Slides (10 min.)
9:55 AM	Break and Dismiss to Sections
10:00 AM	Pregame Pod I
10:25 AM	Pregame Pod II
10:50 AM	Break
10:55 AM	Pregame Pod III
11:20 AM	Pregame Pod IV
12:00 PM	Lunch -Leadership, Drumline, Color Guard, Majorettes: Pick up meal money -New Member Uniform Fitting (A – L)
1:30 PM	Full Music Rehearsal (Band Room) Orange Folder: Warm Ups; Pregame; Show 1
3:00 PM	Move into permanent dorms
6:30 PM	Marching Rehearsal (Field) (Squads – 8 to 5; Marching Review)
7:10 PM	Break
7:15 PM	Pregame Pod I (Review & Evaluations)
7:30 PM	Pregame Pod II (Review & Evaluations)
7:45 PM	Break
7:50 PM	Pregame Pod III (Review & Evaluations)
8:05 PM	Pregame Pod IV (Review & Evaluations)
8:20 PM	Break
8:25 PM	Marching Evaluations
9:00 PM	Dismiss

Sunday, August 14

10:00 AM –

12:00 PM **Check In & Registration (Band Room)**

All Returning Woodwinds & Brass

****Please Note – Any returning members who want to be “re-fitted” for a different uniform may arrive starting at 8:00AM**

10:00 AM Marching Rehearsal (Field)

Drumline, Color Guard, Majorettes, New WW/Brass

10:05 AM Circle Drill Pod I (New Members, Drumline, Color Guard)

10:25 AM Circle Drill Pod II

10:45 AM Break

10:50 AM Circle Drill Pod III

11:10 AM Circle Drill Pod IV

11:30 AM Sectional meeting – Drill Chart Reading Procedures

12:00 PM Lunch

-Leadership & New Members Pick Up Meal Money

-New Member Uniform Fitting (M-Z)

2:00 PM Upperclassmen Meeting (Band Room)

-Introductions, Policies & Procedures, etc.

2:30 PM Full Music Rehearsal (All Members - Band Room)

Orange Folder: Warm Ups; Pregame; Spirit of the Hill

White Folder: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

4:00 PM Sectional Rehearsal (Pregame and Show #1)

**Music Memorization Evaluation #2 – Pregame A Pages*

5:00 PM Dinner

-Concert Instrument Check-Out

6:30 PM -ALL NEW MEMBERS: History of the Band (Meet in Band Room)

Marching Rehearsal (Upperclassmen Only - Field)

-Work in Squads

-Review of Basic Fundamentals

-NO REHEARSAL: Drumline, Color Guard, Majorettes

7:10 PM Break

7:15 PM Pregame Pod I (Review & Evaluations)

7:30 PM Pregame Pod II (Review & Evaluations)

7:45 PM Break

7:50 PM Pregame Pod III (Review & Evaluations)

8:05 PM Pregame Pod IV (Review & Evaluations)

8:20 PM Break

8:25 PM Marching Evaluations

9:00 PM Dismiss

Schedule

Monday, August 15

- 9:00 AM Full Band Rehearsal (Field-Set Attendance Block)
Squads – Review Pregame Skills/Marching Evaluations
-Side Steps, Vols spellout, Halftime Step & Touch-Go
- 9:30 AM Break
- 9:35 AM Circle Drill Pod I
- 10:05 AM Break
- 10:10 AM Circle Drill Pod II
- 10:40 AM Break
- 10:45 AM Circle Drill Pod III
- 11:15 AM Break
- 11:20 AM Circle Drill Pod IV
- 12:00 PM Lunch (Provided)
- 2:00 PM Guard (Gym D) – Majorettes (Field)
- 2:00 PM Sectional Rehearsals (Pregame Music & White Folder)
**Music Memorization Evaluation #3 – Pregame B Pages*
- 3:30 PM Full Music Rehearsal (Band Room)
Orange Folder: Warm Ups; Star Spangled Banner; TN Waltz;
Alma Mater; Fanfare & TN Waltz March
White Folder: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
- 5:00 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM Marching Rehearsal (Full Band – Field)
Begin Teaching Pregame
- 9:00 PM Dismiss

Tuesday, August 16

- 9:00 AM Full Band Rehearsal (Field)
-Set “Music Around the Ladder” form
Squads – Review Fundamentals/Marching Evaluations
- 9:45 AM Pregame (breaks as needed)
- 12:00 PM Lunch
-Returning WW and Brass Members Pick Up Meal Money
- 2:00 PM Sectional Rehearsals (Pregame Music, Show 1, White Folder)
**Music Memorization Evaluation #4 – Pregame C & D Pages*
- 3:30 PM Guard (Gym D) – Majorettes (Field)
Full Music Rehearsal (Band Room)
Orange Folder: Warm Ups, Show 1
White Folder: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 33
- 5:00 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM Marching Rehearsal (Full Band – Field)
-Begin Teaching Show 1
-Review Pregame (breaks as needed)
- 9:00 PM Dismiss

Wednesday, August 17

- 9:00 AM Full Band Rehearsal (Field)
Squads – Review Fundamentals
- 9:30 AM Continue teaching Show 1 (break as needed)
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 1:30 PM Pep Band Auditions (Locations TBA)
- 2:30 PM Sectional Rehearsals (Pregame Music, Show 1, White Folder)
**Music Memorization Evaluation #5 – E & F Pages*
- 3:30 PM Guard (Gym D) – Majorettes (Field)
Full Music Rehearsal (Band Room)
Orange Folder: Warm Ups; TBA
White Folder: Salute to the Hill Sequence; Rocky Top – Singing;
Touchdown/Field Goal Sequences; 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42
- 5:00 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM Marching Rehearsal (Full Band – Field)
Review Pregame (breaks as needed)
- 7:15 PM Teach Salute to the Hill Sequence
- 8:00 PM Dismiss for Pool Party

