

# Pride of the Southland Band

## Recruiting Visit – Outline

### Before you begin:

- Write contact info on board (if available): 865-974-5031 or [utbands.com](http://utbands.com)
- Speak slowly and project voice
- BE POSITIVE. You are “selling” the band. Emphasize the fun/positive aspects of band and why you are a part of this organization**
- If students want more information, take down name & address so we may send them flyers and/or get them on our mailing list

### I. Welcome

- Thank the director for allowing you to take rehearsal time to talk about the Pride
- Introduce yourself
  - your major
  - year in school/band
  - your instrument
  - the high school you attended
  - why you chose to attend UT and be a part of the Pride

### II. About the UT Band Program

- Concert Bands (only discuss details if time allows)
  - Nationally recognized ensembles having performed at the local and national levels
  - Wind Ensemble (top ensemble, mostly music majors, challenging music)
  - Symphonic Band & Concert Band (both music majors & non-majors, standard wind literature, only meet 3 times a week, year-round)
  - All ensembles require an audition (typically at the beginning of each semester)
- Pep Bands (only discuss details if time allows)
  - Orange and White Pep Bands provide entertainment at UT Events
  - Perform for music for government and alumni events
  - Perform for UT Men’s and Lady Vol’s Basketball games
    - Students have a book of about 60 tunes, get into the games for free, and make \$20 per game
- *Pride of the Southland Marching Band*
  - Celebrating its 154 year anniversary (est. 1869)
  - One of the most prestigious college marching bands in the United States
  - Approximately 415 members (including percussion, majorettes and guard)
  - Provides music and entertainment at all UT and SEC football games, most of which are covered by national television
  - over 50 bowl games
  - 14 presidential inaugurations

### III. So how do I join the Pride?

- Auditions for WINDS & PERCUSSION
  - Anyone interested in being a member of the Pride (or concert bands) must audition in the Spring of their Senior Year of High School
  - Dates are posted on the web site and will be sent out via mail
    - Music Majors: Register on College of Music website
    - NON-Majors: VIDEO AUDITIONS ONLY by March 18
    - Color Guard: Live Audition on Feb. 4
    - Majorettes: Live Audition on Feb. 3
  - Spring audition will be for entrance into the Pride and to be considered for a band department stipend (can be anywhere from \$200 - \$2,000+ per year)
  - Perform 2 excerpts (one technical & one lyrical), approximately 5 minutes of music. NO scale or sight-reading requirements
  
- Auditions for GUARD & MAJORETTES
  - Live Auditions for both (option for video if needed)
  - Call our office or check the website for more information and to register
  
- Call the band office to get on the mailing list and schedule an audition!!!!
  - 865-974-5031, visit the website or**
  - email: [utbands@utk.edu](mailto:utbands@utk.edu)**

### IV. FAQ (if time or if a question arises)

- Are band *scholarships* available?
  - Yes! Band stipends are based upon performance ability demonstrated during the entrance audition (for music majors and non-majors). You need to play in the ensembles for consideration. More information is available by calling the band office. Everyone gets some type of stipend (usually around \$300 for each year)
  
- Do I have to be a *music major* to play in the Pride?
  - NO! The majority of the Pride (approximately 80%) are non-majors!
  
- How much time does band take?
  - The Pride rehearses 2 hours on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.
  - 1 hour on Tuesday as well as Saturday morning before the game
    - This is often LESS than most high schools and many other college bands
  - We do NOT call extra rehearsals
  
- How much does it cost to be in the Pride?
  - Only purchases include: Marching shoes, suspenders, spats, gloves, travel uniform, lyre, plume, and an instrument fee (if using a UT instrument).
    - Most of these costs are a 1time fee (freshman year)
  - All other fees (including travel) are paid by the Athletic Department (no more fundraisers)

## V. Closing

- Try to leave time for Questions \*\*\*Be positive, you are “selling” the Pride\*\*\*
- Show a video (if time allows)
- Remind them of the contact information (865-974-5031 or [utbands@utk.edu](mailto:utbands@utk.edu))
- Remind them of the web site, where they can find most of this information and/or email a director with specific questions
- Thank the teacher and the students for their time