

KANSAS STATE
University Bands



Welcome to
K-STATE
Summer Newsletter
May 2023



Welcome to *K-State*

We are very excited to welcome all our new members as well as returning members back to our K-State Band Family. We have a diverse, eclectic, and high quality program designed to meet your musical needs. You will experience incredible moments with our bands, as well as meet fantastic people. The staff and I will certainly give you our best to do all we can to make your band and college experience a very special one. We look forward to meeting you all and welcoming you to our family!

We have a long, incredible history here with the K-State band program and we are looking forward to your contribution to not only continuing this great tradition, but also to help us take the band to an even greater level for all. It seems that we live in a selfish and self-centered world these days where the WE/US in our daily lives has been replaced by I/ME. I promise you that you will become a part of something bigger, better, more enjoyable, and more satisfying than you have ever experienced before! This band is a team of people who care, work hard, play hard, and enjoy the process as much as the product. You will once again become one of us and be a part of something that is very, very special. WE/US will prevail. GO Cats! GO Band!

We are extremely proud and excited to be moving into our new band home: The "Tracz Family Band Hall!" This building is an unbelievably beautiful, practical, efficient, and outstanding place for our Marching Band, Cat Bands, Pub Crawl Bands, Volleyball Bands, Classy Cats, Color Guard, and Twirlers to call their "home". All of our athletic band instruments, uniforms, equipment, etc. is now housed in ONE ROOM! The "National Champion" Classy Cats, the Color Guard, and Twirlers now have a mirrored wall to use for their rehearsals, as well as adequate storage room. There is a repair room complete with all the tools and machines needed to keep the band instruments working, as well as ice maker, a water jug and large cooler filling station, a fantastic Memorabilia Display Case, three director offices, graduate conference room, two reception areas, office work room, kitchen area complete with refrigerator, micro wave, coffee maker, and a washer and dryer! There is plenty of shelf space for all instruments, racks to hang the sousaphones, percussion storage room, and a large storage room for Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. We have purchased 10 new sousaphones to replace some of our aging horns! A very special addition to this building is the "Band Cats Pantry" for Band students who need personal items, food, etc. to help get them through these challenging times and years. We are working hard to make this experience a great experience for all! We are also welcoming a third staff member who will serve as the Assistant Director of Bands. This person will assist with all ensembles, duties, etc.

This university experience is sure to be a life-changing experience for all, one that will develop you into the person you are capable of becoming. The experiences, the people, the traditions will become memories for you that will last a lifetime. The frustrations, challenges, and obstacles of the past may still be here, but you will have a very tight-knit and caring band family to stand with you to help you take the challenge on and move forward!

Your section leaders, staff, directors, coordinators, and everyone involved with this great organization are here to produce the best band experience for all. WE need you to help us help you by setting your personal bar high. We will help you achieve.

Welcome to the K-State Bands program. Work hard, play hard, and enjoy every minute of this. You are about to embark on a journey that will change your life for the better. Enjoy the purple ride and welcome home!

Welcome, Go Cats, Go Pride!



Dear Pride of Wildcat Land,

Welcome to the family, K-State band members! Whether returning members or incoming freshmen, please know that every K-Stater appreciates how much you mean to the Wildcat nation and our culture. You are a key part of the fabric of our institution, and you are “the music to our ears.” I cannot wait to hear the sound of the Wabash Cannonball as it rebounds off campus buildings or in the stands of Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Welcome, again, and Go Cats!

-President Richard Linton

I am greatly looking forward to our Pride band students joining us on campus! Whether you are a new or returning marching band member, thank you for giving your time, sweat, and talent! The K-State Band program is a vital part of what makes our university great. My best K-State memories include seeing the band perform its halftime Beatles show, marching down Poyntz Avenue in the Homecoming Parade, and feeling a tremendous sense of Wildcat pride at its Bowl Game performances. But perhaps what I love most is hearing the band practice in August from Anderson Hall as it marks the start of another academic year full of promise. Thanks again for helping make K-State the special university it is and for the joy your hard work brings to so many! Go ‘Cats!