Thursday, August 18

- 9:00 AM Full Band Rehearsal (Field)
Squads – Review Fundamentals/Marching Evaluations
- 9:30 AM Marching Rehearsal
-Pregame and Show 1 (break as needed)
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 2:00 PM Sectional Rehearsals (Show #2 & White Folder)
**Music Memorization Evaluation #6 – Fight Vols Fight & Down the Field*
- 3:30 PM Guard (Gym D) – Majorettes (Field)
Full Music Rehearsal (Band Room)
Orange Folder: Warm Ups; Show #2; Show #1
White Folder: 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53
- 5:00 PM BBQ Dinner
- 7:00 PM “First Tailgate” Performance
- 8:00 PM Dismiss

Schedule

Friday, August 19

- 9:00 AM Full Band Reports to Band Room / Uniform Inspection
-Dress: Practice Shorts/T Shirt/Black Socks/Tennis Shoes
- 9:30 AM March to the Stadium & Salute to the Hill
Marching Rehearsal (Neyland Stadium)
-Field Orientation (squads)
-Review Pregame
-Set Stadium Seating
- 11:30 AM Lunch with the Chancellor
- 2:00 PM Sectional Rehearsals (Show #2 & White Folder)
**Music Memorization Evaluation #7 – Star Spangled Banner*
- 3:30 PM Guard (Gym D) – Majorettes (Field)
Full Music Rehearsal (Band Room)
Orange Folder: Warm Ups; Show #2; Show #1;
Review Salute to the Hill Sequence
White Folder: 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62
- 5:00 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM Marching Rehearsal (Full Band – Field)
-Pregame; Show #1 (breaks as needed)
- 7:30 PM Uniform Inspection Meeting (Powell Auditorium)
- 8:30 PM Dismiss

Saturday, August 20

- 1:00 PM Band Picnic – UT Intramural Field (Sutherland Avenue)

Sunday, August 21

No Rehearsals

Monday, August 22

- 9:00 AM Full Band Rehearsal (Field)
Squads – Review Fundamentals/Marching Evaluations
- 9:30 AM Music & Marching Rehearsal
-Pregame and Show 1 (break as needed)
- 12:00 PM Dismiss

Auditions for Concert Ensembles (Band Room)
-Sign up for specific audition times on the band bulletin board
1:00 – 2:00 PM Flute
2:30 – 4:00 PM Trumpet
4:00 – 5:00 PM Trombone

Tuesday, August 23

- 9:00 AM Full Band Rehearsal (Field)
Squads – Review Fundamentals/Marching Evaluations
- 9:30 AM Music & Marching Rehearsal
-Pregame and Show 1 (break as needed)
- 12:00 PM Dismiss

Auditions for Concert Ensembles (Band Room)
-Sign up for specific audition times on the band bulletin board
1:00 – 2:00 PM Oboe & Bassoon
2:00 – 3:00 PM Saxophone
3:00 – 4:00 PM Horn

Wednesday, August 24 – Classes Begin

Auditions for Concert Ensembles (Band Room)
-Sign up for specific audition times on the band bulletin board
12:30 – 2:00 PM Clarinet
2:00 – 3:00 PM Euphonium & Tuba

- 3:45 PM Full Band Rehearsal (Field)
Music Rehearsal; Squads – Review Fundamentals/Marching Evaluations
- 4:10 PM Marching Rehearsal
-Pregame and Show 1 (break as needed)
- 5:30 PM Dismiss

2022-2023 Performance Schedule

Calendar

All Times and Dates Subject to Change

September 1	UT vs Ball State
September 10	UT @ Pitt (Pep Band)
September 17	UT vs Akron
September 24	UT vs Florida
October 6 October 8	Depart for New Orleans UT @ LSU (Full Band)
October 15	UT vs Alabama
October 21 October 22	Homecoming Parade UT vs UT Martin (Homecoming)
October 29	UT vs Kentucky
November 5	UT @ Georgia (Pep Band)
November 12	UT vs Missouri
November 19	UT @ South Carolina (Pep Band)
November 26	UT @ Vanderbilt (Pep Band)
December 3	SEC Championship (Atlanta, GA)*
December 23 - January 10	Bowl Game participation*
April 2023	Orange and White Game (attendance required)

*Our involvement is dependent upon season

Band Camp

Housing

Band members living on campus in University Housing during the Fall Semester are eligible to live on campus during Band Camp. All Squad Leaders, Percussion, Color Guard, and Majorettes requiring Band Camp housing may check into **Hess Hall** on Wednesday, August 10, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. First year Woodwind and Brass members of the "Pride" requiring Band Camp housing may check into **Hess Hall** on Friday, August 12, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Returning upperclass Woodwind and Brass players may check into **their assigned residence halls** on Sunday, August 14, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. First year members traveling great distances to Knoxville on Thursday, August 11, may check into the dorms upon arrival, but must notify Ms. Wolfenbarger in the Band Office (865-974-7520 or jwolfen4@utk.edu) of your housing needs no later than Friday, July 22, 2022. Returning upperclass Woodwind and Brass players traveling great distances to Knoxville on Saturday, August 13, may check into the dorms upon arrival, but must notify Ms. Wolfenbarger in the Band Office (865-974-7520 or jwolfen4@utk.edu) of your housing needs no later than Friday, July 22, 2022.

NOTE: It is likely during Band Camp that you will be assigned a different dorm room from your assigned room for the school year. If this is the case, you will be required to move into your permanent dorm rooms on *Saturday, August 13, beginning at 3:00 PM*. To minimize this move, it is recommended that you only bring to Band Camp those items necessary for Band Camp, and have your parents bring the remainder of your belongings on Saturday.

