

Greetings from the Pride of Wildcat Land!

With the end of summer quickly approaching, it's time to start preparing for band camp! Our family has become even larger, which means we will all have to work together as a team to make this the best season yet. We have an outstanding group of students this year (again), and we can't wait to be on the field with the best and brightest on campus!

With band camp on the horizon, we wanted to share some helpful hints/reminders. By now, you should have been in contact with at least one of your section leaders, and hopefully all of your questions have been answered. However, please feel free to contact any of us with any questions/concerns. You will all be making a huge transition, with moving to a new place, managing your classes, and balancing all of your activities. Remember that we have all been there before and will happily assist you in any way that we can!

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Your Drum Majors' Guide on How to Survive Band Camp

1) BE PREPARED. Begin memorizing pre-game now. Your position in the band is determined by your ability to play these songs, and the band is only as good as the weakest link! You can find pregame music by going to <http://www.k-state.edu/band/login/pride/> and logging in with the following credentials: Username: members. Password: marchingband.

2) AUDITIONS. This year all positions will be auditioned based on playing and marching ability the first few days of camp. For this reason we emphasize you come with all pregame music under your fingers before band camp. We have also included marching fundamental videos (available here: <http://www.youtube.com/user/PrideofWildcatLand>) to introduce you to our marching style and the basics we use in pregame and halftime shows. Please watch and follow along with the videos in your preparation for camp. Each section has a specific number of positions available, but not all players will march every performance. We use a "challenger" system to hold every section accountable of their playing and marching. Through the "challenger" system, those that do not march will have the opportunity to challenge another player for their position on the field for the next performance.

3) IT WILL BE HOT. Memorial Stadium (our practice facility) is located outside and on a turf field. This turf adds another layer of heat to an already hot Kansas summer. Bring water jugs, sunscreen, hats, etc. Drink lots of water BEFORE and AFTER camp, and get plenty of sleep! Don't forget to eat properly, this means eating substantial meals to nourish your body throughout the long days. Take care of your body, and your body will thank you!

*PRO-TIP: If you bring a water bottle, bring one small enough to fit in your issued pouch (similar to a small apron, with pockets to hold your music/pencils/etc.). A plastic water bottle is about the perfect size for this. There is also a water trough running at the field during rehearsals if you

don't want to keep a bottle in your pouch.

3) DORMS. Those living in dorms are allowed to move in as early as 10:00 am on Sunday August 14. There is no need to notify anyone of your arrival time, just show up to your dorm and begin the check in process! If you want to arrive earlier than August 14th, the early check in rate is \$40.00 day. This will be added onto your student account, you do not need to pre-pay for this. The dining halls do not open until August 15th for breakfast.

*PRO-TIP: Moving into the residence halls can be a stressful process. Be patient, and aim to arrive either early/late on the 14th to avoid traffic. You will have the next day to unpack, find your classrooms, and prepare for your first day of band camp on August 16th.

4) FIRST DAY OF CAMP. Tuesday of camp week is specifically dedicated to rookies. Whether you've marched before or not, it doesn't matter. We have this day to teach you our marching and playing style! ASK QUESTIONS if you don't understand something. This is why Section Leaders and Drum Majors exist: to help YOU.

*PRO-TIP: While people in band are very diverse in their majors and activities, we all have one thing in common: our attitudes! The friends that you make in band will be with you throughout college (and life). Don't be afraid to meet new people!

5) ATTITUDE. College is a time of HUGE transition. You will be experiencing many new things. It is SO exciting but can be difficult as well. With this, it is very important to come with a great attitude. Being a member of the KSUMB is an honor that demands pride, integrity, and passion from each and every one of you!

*PRO-TIP: Don't be afraid to come up to one of the drum majors or your section leaders if you have questions or concerns about anything. Our band is truly a family, as you will come to find out.

Check out our welcome video at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJ9PpLu4tsg&feature=share>!

See you in august!! Again, do not hesitate to contact any of us with your questions!

- Talia, Abby, Natalie