



2009 Spring University Bands Newsletter

Dear Present and Prospective K-State Band Members,

The information provided will be helpful as you plan for your K-State Band experience. I encourage you to contact me with any questions you may have. I wish you a safe and very successful Spring!

Dr. Tracz

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New Uniform Measurements

Incoming Freshmen, if you are in the area and planning on being in Marching Band, please come on Friday April 24, 1-6 PM or Saturday, April 25, 9-Noon to be fitted for your uniform. Uniform sizing takes place in McCain room 226. Returning Vets are required to attend on Friday or Saturday.

MARCHING BAND AUXILIARY AUDITIONS: Saturday, April 25, 2009 – Peters Recreation Center \$10.00 Registration Fee

Classy Cats	8:00am – 4:30 pm
Flags	1:00pm – 4:00 pm
Twirlers	8:00am – 10:00 am

If you would like registration information call: (785) 532-3816, or register online at www.ksu.edu/band/KSUMB/auxiliary.html

Spring Football Game Saturday, May 2, 2009

2008 KSUMB members are strongly encouraged to participate. Contact Dane Danielsen, GTA, to participate and obtain an instrument, if needed.

FREE KSU MARCHING PERCUSSION MINI CAMP Saturday, May 9, 2009

Open to junior high and senior high school students.

For information, contact: edease@ksu.edu

785-532-3816

2009 Leadership Positions Announced

Spring Picnic on Sunday, May 10, 2009, Annenberg Park Pavilion - 4-6 pm

FALL ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS:

Marching Band:

Marching Band wind and percussion auditions will take place during the first two days of Band Camp. You will be sent an extensive newsletter in June, which will include a Confirmation Form. When you return the Confirmation Form to us we will send you the password to download your music from our web page for you to prepare for the playing audition. We will teach you our style of marching when you arrive for Band Camp.

Everyone will be placed in a position in the band, as either a marcher or a reserve. Everyone will be issued uniforms, and will attend all games, etc. The reserves are band members who require extra assistance to develop their marching/playing skills. Our staff will work with these members to develop their skills for a spot in the block band.

Percussion-Marching Band:

Marching band auditions take place during Band Camp. For the drum line, the audition includes prepared performance of material from the KSU Drum Line Handbook, sight-reading, and an ongoing assessment of progress during the camp. Individuals may audition on more than one instrument. All positions are open each year. Placement within the line is based largely on this audition process; therefore, gaining a position on an instrument of choice relies upon a successful audition. The KSU Drum Line Mini-Camp (May 9) is an excellent way to prepare for the audition. The Drum Line Handbook is available after you send in the confirmation form.

Symphony and Concert Band:

Audition sign up times will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Band Office (226 McCain). The six to ten minute auditions will take place during the first week of classes. You should have the following prepared for the audition: a piece demonstrating two contrasting styles (slow and fast), scales, and sight reading. Percussionists must demonstrate skills in 2-3 percussion areas (keyboard, timpani, multiple percussion, concert snare drum, etc.). Audition results will be posted 2-3 days after the auditions.

Percussion Concert Ensembles:

Auditions include the performance of prepared solos and/or etudes on snare drum, keyboard percussion, and timpani. Sight-reading will also be a component of the audition process. Check the bulletin board outside room 130 McCain for audition information and times. Percussionists must demonstrate skills in 2-3 areas (keyboard, timpani, multiple percussion, concert snare drum, etc.).

MARCHING BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

Monday, August 16

All Staff, GAs, Drum Majors,
Section Leaders.

August 17-22

Tues. Aug 17-All Rookies, Classy
Cats, Flags, Twirlers, Percussion.

Wed. Aug 18-22 Vets join everyone.

MARCHING BAND SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

5 Massachusetts-Band Dir Day
26 Tenn Tech – Band Day

OCTOBER

3 Iowa State @ Arrowhead
10 Central States Marching Festival
17 Texas A&M
24 Colorado – Homecoming
31 Ark City Band Festival

NOVEMBER

7 Kansas
14 Missouri
15 Marching Band Concert

DECEMBER

5 Big XII Championship
6 Banquet – St. Thomas Moore
TBA Bowl Game

2008 MARCHING BAND MEMBERS

If you ordered CDs and DVDs,
please pick up what you ordered in
the Band Office.

**2009 Summer
Confirmation
Newsletter coming in
May!**