-Thomas Lane - Vice President and Dean of Students

On behalf of the athletics department and our 450-plus student-athletes, I would like to welcome you back to K-State, and for those first-year students, a heartfelt welcome to our wonderful university and community. Football Saturdays are one of those rites of passage for all K-Staters, and your role and impact in our gameday scene is what makes K-State so special. I wish you the best of luck this school year and look forward to seeing you in those 50-yard line seats behind the opposing team bench this fall! You all are the best! Go Cats!

-Gene Taylor - K-State Athletic Director

On behalf of the K-State Alumni Association staff and nearly 200,000 living K-State graduates, I want to extend a big Wildcat welcome to every member of the this truly special band. Not only is the Pride of Wildcat Land one of the best in the nation but it is special to all K-State fans. Whether you are a returning member or new to the band, I hope you know how proud we are of you and how excited we are that you are a part of such an impactful group for all K-Staters. The K-State Marching Band touches and enhances every part of K-State, fills us with enthusiasm and creates memories that last a lifetime for Wildcats all over the world. I also have the best office on campus. My office at the Alumni Center overlooks Memorial Stadium where the Pride practices in the fall! I look forward to hearing you again and thank you for all you do. Go ‘CATS!

-Amy Button Renz '76, '86 - President and CEO – K-State Alumni Association

Welcome to our family! K-State is an incredible place and your role within the band program is one in which you should be so proud. The importance of the bands school spirit and energy in the seats of Bill Snyder Family Stadium is because of you. We need you to Wabash in the stadium and celebrating a road win on the steps of Vanier when the football team arrives home! We thank the band family for your time, energy and talents you share with the rest of your K-State family.

-Coach Chris Klieman - K-State Football

I'm excited to welcome all the members of the Pride of Wildcat Land back to campus for what will be an exciting 2023-24 academic year. Your dedication and hard work to this university cannot be appreciated enough. You have no idea how important you are to making all of our venues, especially Bramlage Coliseum, the most difficult places in the country for our opponents to play. The staff and I can't wait for you to get the Octagon of Doom rocking once again. I wish each of you all the best this year and please know how much you are appreciated by our players and staff.

-Coach Jerome Tang - K-State Men's Basketball

Concert Ensembles



Wind Ensemble is an auditioned ensemble of superior musicians. This ensemble performs the finest in wind literature including selected band works and "one-to-a-part" chamber works written specifically for winds and percussion.

Semesters /// Fall & Spring **Credit Hour** /// 0 or 1
Days /// M, W, F (some) **Instructor** /// Dr. Frank Tracz
Time /// 3:30-5:20 pm



Wind Symphony is our newest auditioned concert ensemble at K-State. This ensemble performs both contemporary and classic wind ensemble literature.

Semesters /// Fall & Spring **Credit Hour** /// 0 or 1
Days /// M, W, F (some) **Instructor** /// Dr. Alex Wimmer
Time /// 3:30-5:20 pm



Concert Band is an auditioned ensemble open to all majors. It offers an opportunity to perform outstanding large band works.

Semesters /// Fall & Spring **Credit Hour** /// 0 or 1
Days /// M, W, F **Instructor** /// Dr. Frank Tracz
Time /// 12:30-1:20 pm



The two University Bands are for anyone on the KSU campus! Repertoire includes marches, show tunes, and symphonic works. Opportunities for undergraduate conductors available. No audition required!

Semesters /// Fall & Spring **Credit Hour** /// 0 or 1
Days /// T & TH **Instructor** /// Dr. Frank Tracz & Dr. Alex Wimmer
Time /// 4:30-5:50 pm



Woodwind Ensemble is an elite university chamber ensemble that demands the highest level of musicianship from all of its members. The group is comprised of the finest flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon and saxophone performers at K-State.

Semesters /// Fall & Spring **Credit Hour** /// 0 or 1
Days /// TBA **Instructor** /// Dr. Frank Tracz
Time /// TBA



Brass Ensemble is an elite university chamber ensemble that demands the highest level of musicianship from all of its members. The group is comprised of the finest trumpet, horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba, and percussion performers at K-State.

Semesters /// Fall & Spring **Credit Hour** /// 0 or 1
Days /// Sundays **Instructor** /// Dr. Frank Tracz
Time /// 7:00-9:00 pm

Audition Information

Audition sign up times will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Band Office (226 McCain). The 6-10 minute audition will take place the first week of classes. Audition results will be posted outside the Band Office after auditions.

