

2024 THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE TWIRLING CAMP RESERVATION CONFIRMATION

WELCOME to the 58TH annual UT Twirling Camp! We are excited that you will be attending camp. This will be a great opportunity to see the UT campus, as well as meet and twirl with the current UT Majorettes and other nationally known instructors. The enclosed information should answer any questions you may have about camp including what to bring, etc. Please read the following information carefully and if you have questions, call Kathy McCarrell Smith, Camp Director, at 865-579-0556 or email at Kathyms@charter.net.

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON ALL OF YOUR BATONS.

CAMPER REGISTRATION: ALL campers must check-in at registration on Saturday, June 15th between 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the WJ Julian Band Room located in the Natalie Haslam Music Center, 1741 Volunteer Blvd, Knoxville, TN. Camp schedules, private lesson schedules, reserved parking permits, meal tags, camp T-shirts, etc. will be at the registration desk in the Band Room. (PLEASE NOTE: There will be a \$25 fee for lost meal tags)

BRING TO CAMP: Batons, fire batons, practice clothes, tennis shoes, comfortable walking shoes, towel, sun glasses, notebook, pencils, thermos for water, spending money for snacks and souvenirs, sunscreen, and any personal articles and medicine. *Your name should be on all batons, cases, bags, etc.*

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Swim Party Sunday, June 16, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Aquatic Center
- Fire Baton Class - Monday, June 17, 7:30-9:00 p.m. – Music Bldg. parking lot
- Performance Program - Tuesday, June 18, 10:30 a.m. – James Cox Auditorium, Alumni Memorial Building- PARENTS WELCOME!

PRIVATE LESSONS: Private lesson schedules will be given out at Registration.

PARKING: Anyone bringing a car on campus will be required to purchase a parking permit at a cost of \$5 per day. Reserved permits will be available at registration. Cars without a permit may be ticketed/towed.

BAND ROOM ADDRESS: The University of Tennessee Band, 1741 Volunteer Blvd, Knoxville, TN 37996-2605. Band Room phone number - 865-974-5031.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP REGISTRATION: Take exit 387 off I-40 and follow signs to 17th St. Turn right onto 17th St. Follow 17th to the Cumberland Avenue intersection and cross Cumberland; you are now on Melrose Avenue. Go to stop sign, turn right onto Andy Holt Avenue then left on to Pat Head Summit Street. Natalie Haslam Music Center will be on the left—across the street from Tom Black Track.

PAYMENT OF FEES: All payments must be made prior to June 1. All payments must be made using the camp registration system.

REFUNDS - No refunds will be processed after June 8. Written notification prior to that date is required to receive a refund. 50% of the fee will be refunded before June 8th.

COST OF MEALS FOR COMMUTERS: Meals will be eaten in the Rocky Top Dining Hall (the 16th) and Stokely Dining Hall (17 & 18th) with other campers. Cost to purchase a meal ticket for day students is \$70 and must be reserved by June 1st. Meal tickets will NOT be available for purchase at registration. Meals begin with a pizza party FOR ALL CAMPERS (day students and resident campers) on Saturday evening. For resident campers and those purchasing meal tickets, breakfast on Tuesday morning is the last meal provided by camp.

IMPORTANT:

YOU ARE TO REMAIN ON CAMPUS DURING CAMP! Do not leave camp for any reason. Camp Director, Kathy McCarrell Smith must be notified, in advance, should you need to leave campus. Notification must be **IN WRITING**. Camp Director must give you permission to leave. **Any camper leaving camp without permission will be sent home.** You may not ride in cars with anyone without written permission from your parents/guardian. Anyone driving to camp must leave the car parked at all times during camp. Anyone bringing a car on campus will be required to purchase a parking permit at a cost of \$5 per day.

ALL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE BAND OFFICE – 865-974-5031. OFFICE HOURS ARE 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY.

DRESS FOR EACH DAY OF CAMP

Saturday, June 15 - ORANGE DAY

Sunday, June 16 – Taylor Swift Day

Monday, June 17 – Career Day

Tuesday, June 18 - CAMP T-SHIRT DAY

Prizes will be awarded for best dressed each day.

We will have a “Best Decorated Baton” Contest. Twirlers, use your imagination and try to come up with the most original and unusually decorated baton. Batons will be judged during the Pizza Party on Saturday.

TOP TEN TWIRLERS 2024: The Top Ten Twirlers (ages 10 and up) will be selected from camp to perform at halftime with the UT Band and Majorettes on September 14, 2024.

Each instructor will select twirlers from their classes based mainly on talent, skill, and ability, but attitude and stamina will also be deciding factors. In other words, those campers who complain about the heat, being tired, etc will not be ideal candidates since September 14 is a long and exhausting day. If you are selected to audition on Monday, you will perform any one baton routine (your own routine or a routine you learned at camp). Your routine should be between 1:30-2:00 minutes in length.

On Monday at 4:45pm, a panel of four judges will watch the selected campers twirl and select the Top Ten. We will have five alternates (names not announced) just in case someone cannot make it to the game in Neyland. The Top Ten will be announced at the Performance Program on Tuesday morning. At that point the Top Ten Twirlers and parents will meet with Ms. Kathy and Dr. Stewart to provide more information. We are very excited for this opportunity and cannot wait to see your twirling!

We hope to see you in 2025!! Save the date: June 21-24, 2025

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