The Band Department will pay the cost of your Band Camp housing only if you are a member of the "Pride of the Southland" Marching Band and will be living in the dorms during the fall semester. **If at any time you decide to discontinue your membership in band, you must pay the remainder of your camp housing costs.**

Meals

Meal money will be provided by the Band Department to help defray the cost of meals during Band Camp. Students must be enrolled in classes at UTK in order to receive meal money support. See the Camp Schedule for the date and time of meal money distribution for your specific group. Please plan accordingly for meal expenses until that time. You will receive meal money through Friday, August 19th, when the university cafeterias are scheduled to open. You should use your meal-plan "dining dollars" on Saturday and Sunday. Regular meal plans begin on Monday, August 22nd. **If at any time you decide to discontinue your membership in band, you must return the remaining meal money received.**

Parking

Parking hangtags for Fall 2022 may be purchased with a credit card on the UT Parking Services website @ <http://web.utk.edu/~pso>, or you may purchase parking hangtags by visiting the Parking Services Office on campus. Based on whether you purchase a commuter hangtag (for those students not living on campus) or non-commuter hangtag (for students living in University Housing), you may park in commuter or non-commuter lots during Band Camp. All vehicles without current parking hangtags will be ticketed.

Parking provisions for home and away football games will be announced during Band Camp.

Late Arrivals to Band Camp

Anyone arriving after the designated scheduled date and time for his/her respective assignment, must submit in writing a request to Dr. Stewart to have the late arrival approved. This request must be received in the band office no later than **July 22, 2022**. If approved, you must arrive within 24 hours of the date of conflict. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action as determined by the directors.

Class Policies

Auditions

All students must play a music audition for the opportunity to attend the “Pride of the Southland” Marching Band Camp. During Band Camp, students’ abilities to march and play will be evaluated by faculty and staff. These evaluations will determine field placement and marching assignments.

Grading Policy

You must be enrolled for a grade in Music Ensemble 359 – “Marching Band” to attend class and perform with this ensemble (See University timetable for proper section number). Your grade in this course is based upon preparation, musical & marching performance, attitude & work ethic, and attendance. The faculty will evaluate each of these attributes to determine your final grade.

Preparation

Your preparation of music and drill maneuvers will be evaluated during both rehearsals and performances. Drill charts and music must be marked and learned before each rehearsal. You are required to have your instrument in proper performance condition (see Instrument Care, p. 19-20), flip folder, music lyre, and all other needed equipment ready at every rehearsal and performance. Dress should be comfortable but conservative for rehearsals. Tennis or running shoes are required footwear for rehearsals. Your uniform, equipment, music, and drill charts should be prepared to the standards stated by the directors. Failure to prepare for a rehearsal or performance will result in a grade reduction of 1/2 letter per infraction. You will also be placed on alternate or work status as determined by the directors (See page 16 for Alternate Policy). Repeat offenses will result in continued grade reduction and disciplinary action as determined by the directors. **The use of cell phones or other electronic communication devices during rehearsals or performances is strictly forbidden.** An individual who fails to adhere to this policy will immediately be placed on non-performance status (see page 15 for Non-Performance Policy).

Musical & Marching Performance

Your musical and marching performance will be evaluated at each rehearsal and performance. You must always strive for musical and marching excellence. **“Pregame,” “Salute to the Hill,” and the “National Anthem” music must be memorized prior to the beginning of band camp.** Students who fail to commit this music to memory will risk being placed on alternate or non-performance status.

A required weekly music sectional rehearsal for all woodwind and brass members will be held on Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the bandroom. A required weekly music sectional rehearsal for all percussionists will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. A required weekly sectional rehearsal for all majorettes will be held on Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and for colorguard on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The performance of music as dictated by the written page is essential to maintaining the performance excellence of the Pride of the Southland Band. Any individual found improvising or playing notes or rhythms not written in the music will be placed on non-performance status (see page 15 for Non-Performance Policy).

Attitude, Work Ethic & Behavior

Students must strive to do their best at all times demonstrating behavior which is constructive, disciplined, and focused, and contribute positively to the efficiency and effectiveness of all rehearsals and performances. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action as determined by the directors. The band program maintains a strict no response or acknowledgement policy involving communication with fans or with any individual outside of the band program. This ensures the safety of each band member as well as protects the integrity of the program and university. **This no response policy also extends to all public verbal, written, and electronic forms of communication regarding the policies, practices, and performances of “The Pride of the Southland” Band.** Failure to adhere to these policies may result in failure of the course. Upon failure, a student may not participate in rehearsal, perform, or travel with the band.

Attendance

Procedures

As a member of the "Pride," you are expected to arrive on time and attend every rehearsal and performance. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each rehearsal, sectional rehearsal, and performance. If you are not present at the time attendance is taken, you will be marked absent. All students arriving late (tardy) will sign the tardy sheet in the Official Notebook located near front 50 yard line. This is **YOUR** responsibility, and includes all students, both excused and unexcused! Students who fail to sign the tardy sheet will be considered absent! Early dismissal from class also requires you to sign the Official Notebook before departing from rehearsal.

In the event of a schedule conflict with University of Tennessee classes, you must complete a course conflict form and turn it in with a copy of your schedule. Even students with approved conflicts must follow the check-in procedure. These forms will be available at the beginning of Band Camp.

Tardies & Absences

If you have an unexcused **tardy** from a rehearsal, you will be placed on alternate status or work detail for the next game as determined by the directors. If you have an unexcused **absence** from a rehearsal, your grade will be lowered by one full letter, and you will be placed on alternate status or work detail for the next game as determined by the directors. Two late arrivals (tardies) for rehearsal will be considered an unexcused absence. Each student is limited to three excused absences. All successive absences will be considered unexcused. If you have an unexcused **tardy** from a performance, your grade will be lowered by one full letter, and you will be placed on alternate status or work detail for the next game as determined by the directors. If you have an unexcused **absence** from a performance, you will fail the course. Upon failure, a student may not participate in rehearsal, perform, or travel with the band. Consult the schedule in this handbook for the dates of all required performances.