Wind players' audition excerpts will be posted on the band website on August 1st. Please practice the excerpts for your instrument. Scales and sight-reading will be included.

Percussion 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 226 McCain for audition information and times. Percussionists must demonstrate skills in 2-3 percussion areas (keyboard, timpani, multiple percussion, concert snare drum, etc.) For more information, please visit the band website or contact Kurt Gartner - kgartner@ksu.edu.

Athletic Bands



Marching Band is an exciting 400+ member band consisting of instrumentalists, flags, twirlers and a dance team. The nationally known band performs at all home games, some away games, and post-season games!

Semesters /// Fall

Days /// T, TH, F (some)

Time /// 3:30-5:20 pm

Credit Hour /// 0 or 1

Instructor /// Dr. Frank Tracz



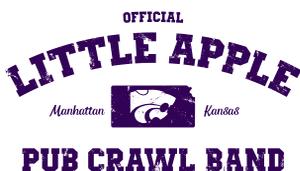
Cat Band is a group that meets primarily during basketball season. This select group provides the spark and excitement that makes basketball games truly unique experiences.

Semesters /// Fall & Spring

Days /// Gamedays

Credit Hour /// 0 or 1

Instructor /// Dr. Alex Wimmer



The three Pub Crawl Bands are each auditioned 15-piece bands that are selected in the fall to perform at Friday night functions in Aggieville, on Poyntz Ave, and other places around town before home football games. You must be a member of the Marching Band to audition for Pub Crawl Band.



Volleyball Band is an auditioned 19-piece band that is selected in the fall to perform at women's home volleyball games. Each member of the ensemble will receive a scholarship to perform at volleyball games. You must be a member of the Marching Band to audition for Volleyball Band.

Audition Information

All members will be issued uniforms and will attend all games, etc. The alternates 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.

Marching Band wind/brass auditions will take place during the first two days of Band Camp. Use the QR code to complete the online Confirmation Form. After this, we will send you the password to download the music for the playing audition. For the marching audition, we will teach you our style of marching when you arrive.



Dr. Frank Tracz Director of Bands

Dr. Frank Tracz is Professor of Music and Director of Bands at Kansas State University. He earned his B.M.E. from The Ohio State University, M.M. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Ph.D. from the Ohio State University. He has public school teaching experience in Wisconsin and Ohio and has also served as Assistant Director of bands at Syracuse University and Director of bands at Morehead State University. Dr. Tracz has served as an adjudicator, clinician, speaker in various schools and conferences and has conducted All-State and Honor bands across the United States as well as in Canada, Singapore, South Africa, Fiji, Australia, and New Zealand.

At Kansas State, he directs the Wind Ensemble and the Marching Band, teaches graduate and undergraduate conducting, acts as an advisor to the Band Ambassadors, and administers and guides all aspects of a large BIG XII comprehensive band program. Ensembles under his direction have been invited to perform at numerous State conferences, MENC, two CBDNA regional conferences, The Larry Sutherland Wind band Festival at Fresno State, Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, and the American Bandmasters Association Conference. The marching band was awarded the prestigious Sudler Trophy in 2015.

Dr. Tracz is on the faculty of the Conn-Selmer Institute, on the adjunct faculty of the American Band College, is a past member of the Music Education Journal Editorial Board, is a contributor to the Teaching Music Through performance In Band series, and is the Chair of the Sudler Trophy Project of the John Philip Sousa Foundation in 2017. His honors include the Stamey Award for outstanding teaching, Kansas Bandmasters Outstanding Director award, Wildcat Pride Alumni Association award, the Tau Beta Sigma Paula Crider Outstanding Band Director award, being named a Lowell Mason Fellow, and membership in the Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Fraternity. He has also received the Conn-Selmer Institute Hall of Fame award, the Kansas State Professorial Performance award, and was elected to the prestigious American Bandmasters Association. Dr. Tracz was awarded an honorary doctorate from Doane University in May 2021. Dr. Tracz also led a very successful fundraising campaign raising over five million dollars for a new hall for the athletics band program. The "Tracz Family Band Hall" is scheduled to open early spring 2023.

