Welcome to the 2014 – 2015 K-State Basketball Cat Band. This year’s band is bigger and better than ever, totaling one hundred and fifty student musicians and Classy Cats. Our mission is to provide the most exciting atmosphere and quality music is support of our teams and fans.

Enrolling for Cat Band
Please enroll for either MUSIC 114 or MUSIC 416 for either zero or one credit as part of your Spring 2012 course schedule. You must be enrolled in the course to be considered for post-season travel. ALL CAT BAND MEMBERS, CLASSY CATS, AND CHEER MUST BE ENROLLED.

Attendance/Grading
Attendance will be taken at all performances. Attendance will weigh heavily upon individual semester grades and selection for post-season travel squads. In addition, unexcused absences could be grounds for dismissal from the ensemble. If there is a LEGITIMATE reason for you to be absent or late to an event, you must complete and return a pink absence form to Mr. Linn in ADVANCE. If the absence is the result of an illness which makes it impossible for you to come in to McCain, I would ask that you contact me by email (dplinn@k-state.edu) or leave a message at the band office (532-3816) and then submit a pink form upon your return.

If you are absent from a scheduled event you must also arrange for a member of the other pep band who is of equal part and ability to play for you, and indicate their name on your pink sheet. For example, if you play second trombone in the Purple Band you must engage a substitute who plays second trombone in the Silver Band to cover for you.

Attendance at the Pre-Season Mini Camps, Post-Season Meetings, and Tournament Band Rehearsals is mandatory for students wishing to perform and travel with the Cat Band.

Grading –
40 % Attendance (Including break game participation)
20 % Performance Quality
20 % Mini Camp/Post Season Meetings
10% Set Up/Take Down Assistance
10 % In Game, Pre Game, Post Game Active Participation

Please note that any performance that your band is not assigned, you are still welcome to join us and perform, provided that there is room and you are wearing the proper uniform. If you are coming to an unassigned game, please do not be late.

Uniform
The uniform for the Cat Band members is the Nike Cat Band Polo that is provided to you, along with black slacks (no jeans), black socks and solid black shoes (no stripes, other colors, or visible brand marks). Only white undershirts will be accepted. All elements of the uniform must be clean and unwrinkled. No variations or additions to this uniform will be accepted. We pride ourselves in a clean and classy look.
Music
Music for the Cat Band is in individual folders stored in a container in the pep band cabinet in the Bramlage Coliseum Tunnel. Each selection in the folder is assigned a number. You may check a folder out for individual practice but it must be returned to the music box or to the Band Office (226 McCain) prior to the next scheduled home game.

You must keep your music in order so time is not wasted in pulling up individual tunes to play. Each member will be responsible for getting their folder from the music box when they arrive and putting it away before they leave. Any new music added throughout the course of the season will be assigned a new filing number. MUSIC MUST BE IN PERFECT ORDER AT THE END OF EACH USE.

Equipment and Storage
Music and equipment are stored in the Cat Band equipment cabinet in the tunnel at Bramlage Coliseum. Drummers and bass players are responsible for setting up and tearing down their own equipment (although extra help is encouraged). Equipment must be exceptionally cared for. This includes anyone handling percussion equipment, crates, folders, or any Cat Band related equipment.

Call Time and Seating
Call time for Cat Band members is One Hour Prior to the Scheduled Tipoff. You must be early for call!! Tardiness will be noted and counted against your grade. Conflicts must be addressed through yellow/pink sheets. The time before the game will be used for setup, warm up, tuning, and introduction of new music. The Cat Band will be seated on the floor and the first six rows in the stands next to the south side tunnel.

Parking and Entrance to Bramlage Coliseum
Cat Band members should park in the Brandeberry parking lot, which is accessed off of College Ave., through the driveway just south of the baseball stadium. Carpooling is encouraged. Band members and Classy Cats should enter Bramlage Coliseum through the Southwest concourse (pass gate) entrance. You must bring a picture ID with you.

Travel
Travel Squads are limited based on Big XII and NCAA tournament regulations. Therefore, not everyone in the Cat Band will be able to participate in post-season travel, although every attempt will be made to allow for equitable participation. Travel eligibility will be based on Talent, Seniority, Attendance, and Instrumentation. Please remember that you must be registered for the class to be eligible for travel.

Conduct and Expectations
The K-State Cat Band represents not only our athletic department and teams, but the K-State Bands, School of Music and University Community. Therefore, no conduct that could in any way reflect negatively upon these institutions will be tolerated by its members while in uniform, in transit, or in any other official capacity representing Kansas State University. No use of any drug or alcohol will be tolerated, nor will any unruly behavior. Violation of rules of conduct could result in dismissal from the Cat Band and a failing grade.

Break Games
It is asked that all Kansas students in cat band sign up for at least 2-3 break games. This will assure that our games played during break will be covered by a band of full instrumentation.