Emergency Absence from Class or Performance

Illness-In the event of an illness, severe enough to cause you to miss rehearsal or a performance, you must call the Band Office (865-974-5031) no later than 12:00 (noon) on the day of your absence. You must do this for every day of your absence. Within one week of your return to class, you must submit an official absence request form (available in the Band Office) with documentation to Dr. Stewart. No other forms of communication will be accepted. The only acceptable documentation of illness is a signed note from a doctor on official stationery. The band faculty will evaluate your request. The results of this evaluation will be posted in the band graduate office as to whether the absence has been excused.

Other Emergency Absences - If a personal or immediate family emergency prevents you from attending a rehearsal or performance, you must notify the Band Office immediately (865-974-5031). Within one week of your return to class, you must submit an official absence request form (available in the Band Office) to Dr. Stewart with documentation attached, concerning the nature of the emergency. No other forms of communication will be accepted. The band faculty will evaluate your request. The results of this evaluation will be posted in the band graduate office as to whether the absence has been excused.

Non-Emergency Absence from Class or Performance

If you have a personal or family event that was planned prior to the beginning of Band Camp for which you would like to be excused from class or a performance, you must submit your request to have the absence excused to Dr. Stewart, no later than **5:00 p.m., Friday, August 19**. The band faculty will evaluate your request. The results of this evaluation will be posted in the band graduate office as to whether the absence has been excused.

Non-Performance

If you are placed on non-performance status, you will be suspended from performing with the band and your grade will be lowered by two (2) full letters. The period of suspension is determined by the directors. During this time of suspension, the student may not perform nor travel with the band.

Flip Folder and Music

You will be assigned two specifically numbered flip folders (Orange & White) at the first rehearsal. You are responsible for your “Orange and White” folders until you turn them in after the last game of the year. Losing your folder at any time during the season (this includes losing it on the field) will result in a \$15.00 charge per folder.

Except for “Pregame,” “Salute to the Hill,” and “National Anthem,” band members must use music and a lyre in **all rehearsals and performances**. Lyres may be purchased from any local music store. Piccolos, Sousaphones and Percussionists are exceptions to this lyre policy. Faculty and staff will evaluate each piccolo and percussion students’ memorization of half time music one week prior to performance. If a student has not memorized his/her music, he/she will be placed on “alternate status.”

Alternate Policy

Prior to learning Pregame or a halftime show, each student will be evaluated, ranked, and designated as either a principal or alternate marcher. These designations will be based upon the faculty and staff’s evaluation of a student’s preparation, musical and marching performance, attitude and work ethic, and attendance. Each student designated as a principal marcher will prepare his/her music and drill for a specific marching assignment. Each student designated as an alternate marcher will march beside a principal marcher and prepare his/her music and drill for that specific marching assignment. The re-evaluation and re-designation of principal and alternate marchers will continue throughout the season. **There are no permanent principal marcher designations.**

Performance

Each student’s performance responsibility extends beyond the realm of Half Time and Pregame entertainment. In particular, the “Pride’s” many traditions include the “March to the Stadium,” “Salute to the Hill,” “Pregame Spirals,” and In-Stand Performance. Each of these traditions carries with it very specific responsibilities for each member of the band. These responsibilities will be outlined for the members of the band during Band Camp. The “Pride” is a vital force in the spirit and atmosphere of UT Football and the UT community! We represent the University, the State of Tennessee, and a 153-year tradition of excellence. Therefore, it is necessary for everyone to understand the role of the “Pride of the Southland Marching” Band in all performance situations, and how important each individual’s contribution is to the success of the organization. Students who fail to accept the performance standards of “The Pride of the Southland” Band will be put on non-performance status (see page 15 for Non-Performance Policy). Repeated failures to meet these standards or gross negligence (as determined by the directors) of these standards will result in failure of the course. Upon failure, a student may not participate in rehearsal, perform, or travel with the band.

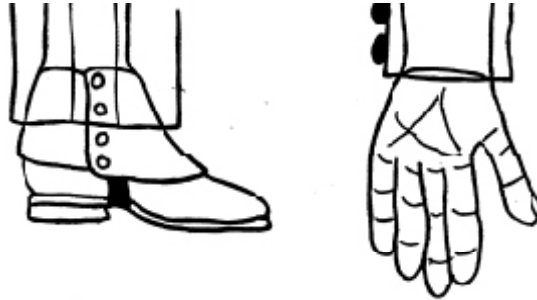
Required Band Member Expenses

Band members are required to have the following equipment and supplies. No cash or checks will be accepted. All purchases will be made with either (Master Card, Visa, or Discover) on-line using the order menu located on the UT Band Website. www.utbands.com

1. Drill Master™ Black Marching Shoes (apprx. \$35)
2. White Button-hole Suspenders (\$6)
3. White Spats (\$9)
4. White Band Gloves (\$5)
5. Plume (\$20)
6. UT Instrument or Flag Maintenance Fee (\$35)
(Only if using a UT Instrument or Flag)(See page 19 for information)
7. Pride Travel Warm-Up Suit and Shorts (apprx. \$100)

Band Member Appearance

Unless otherwise dictated by a Director, "Pride" members will be in full uniform at all times while in public. Full uniform is dictated as Drill Master™ Black Marching Shoes, Spats, Pants, UT Band T-Shirt, Suspenders, Coat (fully buttoned), Overlay, and Citation Cords. Men are to be clean-shaven. When wearing your hat, your hair may not fall over the uniform collar, nor may it touch your eyebrows. If hair ribbons, scrunchies, etc., are used, they must be black in color. When worn, the hat is to be level on the head with the brim even with the eyebrows. The chinstrap is to be securely placed under the chin. All buttons and clasps are to be fastened and collar liners in place. Gloves when not worn must be placed under the left shoulder epaulet fingers facing forward. Uniform pants must be worn with white, button hole (no clasp) suspenders. Make sure that the hem of the pants falls between the second and third snap of the spats. The snaps on the spats are to be facing out. The hem of the coat sleeve is to be at the base of the palm when the arm is relaxed at the side (see illustration).