Dr. Tracz is married to GERALYN, and has three daughters, Jessica Tracz, Dr. Kelley Tracz, and Carly Tracz Morris, and one grandson, Caden Tracz Kelly!

A stylized, handwritten signature of Frank Tracz in purple ink, written over a musical staff.



Dr. Alex Wimmer Associate Director of Bands

Dr. Alex Wimmer is currently serving as the Associate Director of Bands at Kansas State University. His duties include directing the Wind Symphony, Cat Band (basketball pep band), Volleyball Band, Pub Crawl Band, Assistant Marching Band Director for the Pride of Wildcat Land (K-State Marching Band), arranger and drill designer for the KSUMB, and instructor of undergraduate and graduate courses in conducting, arranging, and marching band techniques. Prior to his appointment at Kansas State University, Dr. Wimmer was a Graduate Teaching Assistant for the Kansas State University Bands. He assisted with all concert and athletic ensembles, undergraduate conducting courses, and Percussion Ensembles. His research interests include undergraduates conducting with expressivity and qualitative research.

Originally from Gretna, Nebraska, Dr. Wimmer received his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 2007, his Master of Music degree in Education with an emphasis in Wind Conducting from Kansas State University in 2014, and his Doctorate in Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction from Kansas State University in 2017. Dr. Wimmer was the Director of Bands at Gretna High School and the Assistant Director of Bands at Gretna Middle School from 2007-2012. Under his direction, his concert, jazz, and marching bands received consistent superior ratings. He was a recipient of the Jack R. Snider Young Band Director Award in 2011 and served on the Nebraska Music Educators Association Leadership Academy from 2011-2012.

Dr. Wimmer is in demand as a conductor, clinician, and adjudicator as well as a percussion specialist. His professional affiliations include the Kansas Music Educators Association, the Kansas Bandmasters Association, the National Association for Music Education, the College Band Directors National Association, the Percussive Arts Society, Kappa Kappa Psi, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and Phi Kappa Lambda.

Dr. Wimmer is married to his wife Anna and has two daughters: Addison and Anora.

Alex Wimmer

Welcome Dr. Deininger

Assistant Director of Bands

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Zack Deininger will be joining the K-State Band staff as Assistant Director of Bands as of July 1, 2023. He will assist with the Marching Band, Cat Bands, Volleyball band, and Pub Crawl bands.

Dr. Deininger will be the conductor of the Concert band, as well as teach various courses within the School of Music. We are truly excited about the addition of Dr. Deininger to our band leadership and look forward to a fantastic year.

- Frank Tracz



Dr. Zack Deininger is thrilled to be coming to Kansas State University and is excited to be a part of the Wildcat Family. Dr. Deininger received a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Wind Conducting from the University of South Carolina where he served as a graduate assistant with the Carolina Bands. At the University of South Carolina, he assisted with all aspects of the concert and athletic bands, including arranging and writing drill for the University of South Carolina Marching Band, and assisted with undergraduate conducting courses. Prior to receiving his doctorate, Dr. Deininger served as the Assistant Director of Bands at Green Valley High School in Henderson, Nevada (a suburb of Las Vegas). In this position, he co-directed the 175-member Green Valley Marching and Athletic Bands, directed the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band III, served as assistant conductor of the Symphonic Winds, and was instructor of the Advanced Placement Music Theory course and Chamber Class. In addition to his duties at Green Valley High School, he also served on the Nevada All State Band Committee and as Chairperson of the Southern Nevada Band Association's High School Honor Jazz Bands.

Receiving a Master's Degree in Music Education from Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama, Dr. Deininger assisted with all aspects of the Auburn Band Program serving as conductor of the Auburn University Campus Band, assistant conductor of the Auburn University Symphonic Winds, instructor of the undergraduate advanced conducting course, and assistant to all aspects of the Athletic Band Program. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio where he studied horn under Grammy award winner Dr. Andrew Pelletier and served as Drum Major for the Falcon Marching Band for three years under Dr. Carol Hayward. To complete his undergraduate degree, Dr. Deininger student taught with the Bands of Wando in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina under Mr. Bobby Lambert and Mrs. Lanie Radecke.

