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FROM THE DRUM
MAJORS OF THE
K-STATE
MARCHING BAND

Welcome!



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Greetings from the Pride of Wildcat Land!

We are very excited to welcome you to the 2020 Pride of Wildcat Land! It has been a while since we have seen many of our band friends. This season we look forward to new faces, strong leaders, and the biggest sound The Pride has had yet! It will take determination and lots of hard work, but the rewards and relationships that you build will be some of the most treasured during your years at K-State!

We would like to share some helpful band camp tips to ensure you are prepared. We hope that a section leader has contacted you; however, if they have not please contact us and we will get you connected! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask any of your section leaders or drum majors. We are all here to help each other be successful, so hit us up with all your band and non-band questions! Stay connected with us on the K-State Marching Band Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and follow the KSU Drum Majors on Twitter for fun videos and tips throughout the summer! We cannot wait to meet you!

Your Drum Majors,

Meredith Casey, Ryan Nelson, and Gillian Falcon

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<https://www.k-state.edu/band/>

Your Guide to Band Camp:

1. BE PREPARED

First and foremost, register for band if you have not already. Fill out the **2020 Member Confirmation Form** linked on our band home page <https://www.k-state.edu/band/>. Also, make sure you **memorize the pre-game music** before band camp begins. Log on to <https://www.k-state.edu/band/login/pride/> with the username: **members** and password: **ksuMB#2019** to download the music.

2. AUDITIONS

WE SELECT PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE IN OUR BAND!! You need to report to band this fall knowing our **marching fundamentals** and be able to play the **pregame music memorized**. To prepare you for the marching portion, we have prepared a series of **marching fundamentals videos** to introduce you to our marching style. Your section leaders have also created videos for your **instrument traditions, marching fundamentals, and music**. These can be found on our band website under the “Marching Fundamentals” button on the right side of the band home page at this link <https://www.k-state.edu/band/fundamentals/>.

3. FIRST DAY OF CAMP

To best prepare yourself, **you MUST watch and learn from our marching fundamentals and section leader videos** on our band website. **We also expect all members to have memorized pregame music prior to band camp**. You may also start to read through our halftime shows as they are posted on the band website. No matter your marching experience, these videos will teach you our marching and playing style. Make sure you ask questions during this process! If you do not understand something, please ask your section leaders or drum majors for extra help! Keep in contact with our social media and band website for updates on our band camp schedule regarding COVID-19.

4. THE BAND IS HOT

Memorial Stadium, our practice facility, is located outside and on a turf field. Bring water jugs, SUNSCREEN, hats, etc. **Drink plenty of water before and after camp!** Make sure to eat substantial meals and do not skip breakfast. Everyone will be issued a pouch that ties around your waist, which will be able to hold your music, drill charts, and a **standard sized water bottle (32 oz or less)**. There will be a water trough running at the field during rehearsal for refills.

5. GET OUTSIDE

It is best to begin to acclimate to the heat and level of physical activity that will happen at band camp. **Begin going outside more**, take a walk, amp up your normal exercise routine if you have one, start stretching, or simply take your normal everyday activities outside. The best way to get used to something is by doing it – getting outside now will greatly help prepare you for the long days ahead.

6. DORMS

In previous years, those living in the dorms were permitted early move-in by paying a fee of \$45 per day. You will want to move into your dorm at least 1-2 days before band camp starts. Dining halls will most likely not be open before school starts on August 17th. Be on the lookout for university COVID-19 updates regarding dorms. Contact Housing and Dining services with any further questions.

7. ATTITUDE

College is a big transition but lucky for you, you have got your band family to help you through it! Meet new people, make friends, and soak up every moment. Band provides the perfect atmosphere for the best memories! We are a band that prides ourselves in precision marching and great music, but we are most proud of our band family!

*See you all
at band camp!*