Hair color must remain natural. Extreme colors are prohibited. Any form of jewelry including watches, may not be worn when in uniform. This includes earrings and any visible body piercings. Sideburns may not fall below the bottom of the ear. Colored nail polish may not be worn. Faces may not be painted. Tattoos may not be visible. Sunglasses, light sensitive glasses, or transition lenses may not be worn at any time while in uniform (full or travel). Towels, rags and/or other paraphernalia may not be attached to the uniform or instrument. Band members may not smoke while in uniform or in travel uniform. Flip folders, when not in use, should hang from the overlay straps with the white folder on the right and orange folder on the left.

Shoes must be polished. Spats, hats, and gloves must be clean. The uniform and all of its parts must be clean and pressed. Inspections will be conducted before each band performance. Failure to adhere to band member appearance requirements will result in the removal of that individual from the performance (See the attendance policy for the consequences of an unexcused absence from a performance), or being placed on non-performance status for the next performance. Any individual exceptions to these policies will be made at the discretion of the directors.

In accepting the privilege of wearing "The Pride of the Southland" Band Uniform, each student understands that the uniform represents the integrity, excellence, and tradition of the UT Band Program. **The uniform in its parts or entirety may only be worn when dictated by the directors. Any public display (i.e. photograph, video, electronic or digital media, etc.) or electronic posting of this uniform is forbidden without the permission of the directors.** Failure to meet these standards or gross negligence of the standards will result in failure of the course. Upon failure, a student may not participate in rehearsal, perform, or travel with the band.

Dry Cleaning

Uniforms are regularly dry cleaned by Prestige Cleaners. Official announcements will be made regarding when your uniform must be turned-in for cleaning. Failure to turn in the uniform at the announced date and time will result in a \$25 late fee assessment to the student.

Hats & Plumes

Your hat must be cleaned prior to each game. It can be cleaned with Mr. Clean Magic Erasers. No material (i.e. bandanas, etc.) may be worn under your hat. In excessively cold weather, the Director may allow you to wear a designated UT Band black earband under your hat. These earbands may be purchased from the Uniform Managers.

You are required to purchase a plume during Band Camp. You must at all times maintain the plume in its original condition. If, during the season, the plume becomes worn or damaged, you will be required to purchase a new plume for performances.

Shoes & Spats

You are required to purchase black Drill Master™ marching shoes. A company representative will be available during Band Camp to fit you and take your order.

You are required to purchase one pair of white spats during band camp. Spats must be cleaned prior to each game. They can be cleaned with Mr. Clean Magic Erasers. Make sure all grass stains and scuff marks are removed. If your spats becomes worn or damaged, you will be required to purchase a new pair.

Gloves & Suspenders

You must purchase a pair of white UT band gloves. Throughout the season, gloves may be purchased from the Uniform Managers at the Uniform Room.

You must purchase a pair of white, button hole (no clasp) suspenders.

Raincoats

You will be assigned two “Pride of the Southland Band” raincoats at the time you are fitted for your uniform. In inclement weather, your squad leader will provide you with your assigned coats. It will be your responsibility to return your assigned raincoats at an announced time to your squad leader. Failure to return the assigned coats will result in a student’s grades and transcripts being held. The replacement cost of a Pride raincoat is \$78.00 each.

Alterations & Buttons

Pant length may be altered, but NO CUTTING is allowed on any part of the uniform. Pants must be hemmed. Any alterations to the coat, other than adjusting sleeve-length, is forbidden. The overlay may not be altered in any way. All buttons must be sewn to the garment. Buttons may not be attached to the garment with the use of safety pins. Alterations to the uniform or its parts, in anyway, are forbidden without the permission of the directors.

Uniform Check-out

New members and transfers will be fitted for uniforms during orientation or during posted hours at Band Camp. Specific hours for all band members for uniform check-out may be found in the Band Camp schedule.

Uniform Check-in

Uniforms will be checked-in following the “Pride of the Southland’s” final performance of the 2022-23 season. Any uniform not turned in will result in a student’s grades and transcripts being held. Each student will be held accountable for the replacement cost of the uniform and parts. A \$25.00 late fee will be assessed to students who do not return their uniform at the designated date and time.

Travel & Storage

Uniforms, when traveling, must be kept on a wooden hanger in your “Pride of the Southland” Garment Bag.

T-shirts

You are required to wear the official 2022-23 Pride of the Southland Band T-shirt under your uniform. Each student will be given one T-shirt during uniform check-out. Should you lose your shirt during the season, the replacement cost is \$15.00. These shirts may only be worn by UT “Pride of the Southland” members.

Travel Warm-Up Suits, Shorts & Hats

You must purchase a 2022-23 “Pride of the Southland” Warm-Up Suit and black shorts on-line from UT Band website: www.utbands.com. All fees will be paid with either (Master Card, Visa, or Discover) You will be required to wear this attire at various times throughout the season. Only Official UT Pride caps may be worn as headwear when dressed in Official Travel Clothes. See Travel Dress Code for specific information.