Dr. Deininger is a staff member of various summer camps throughout the country where he instructs drum majors and student leaders in leadership and conducting. He also serves as a music and marching staff member for the Macy's Great American Marching Band held over Thanksgiving each year in New York City. Dr. Deininger is a member of the College Band Directors National Association, the National Association for Music Education, the Society of Pi Kappa Lambda; and he is an honorary member of Tau Beta Sigma.

Graduate Assistants

Tyler Lee ///

Tyler is originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Tyler earned his Bachelor of Music degree in Trombone Performance from Kansas State University (2019), and earned his Master's of Music degree in Trombone Performance as well as his Graduate Certificate in Wind Band Conducting and Instrumental Studies from the University of Central Arkansas (2021,2022). During his time at the UCA, he served as a graduate assistant with the band area. He assisted with the day-to-day operation of the UCA band program and was on staff for the Bear Marching Band as well as the Purple Rage Basketball Band. He was also heavily involved in the trombone studio at UCA, performing with the Natural Slides trombone choir, the top trombone ensemble at UCA.

Houston Fleischmann ///

Houston is the graduate teaching assistant for the percussion studio and marching band program at Kansas State University. Houston completed his bachelor's degree in music performance from Washington State University in the spring of 2020. After graduating, Houston was appointed as the coordinator of percussion for the Seattle All-City Marching Band for 2021. Houston also returned to Pullman WA as an assistant drumline instructor for the WSU Cougar Marching Band. Houston brings an extensive range of experience in the marching and concert realm to K-State being an accomplished member of the WSU School of Music, former member of the Washington All-State Marching Band, and has participated in countless other high level performance programs in and around the state of Washington; including the percussion section of the Washington-Idaho Symphony Orchestra.

Ben Rajewski ///

Ben is a native of Hays, KS and a 2020 graduate of Kansas State University with a Bachelors in Music Education. Currently, he has served as the high school band director and middle school assistant at Winfield Public Schools in Winfield, KS for the last three years. He has played tuba in the Winfield Municipal Band for the last three years, as well as having played trombone in multiple athletic and concert ensembles at K-State. He has a beagle named Peanut Butter who enjoys accompanying him on outdoor hikes.

Rich Ebersole ///

Rich is a graduate of Temple University where he majored in Music Education and Jazz Studies. Upon graduating, Rich moved to Arizona to begin his teaching career. He taught elementary band, strings and general music for two years before moving to the high school level. He experienced great success in building the band program at Dysart High School, from 11 students to 65 in four years. From there Rich moved to Liberty High School in Peoria AZ, where he again grew the band program from 60 students to just over 120 total students between Marching, Concert and Jazz Bands. Rich is married to Melissa, has a two year old son Elliot, and another on the way! Rich will be working with the band program while pursuing the Masters Degree with an Emphasis in Conducting.

Heather Baker ///

Heather, from Mishawaka, IN, is finishing her 10th year as an educator in the Indiana public school system. Heather taught band at both the high school and middle school levels. She holds an undergraduate degree from Ball State University and a Masters of Music Education degree from VanderCook College of Music. Heather's primary instrument is the clarinet. Heather and her husband, Dan, have two young children: Bryant (5) and Charleigh (3). Dan taught high school choir for many years and earned several notable awards as an outstanding educator. Now he works as the Executive Producer of Heart of America Productions, LLC, hosting performance events for elite choirs across America. The Bakers are very excited to be a part of the Wildcat Band Family next fall.

Sharyn Worcester ///

Sharyn has a diverse and extensive career in music education, performance, and adjudication throughout Kansas. She holds a Bachelors of Music Education degree and a Masters of Music Education in Instrumental Conducting from Kansas State University. Ms. Worcester currently serves as the Lead Academic Advisor for the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance at K-State. Prior to her appointment at K-State, Ms. Worcester served nine years as Instrumental Music Director at Junction City High School where her teaching duties included marching band, concert band, wind ensemble, music theory, music appreciation, and piano classes. Ms. Worcester performs as a member of the horn sections in the Manhattan Municipal Band and the Salina Symphony. She has performed in a myriad of musical pit orchestras throughout Kansas, which most recently includes Junction City High School's production of Anastasia. Ms. Worcester resides in Manhattan with her husband, Ben, their ten-year-old son, Harley, and their husky/shepherd, Riley.

