

FMB NEWS

Welcome to the 2024 Famous Maroon Band!



A Note from the Directors

Welcome to the July edition of the Famous Maroon Band newsletter as we give you the final details about our upcoming pre-school band camp and football season. We hope that you are getting ready to once again experience the high-energy and excitement that has come to define our Famous Maroon Band experience. Our marching band is not only about creating music but also building lifelong friendships and making memories that will last a lifetime. We are excited about the year ahead! With an enrollment of more than 425 this year, we anticipate a great year with all of the activities and performances of the Famous Maroon Band.

2024 Halftime Shows

The recommendations of our music selection committee included lots of great ideas for exciting and fun music that will showcase our talented performers. The show for our September games has a Latin theme and will feature music from composers Ernesto Lecuona and Chick Corea. On October 19, our fans will join us as we reprise our “Sing Along with the FMB” show that will feature some crowd-sing favorites. Our late-season show will be a fantasy theme including music from “How to Train Your Dragon” and “Legend of Zelda.” Of course, we will perform our annual patriotic and homecoming shows and be joined by 300 high school students for our annual high school band day. Prepare for the excitement of music and drill that is fun and challenging to perform as we work to entertain the crowd and support the Bulldogs.

Band Camp

Pre-school band camp is our most important week of the year and the work that we do will set the tone for the success of our marching band. We want camp to be positive and it will be hot – so prepare yourself for the heat by spending some time outside in the days ahead. Read and follow the schedule for the pre-school band camp. Everyone must attend camp! We are looking forward to the crazy, fun-filled moments that happen as our band members get to know each other and work to come together as a family during pre-school camp.

Class Registration/Membership

Everyone must be registered for marching band (MU 2511 01) by July 1 or have communicated with our office regarding any specific situation that has prevented you from registering if you are to be included on our band roster this year.

There is a lot of important information in this newsletter – please read it carefully! Band camp check-in, dorm check-in, the summer uniform information, and the band camp schedule are a few of the important items that need your attention. Additionally, please complete the ENTRANCE SURVEY and the MEDICAL INFORMATION form PRIOR to your arrival. We will begin to communicate with you through your msstate.edu email account, so please check that account frequently for additional information.

Let the music begin! Hail State!

Elva Kaye Lance
Director of Bands

Dr. Clifton Taylor
Associate Director of Bands

Dr. Craig Aarhus
Associate Director of Bands

WELCOME

A Note from the Directors

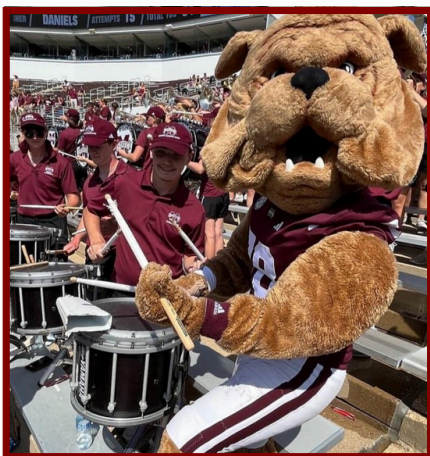
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Meet the FMB Staff Assistants!



ALEX HOWELL



LUIS SANCHEZ

Business Administration/Marketing
Terry, Mississippi
Favorite FMB Trip:
2022 SEC MBB Tournament in Tampa

Electrical & Computer Engineering
Horn Lake, Mississippi
Favorite FMB Trip:
2023 Reliaquest Bowl Trip in Tampa

Summer Merchandise Order

University Screenprint is taking orders for FMB apparel through July 29. Order at www.tinyurl.com/FMB2024. This is an optional purchase.

DORM CHECK-IN

The band will cover the cost of housing for dorm students during pre-school band activities.

Monday, August 5 - Percussionists who are dorm students will check in between 2:00 and 4:30 pm at the MSU Housing Office in Dogwood Hall.

Wednesday, August 7 - Student Leadership living on campus will check in between 2:00 and 4:30 pm at the MSU Housing Office in Dogwood Hall.

Saturday, August 10 - All new AND returning band members who are dorm students will check in. Students will receive an email from MSU Housing about check-in locations the week of July 15 and will need to select a move-in time in the morning, 8:00 am or 10:00 am. Housing is allowing band students to go first that day, so please take care of your business!

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE CHECK-IN PROCEDURE.