UT Instrument & Flag Check-Out & Deposit

Instrument & Flag Maintenance Fee

There is a \$35 maintenance fee required to check-out any UT Brass or Woodwind instrument, Marching Percussion, or Flag. This includes both marching and concert instruments. If you are going to use more than one UT instrument during the year, you are required to pay a fee for each instrument. The maintenance fee is used to repair and maintain each instrument/flag in the inventory. Repair costs for each instrument will be recorded. Any and all repair costs that are incurred while the UT equipment is checked-out to the student, beyond the \$35 maintenance fee, will be billed to the student. All marching band members performing on Mellophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Sousaphone, Percussion, and Flags are required to use matching UT instruments and Equipment. No cash or checks will be accepted. All fees will be paid with either (Master Card, Visa, or Discover) on-line using the order menu located on the UT Band website. www.utbands.com

New Member & Percussion Check-out

All percussionists (including cymbals) and colorguard will check out their instruments/flags on Wednesday, August 10. New members playing sousaphone, baritone, trombone, trumpet, mellophone, or alto saxophone will check out their instruments on Friday, August 12, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the Band Room. You must present a maintenance fee receipt for \$35 to check-out an instrument/flag. No cash or checks will be accepted. All fees will be paid with either (Master Card, Visa, or Discover) on-line using the order menu located on the UT Band website. www.utbands.com

NO FEE, NO INSTRUMENT, NO EXCEPTIONS!

NOTE: The University does not provide any other marching instruments. Mouthpieces for brass instruments must be provided by the student.

Returning Member Instrument Check-out

Returning members playing sousaphone, baritone, trombone, mellophone, trumpet, or alto saxophone will check out their instruments on Sunday, August 14, from 10:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m. in the Bandroom. You must have paid the fee of \$35 online to check-out an instrument. No cash or checks will be accepted. All fees will be paid with either (Master Card, Visa, or Discover) on-line using the order menu located on the UT Band website. www.utbands.com

NO FEE, NO INSTRUMENT, NO EXCEPTIONS!

NOTE: The University does not provide any other marching instruments. Mouthpieces for brass instruments must be provided by the student.

Concert Instrument Check-out

Students playing in concert bands and needing a UT instrument (including percussion) may check out their instruments on Sunday, August 14th from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Band Room. You must have paid the fee of \$35 online to check-out an instrument. No cash or checks will be accepted. All fees will be paid with either (Master Card, Visa, or Discover) on-line using the order menu located on the UT Band website. www.utbands.com

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Instrument Care

As a member of the "Pride," you are expected to perform on an instrument that is capable of producing and functioning at the highest possible level.

Brass Instruments (Trumpets, Mellophones, Trombones, Baritones, Sousaphones)

Quality/Upkeep - All instruments should be in the highest visual and working quality at all times. This includes: 1) All valves and slides lubricated on a regular basis and in good working order (i.e. -Tuning Slides); 2) All instruments/mouthpieces free of major dents that could either prohibit maximum performance capabilities and/or present severe cosmetic problems (This includes solder and brace joints); 3) All instruments (except Sousaphone) must have a music lyre attached at all times; 4) All instruments must be properly stored and transported in a protective case; 5) Towels, streamers, rags, and/or other paraphernalia may not be attached to the instrument.

Color & Polish - All Students must use designated University-owned Silver Brass Instruments. All brass instruments need to be polished before EVERY performance.

Instrument Care (cont.)

Woodwind Instruments (Piccolos, Clarinets, Alto and Tenor Saxophones)

Quality/Upkeep - All instruments should be in the highest visual and working quality at all times. This includes: 1) All keys, corks and joints lubricated on a regular basis and in good working order. All pads must be in good performance condition; 2) All instruments/mouthpieces free of major dents or cracks that could either prohibit maximum performance capabilities and/or present severe cosmetic looks (This includes ligatures); 3) All instruments (except Piccolo) must have a music lyre attached at all times. 4) All instruments must be properly stored and transported in a protective case; 5) All reed instrumentalists must have several good working reeds at all times; 6) Towels, streamers, rags, and/or other paraphernalia may not be attached to the instrument. 7) Neck straps for saxophones and/or clarinets must be solid black in color.

Color & Polish - Piccolos: (silver or black finish); Clarinets: (black finish); Saxophones: (Brass Lacquer finish). All instruments (except clarinets) need to be polished before EVERY performance.

Percussion Instruments (Snares, Tenors, Basses, Cymbals)

Quality/Upkeep - All instruments should be in the highest visual and working quality at all times. This includes: 1) All lugs lubricated on a regular basis and in good working order; 2) All instruments/heads free of major dents or cracks that could either prohibit maximum performance capabilities and/or present severe cosmetic looks; 3) All battery instruments must be covered for daily rehearsals; 4) All instruments must be properly stored and transported individually in UT protective case/bags; 5) All battery percussionists must have at least one pair of approved practice sticks/mallets and one pair of approved performance sticks/mallets at all times. Cymbals must have the assigned cymbal straps and pads; 6) Towels, streamers, rags, and/or other paraphernalia may not be attached to the instrument/head; 7) All instruments need to be cleaned and/or polished before EVERY performance.

Drum Heads

Students will only perform on the brand and model of drum head specified by the band faculty. Each student will receive one replacement head per drum during the season. Each additional head will be charged to the student.

Sticks and Mallets

Students will only perform on the brand and model of drum stick/mallet specified by the band faculty. Each battery percussionist will be provided with one set of practice sticks/mallets and one set of performance sticks/mallets. All replacement sticks/mallets will be charged to the student.

Instrument Loading and Unloading

When traveling, each student is responsible for loading and unloading his/her own instrument from the instrument truck. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in the student being put on work duty as determined by the directors.

Inclement Weather

If, due to inclement weather, your instrument becomes wet, it is your responsibility to properly dry and care for the instrument and case assigned to you. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in the student being put on work duty.

Instrument Storage

UT instruments should be stored in their assigned locker or locker area within the UT Band Instrument Storage Area.