Support Staff

Coordinators

Sara (Evans) Heptig /// Classy Cats/Twirlers

Sara is an Olathe, KS, native and began dancing at the age of three. In high school, she was a member of the Olathe North Eaglette Dance Team where she served as captain for two years. As a Kansas State University Classy Cat for five years, she was an Assistant Section Leader her junior year, and Section Leader her senior year. She graduated from K-State with a degree in Secondary Education in the area of Family and Consumer Science. She then returned to Olathe North and was the head coach of the Eaglettes for 14 years. She is the founder and director of the O.N.E. Love Movement, which brings dancers together in a non- competitive environment. The O.N.E. Love Movements hosts master classes and the biggest event is the annual Dance Showcase. She is currently the manager of Camp and Competition Sales for Dance Team Union and has the honor of working with coaches and dancers across the country. She is married to Mike Heptig, who is also a K-State Alumni, and has one daughter, Brooklyn. Their family bleeds purple, and Sara is grateful for the opportunity to give back to this amazing university and program.

Amy Tighe /// Color Guard Coordinator

Amy is originally from Salina, KS. She graduated from Kansas State University in 2018 with a B.S. in Secondary Education with a minor in Leadership and Mathematics. During her time at K-State, she was very involved with The Pride of Wildcat Land and was a member of the Color Guard for five years. She served on the leadership team for three of those years including serving the role of head section leader her final year. She attributes much of her success to her time in the Marching Band. After Graduation, Amy stayed in Manhattan and took on a job as a Mathematics Teacher at Junction City High School. She continues to serve as a Math Teacher in Junction City teaching Algebra 2, Business Math, and Technical Mathematics 1 & 2. She is married to Stone Tighe who is retired from the Army and currently attending Kansas State University. They have bonded over their love for K-State football and rarely miss a game. Amy is incredibly grateful to be a part of such a wonderful program that brings so much joy to the university.

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SL Marissa Ober

MM Keith Hancock

MI Katie Anderson

ASL Sarah Kelley

TENOR SAX

SL Ethan Karnes

MM Max Contreras

MI Grace Dice

ASL Shawn Houser

TRUMPET

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MM Shelton Lauderbaugh

MM Katie Reinhert

MI Kyle Grimes

ASL Erin Jackson

ASL Caden Roark

MELLOPHONE

SL Cara Dister

MM Alex Cannady

MI Josie Anderson

ASL Kenden Powers

TROMBONE

SL Hamilton Brown

MI Corbin Wood

MM Chad Crittenden

MM Lindsey Crowell

ASL Josh Brandt

ASL Aiden Torkelson

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ASL Megan Flavin

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MM Michael Brown

MM Drew Fabrizius

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TN Austin Tonovitz

BD Porter Herold

ABD Izzy Furioso

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ASL Malea Flakus

ASL Addie Keith

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2023 BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

Friday, August 11	All Staff - Directors, GAs, Student Staff, Drum Majors, Coordinators
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Registration - Tracz Family Band Hall (TFBH)
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Dinner - TFBH
7:00pm – 10:00pm	Meeting All Staff & Section Leaders - TFBH
Saturday, August 12	Directors, GA, SS, DM, SL
9:00am – Noon	Meeting, All Staff - TFBH
Noon – 1:30pm	Lunch - TFBH
1:30pm – 5:00pm	Meeting, All Staff - TFBH
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Dinner - TFBH
6:30pm – 9:30pm	Playing/Marching rehearsal TFBH/Memorial Field
Sunday, August 13	All Staff, Rookies, Drumline, Color Guard, Classy Cats, Twirlers
9:00am – 1:00pm	Registration - TFBH
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Meeting - TFBH
2:00pm – 5:00pm	Music Rehearsal - TFBH
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Dinner – KKY/TBS BBQ - TFBH
6:30pm – 9:00pm	Marching Rehearsal - Memorial Field
Monday, August 14	All Members
8:30am – 11:30am	Registration - Vets ONLY - TFBH
8:30am – 11:30am	Rehearsal - Rookies ONLY - Memorial Field
Noon – 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm – 5:00pm	Rehearsal - TFBH
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Dinner - KKY/TBS BBQ - TFBH
6:30pm – 9:30pm	Rehearsal - Memorial Field
Tue-Wed-Th, August 15-16-17	All Members
8:30am – 11:30am	Rehearsal - TFBH
11:30am – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 5:00pm	Rehearsal - TFBH
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Dinner - TFBH (<i>Thursday Dinner from Athletics</i>)
6:30pm – 9:30pm	Rehearsal - TFBH
Friday, August 18	All Members
	No Rehearsal
Saturday, August 19	All Members
7:00pm	McCain - Parade Block to Rally House
Sunday, August 20	All Members
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Tradition Training at BSFS

2023 Fall Calendar

JUNE			
11-15	K-State Music Camp		McCain
JULY			
9-12	Leadership & Auxiliary Camp		McCain
15	Marching Pride Classic	9:00am	Colbert Hills
AUGUST			
11-20	Marching Band Camp		
SEPTEMBER			
1	Purple Power Play		Blue Earth Plaza
2	K-State Football v. SE Missouri State		Bill Snyder Family Stadium
8	Tracz Family Band Hall Dedication		TFBH
9	K-State Football v. Troy - Alumni & Band Director Day		Bill Snyder Family Stadium
17	Wabash on the Prairie		TBD
23	K-State Football v. UCF - All-Star Marching Band		Bill Snyder Family Stadium
OCTOBER			
14	Central States Marching Festival		Bill Snyder Family Stadium
21	K-State Football v. TCU - Harley Day		Bill Snyder Family Stadium
27	Homecoming Parade		Poyntz Ave
28	K-State Football v. Houston - Homecoming		Bill Snyder Family Stadium
NOVEMBER			
11	K-State Football v. Baylor - Fort Riley Day		Bill Snyder Family Stadium
18	K-State Football @ Kansas		Bill Snyder Family Stadium
25	K-State Football v. Iowa State - Senior Day		Bill Snyder Family Stadium
26	Marching Band Concert		Ahearn Fieldhouse
DECEMBER			
2	Big XII Championship		AT&T Stadium - Arlington, TX
10	Band Banquet		Alumni Center or Union

TBD Bowl Game - Late Dec/Early Jan

Band Camp Housing Info

If you have a Residence Hall Contract for 2023-2024 and are attending Band Camp, you will be able to move into your room early. Move-in will occur on the Sunday prior to camp, August 13th, 2023. You will be charged an additional fee per day to cover the early arrival costs and your meal plan; this will include Sunday and each day until regular occupancy begins the following Wednesday, August 16th. You will sign an agreement when you arrive and check-in on that Sunday. Housing & Dining Services will ask for your planned move-in date in July or early August. No other communication with Housing & Dining Services will be needed.

Please consult the move-in materials sent by Housing & Dining Services this summer and/or contact Housing & Dining Services if you have any questions.

Uniform Info

The Kansas State University Marching Band requires all members to have a secondary uniform. It will be used during inclement or extremely hot weather. It is also necessary for pep rallies, parades, and game day practices. The secondary uniform includes a t-shirt, purple shorts, ball cap, backpack, purple pants, purple zipped band jacket, beanie, and black crossover marching shoes.

Classy Cats, Color Guard, Twirlers, and Student Staff are not required to purchase these secondary uniforms. All Classy Cats, Color Guard, and Twirlers will have different secondaries and equipment to purchase as indicated by the coordinator.

All Rookies must purchase the complete secondary uniform including shoes. Returning members should purchase worn out or missing items.

No refunds will be given for secondary uniforms after July 1st.

ALL BAND FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2023

This does not apply if you are cut during auditions. Please make checks payable to: K-State Bands and mail to 226 McCain Auditorium, Manhattan KS 66506



If you are unable to submit payment at this time, please email Courtney Grecu (cljensen@ksu.edu) to setup an alternative payment plan. We do not want financial strains to be a reason why you cannot be part of the KSUMB!

Ensemble Trips



Bowl Games



1993



1995



1996



1997



1998



1999



2000



2001



2002



2003



2006



2010



2011



2012



2013



2014



2015



2016



2017



2019



2021



2022

Questions & Answers

There are many tough decisions that a college freshman has to make. Some of the biggest ones involve what school to attend and what to study. Another important decision is whether or not to continue being involved in music in college by participating in bands, especially marching band. Here are some of the questions most often asked by parents and/or students who are considering joining one of the University Bands:

/// How do I become a member of the KSUMB?