Repairs

Any repairs needed to your UT instrument must be reported immediately to Dr. Stewart or the assigned graduate student. *Students will be held financially responsible for any repairs deemed "unnatural" as well as any lost or stolen instruments.*

Instrument Check-in

Any instrument being checked-in must be cleaned, polished and the case cleaned-out. UT instruments not turned in on the specified date will result in grades and transcripts being held.

Travel

Band members are expected to perform at all football games, marching band events, and marching band trips as dictated by the season schedule or as announced by the directors. Plan ahead for Thanksgiving as well as a probable bowl trip. You are responsible for following trip schedules and taking responsibility for your luggage, instrument, and uniform. This includes loading and unloading all items from busses or trucks.

All students are expected to ride University-provided transportation. Any exceptions should be submitted, in writing, on an official travel excuse form to Dr. Stewart no later than one week in advance of the event. No other forms of communication will be accepted. **Any member missing the University-provided transportation is responsible for getting to the event on time. An unexcused absence from a performance will result in failure of the course. Upon failure, a student may not participate in rehearsal, perform, or travel with the band.** During Band Camp, you will have the opportunity to sign-up for the bus on which you will travel for the semester. Once bus lists are finalized and posted, you may not ride on a different vehicle without approval from the director. **Each student must be seated on his/her assigned bus fifteen (15) minutes prior to each departure.** Attendance will be taken at that time.

During Band Camp, you will also have the opportunity to sign-up for hotel room accommodations. Four students are assigned to each room. While traveling with the band, only those band members assigned to a room may occupy the room. Each student is required to stay in his/her assigned hotel room unless approved by the director. You and your roommates are responsible for any incidental room charges (e.g. movies, room service and phone calls). While staying in a hotel, a “no noise” policy between the hours of 11:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. will be maintained by all band students.

Failure to adhere to bus or hotel assignments will result in the failure of the course. Upon failure, a student may not participate in rehearsal, perform, or travel with the band.

You have the privilege of traveling with “The Pride of the Southland Band,” one of the premier band organizations in the nation. As a student at The University of Tennessee, you are subject to all University rules governing student conduct as outlined in the 2022-2023 UT Student Handbook, *Hilltopics*. You will be held responsible for all aspects of your behavior. Please remember to respect the rights of others in the group and all persons not connected with the group. Consumption of alcoholic beverages, the use of illegal drugs, or behavior deemed inappropriate by the directors, while associated with the band at any performance, rehearsal or university sponsored /related activity will not be tolerated. Individuals in violation of these policies will be subject to referral to the Dean of Students and failure of the course. Upon failure, a student may not participate in rehearsal, perform, or travel with the band.

People will judge you, The University of Tennessee, and “The Pride of the Southland Band” by your actions, both on and off the field. Your behavior and appearance must be exemplary and well beyond what is expected of you as a private individual. The outstanding reputation of “The Pride of the Southland” has taken years to build and can be destroyed by one individual and one unfortunate incident.

Travel Dress Code

While traveling with The “Pride of the Southland Marching Band,” please remember that you represent not only the Band, but also The University of Tennessee and the State of Tennessee. Therefore, it is very important to maintain a positive image. In order to establish and maintain this image, all students must adhere to Band Member Appearance guidelines as stipulated on page 17 of this handbook. Travel dress code for band members is as follows:

For Travel by Bus (unless in full uniform): All students must wear the “Pride of the Southland” Shirt, Official Travel Cap (if a hat is worn), the official “Pride” Warm-Up Suit or Black Shorts (as dictated by the directors), Short Black Socks, and Tennis Shoes. Jewelry may not be worn with the exception of a wrist watch. Any questions should be directed to one of the Director(s).

For Travel by Airplane: All students should wear dress clothes which meet the following criteria: Men-Dress Slacks, Suit or Sport Coat, Shirt, Tie, Dress Shoes and Socks. Women- Dresses or Pants Suits, Dress Shoes. Jewelry may not be worn with the exception of a wrist watch.

Football Pep Bands

There are two performing “Pride of the Southland” Pep Bands during the football season. Membership in each of these bands is through audition. Auditions will be held during band camp (see master schedule for date and times). Members will receive a pep band stipend at the end of the marching season commensurate with the organization to which they are assigned.

Orange Pep Band

The Orange Pep Band performs at assigned pep rallies, all away football game pep rallies, bowl trip pep rallies, and other events as scheduled. Members will receive a stipend of \$150.00.

White Pep Band

The White Pep Band performs for the “Vol Walk” at home games and other events as scheduled. Members will receive a stipend of \$150.00.

Concert Bands

There are three concert bands which rehearse and perform each semester. Auditions for the fall semester will be held Monday, August 22nd through Thursday, August 25th, and are scheduled by signing up on the bulletin board in the Band lobby. See the Band Camp Schedule for specific instrument audition dates and times. The required audition music will be available to all band members on the UT Band website (www.utbands.com) in mid-July.

Wind Ensemble (Music Ensemble 353)

Wind Ensemble is comprised of the most outstanding wind and percussion students in the music program. The group is dedicated to performing a broad range of music spanning the 16th through 20th centuries. Using the player pool concept, the ensemble performs music ranging from works requiring as few as eight players to as many as sixty. Flexible instrumentation and player rotation provide the members of the ensemble with a variety of responsibilities, challenges, and playing experiences. The Wind Ensemble rehearses Tuesday-Thursday from 2:25 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Symphonic Band (Music Ensemble 352)

Symphonic Band is a 70-piece select ensemble who performs standard works in the wind ensemble/band repertoire. The band is noted for its rich sonorities, and provides students with the opportunity to perform significant works from the 19th and 20th centuries. The Symphonic Band rehearses: Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 12:40 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Concert Band (Music Ensemble 350)

Concert Band is comprised of approximately 80 music and non-music majors and provides its musicians the opportunity to perform a wide variety of quality concert band literature. The Concert Band rehearses: Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 12:40 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Basketball Pep Bands

Schedule

Refer to UT PEP BAND SCHEDULE 2022-2023

Auditions / Membership / Credit

Auditions will be held for all instruments and students will be assigned into one of the following ensembles: 1) Men's Basketball Pep Band; 2) Lady Vols Pep Band; 3) Alternate List. Any member who wishes to perform in the other Pep Band in addition to their assigned ensemble - may do so with the permission of the Director(s). (Stipends will only be awarded for services performed in the assigned ensemble). All members must be enrolled Spring Semester for credit in MUSIC ENSEMBLE 354.