All bands at KSU are open to students from any major. To become a member of the KSUMB, complete the confirmation form by June 1st (located at the bottom right of this page). Secondly, you'll need to download the music and come prepared for the audition. Lastly, you'll need to attend band camp for the required audition to make the KSUMB. High school band experience is helpful, but not required.

/// Do I have to be a music major to play in one of the bands?

Not at all! Over 75% of all band members are in some major other than music.

/// Does the band provide instruments?

Select instruments may be rented for a nominal fee of \$50.00 per semester. Instrument rental is payable to "KSU Bands."

The Pride of Wildcat Land marches all silver instruments by Conn-Selmer. All instruments are available for rental along with flags.

Concert Ensemble rentals available: piccolos, flutes, oboes, clarinets, bassoons, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, euphoniums, and tubas.

/// How do I become a member of one of the concert bands?

Membership in Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, and Concert Band are based on auditions heard at the beginning of each semester. Audition materials will be on the website, and access will be sent August 1. University Band is a non-audition group that meets in the spring semester only. Since there are several bands within the program, there will be an organization appropriate to your level of musicianship.

/// What do the University Bands have to offer me?

University credit towards graduation is awarded for each semester of participation in the university bands. Band at KSU can also make your college years more meaningful and exciting, more than just going to classes and taking exams. You will experience lasting friendships, wonderful trips, spirit, and tremendous pride in one of the outstanding KSU bands available.

/// If I do not get involved in University Bands the first year, could I still participate later on?

Of course; however, the trend is that if you put off participation, the odds are that you will probably never get involved due to a feeling of being "on the outside."

/// Are instrumental scholarships available?

Yes. Awards are made each year based on academic record and musicianship. These awards are available to music majors and minors as well as to those students playing instruments of need. The Marching Pride Scholarship is currently provided to leadership and upperclassmen.

/// Will band participation take too much of my time?

Not if you budget your time wisely. Studies have shown that students who participate in University Bands usually achieve high scholastic indexes. Our marching band rehearsal time, 3:30 PM-5:30 PM TU/TH, is scheduled to avoid conflicts with most classes in all departments. If you have a potential class conflict, please contact Dr. Tracz. This time of day welcomes a change of pace!

/// Can I participate in music ensembles for no credit?

Music ensembles are being offered on a variable credit (0 or 1 credit hour) basis. Any student whose curriculum has a requirement for that ensemble (e.g., the music major's major ensemble each semester; the music education two semester marching band requirement; four semesters of MUS 280 or MUS 480 Ensemble Performance for the BM instrumental option; etc.) must enroll for 1 credit hour and pay the fee. A music major who has completed the marching band requirement or is taking an additional ensemble beyond the major ensemble requirement may enroll in the additional ensemble(s) for 0-credit hour (e.g., the music major who is taking concert choir as the major ensemble for 1-credit hour (fee) may also elect to enroll in opera workshop and marching band for 0-credit hours (no fee). Students who are not music majors may elect to enroll for either 0-credit hours (no fee) or 1-credit hour (fee).

2023-2024 Marching Band

Please do the following:

Complete the Confirmation Form and the Marching Band Secondary Uniform Form and return, **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT** no later than June 1st.

When you complete the Marching Band Confirmation Form, you will be emailed the password to the Band webpage where you can download the pre-game & audition music at www.ksu.edu/band.

THIS MUSIC SHOULD BE MEMORIZED; COME PREPARED!

Please mail checks to:

Courtney Greco
226 McCain Auditorium
Manhattan, KS 66506

Scan to complete 2023 Confirmation form:



Questions?

Call the Band Office at: 785-532-3816

Check our web site for updated information during the summer.

www.ksu.edu/band

Notice of Non-discrimination

Kansas State University is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, national origin, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, or other non-merit reasons, in admissions, educational programs or activities and employment (including employment of disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam Era), as required by applicable laws and regulations.

Responsibility for coordination of compliance efforts and receipt of inquiries concerning Title VI of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, has been delegated to Clyde Howard, Director of Affirmative Action, 214 Anderson Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66506-0124, (785) 532-6220.

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