Attendance / Stipends / Grades

All students are required to attend ALL scheduled rehearsals and performances unless excused by one of the directors. All student members of each designated Pep Band will receive a stipend of \$20.00 per game.

Any member who wishes to perform in the other Pep Band in addition to their assigned ensemble - may do so with the permission of the director(s). Any student who performs as a "volunteer" will not receive an additional stipend for that game.

Performances during university breaks will be considered "Holiday Pep Band" performances. The Holiday Pep Band is open to any UT registered student and each student will receive a stipend (\$20.00 per game) for their service. All stipends will be paid at the conclusion of the spring semester.

Pep Band grades are based upon attendance and preparation. An unexcused absence from rehearsal will reduce your grade by one letter per absence. An unexcused absence from a performance will reduce your grade to an "F." Two late arrivals to a rehearsal or performance will be considered an unexcused absence. Any student member who is dismissed for disciplinary actions will automatically forfeit their stipend and will receive a course grade of "F." Upon failure, a student may not participate in rehearsal, perform, or travel with the Pep Band.

Pep Band Members are REQUIRED to report exactly one hour before the scheduled time of the game to the designated warm-up area. Students who are tardy (unexcused) will not receive a stipend for the performance.

Basketball Pep Band Uniform

The Pep Band Uniform will consist of the following:

- a. UT Pep Band Shirt (Will be checked out at first practice)
- b. Black Pants (Style to be dictated by the directors)
- c. Black Shoes, Black Socks, and Black Belt (Style to be dictated by the directors)

Basketball Pep Bands (cont.)

Pep Band Member Appearance & Instruments

Unless otherwise dictated by a director, "Pride Pep Band" members will be in full uniform at all times while in public. Full uniform is dictated as Black Pants (style to be dictated by directors); UT Pep Band Shirt; Black Dress Shoes and Long Black Socks; and Black Belt. Pep Band Uniforms are to be clean and pressed at all times.

Hair color must remain natural. Extreme colors are prohibited. Jewelry (including watches) may not be worn when in "Pride Pep Band" uniform. This includes earrings and any visible body piercing. Men are to be **clean-shaven**. Hair should be clean and neatly groomed. Bangs may not touch the eyebrows. Overall hair length and style should represent a professional/business look. Sideburns may not fall below the bottom of the ear. If hair ribbons, scrunchies, etc., are used, they must be black in color. Colored nail polish may not be worn. Faces may not be painted. Tattoos may not be visible. Sunglasses, light sensitive glasses, or transition lenses may not be worn at any time while performing in uniform or traveling with the UT Pep Band. Towels, rags and/or other paraphernalia may not be attached to the uniform or instrument. Band members may not smoke while in uniform or any time they are traveling with the UT Pep Band. Cell phones or any other electronic media may not be used while performing with the UT Pep Bands.

Inspections will be conducted by a Pep Band Director or Graduate Assistant before each pep band performance. Failure to adhere to band member appearance requirements (as determined by the Pep Band Director) will result in the removal of that individual from the performance (See the attendance policy for the consequences of an unexcused absence from a performance), or being placed on non-performance status for the next performance. Any individual exceptions to these policies will be made at the discretion of the Pep Band Director or Graduate Assistant in charge.

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Please see page 19 & 20 for instrument useage and care policies.

Basketball Pep Bands (cont.)

Alternate Policy

Pep Band members are expected to perform at all events, performances, and trips as dictated by the season schedule or as announced by the director(s). If any member has a conflict of any kind, they must complete the following steps:

1. Find an alternate replacement of the same instrument/part from either the other pep band or the alternate list.
2. Complete an official "Sub-Contract Form" and return it to the director(s) in advance of the conflict date. Sub-Contract Forms are available in the Band Office. A limit of (2) "sub-contracted" dates per member will be allowed before penalty. All contracts are subject to approval of the Director(s).
3. Loan their Pep Band Shirt and Flip Folder (if needed) to the substitute.

Any member who fails to acquire a substitute will be subject to failure of the course and loss of stipend. If a member has contracted a substitute and the substitute does not attend - the original member will be assessed a penalty fee of \$20.00 and loss of one letter grade. Any substitute that is registered for the course and misses the "contracted" performance will be subject to failure of the course and loss of stipend. It is not the responsibility of the director(s) to find a substitute for your position!

Post-Season Performance Requirements

All Pep Band members are responsible for post-season/tournament performances regardless of which team (Men's and Women's) is participating in post-season play. Rosters will be assigned by the director(s). If a member is unable to perform during a tournament trip due to failure to be prepared (uniform, instrument, music), that member will forfeit their travel per diem for that trip and will follow these guidelines:

Failure to meet SEC/NCAA or other post-season performance requirements as assigned by the Pep Band Director will result in:

1. Failure of the course.
2. Loss of stipend for ENTIRE season.

Any exceptions to the Post-Season Policies must be approved by a director.

Performance/Travel Policy

All Travel Policies of The University of Tennessee "Pride of the Southland" Marching Band are in effect for all members of the UT Pep Bands. (Refer to pages 21-22 in this handbook for clarification.)

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