PRE-CAMP SURVEYS

Please fill out the entrance survey and medical information survey BEFORE reporting to camp. The links are below:

<https://tinyurl.com/2024entrancesurvey>

<https://tinyurl.com/2024medicalsurvey>

Information on health insurance can be found at:
health.msstate.edu
>Student Health Center
>Insurance

2024 FMB Band Camp Schedule

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00 – 10:00am ALL members (both new AND returning) who live in the dorms will check in.
THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO CHECK-IN TIME.
9:30am – 3:30pm Register/check-out equipment for wind players – Large Hall (**See next page for exact times**)
2:00 – 3:00pm Color Guard/ Twirler check-in – Symphonic Hall
4:00 - 5:30pm Rehearsal for all NEW members and ALL Guard - Band Hall
5:30pm Dinner for NEW members and ALL Guard (our treat!)
6:30 – 9:00pm Marching Fundamentals for NEW members and ALL Guard – Band Practice Field

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

2:00 – 4:30pm Full band rehearsal – Band Practice Field
4:30pm Dinner under the trees (our treat!)
6:30 – 9:00pm Marching rehearsal – Practice Field

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

7:30am New member breakfast under the trees (our treat!)
8:30 – 11:00am Marching rehearsal (**FULL BAND**) – Band Practice Field
11:00 – 1:30pm Lunch (on your own)
1:30 – 2:30pm Section Rehearsals – Sites TBA
3:00pm **Business Meeting (REQUIRED of all band members)**
4:00 – 5:00pm Playing rehearsals – TBA
5:00pm Dinner under the trees (our treat!)
6:30 – 9:00pm Marching rehearsal – Practice Field

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

7:30am New year member breakfast under the trees (our treat!)
8:30 – 11:00am Marching rehearsal – Band Practice Field
11:00 – 1:30pm Lunch (on your own)
1:30 – 2:30pm Section Rehearsals – Sites TBA
3:00 – 5:00pm Playing rehearsals – TBA
5:00pm Dinner under the trees (our treat!)
6:30 – 9:00pm Marching rehearsal – Practice Field

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

7:30am New member breakfast under the trees (our treat!)
8:30 – 11:00am Marching rehearsal – Band Practice Field
11:00 – 1:30pm Lunch (on your own)
1:30 – 2:30pm Section rehearsals - Sites TBA
3:00 – 5:00pm Playing rehearsal – TBA
5:00pm Dinner under the trees (our treat!) - Group dinner by Academic Major –
meet other members in the band in your major
6:30 – 9:00pm Marching rehearsal – Practice Field

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

8:30 – 11:00am Marching rehearsal – Band Practice Field
11:00 – 1:30pm Lunch (on your own)
1:30 – 2:45pm Playing rehearsal – TBA
3:00 – 4:45pm Marching rehearsal – Band Practice Field
5:00pm Dinner at the Scoreboard Club (our treat!)
6:30 – 8:00pm Playing rehearsal – Davis Wade Stadium

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

8:30 – 11:00am Marching rehearsal – Band Practice Field
11:00am End of camp Barbecue under the trees (our treat!)

2024 BAND CAMP CHECK-IN

DRUMLINE

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

2:00 - 4:30 pm

Drumline members who are dorm students will check in at the Housing Office in Dogwood Hall.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

8:30 - 9:00 am

Drumline will check in at the Band Hall.

First rehearsal will begin promptly at 9:00.

BAND LEADERSHIP

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

2:00 - 4:30 pm

Squad Leaders/ Guard Captains who are dorm students will check in at the Housing Office in Dogwood Hall.

A more detailed schedule will be sent to leadership closer to camp.

WIND PLAYERS/ AUXILIARIES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

All band members who are dorm students will check in with Housing in the morning. MSU Housing will contact students with specific locations and how to schedule a time (8:00 or 10:00). YOU MUST SCHEDULE YOUR MOVE-IN TIME WITH HOUSING.

All band members will check in to band camp by sections in the Large Hall (130) of the Kent Sills Band Hall between 9:30 am and 3:30 pm.

- 9:30 am** Mellophones
- 10:15** Tenor Saxophones
- 10:30** Baritones
- 10:45** Tubas
- 11:00** Piccolos

- 12:15 pm** Clarinets
- 1:00** Alto Saxophones & Managers
- 1:30** Trumpets
- 2:00** Color Guard and Twirlers - Symphonic Hall (Room 110)
- 2:30** Trombones
- 3:30** Reset for rehearsal
- 4:00** Rehearsal for New Members, Leadership, ALL Guard



Save the Date!

Marching Honor Band will be August 31. Tell your high school friends they can register starting July 1 on the band website: msuband.msstate.edu.

Band Parent Day will be September 14 at the Toledo game. Parents can register starting August 1 on the band website: msuband.msstate.edu.

The **FMB Alumni Band** will also perform September 14 at the Toledo game. More information will be available on the MSU Alumni page: alumni.msstate.edu

The **Egg Bowl** has been moved to 2:30 pm Friday, November 29. The FMB will rehearse prior to the game. This is a required performance for all band members.



Important Marching Band Information

Fees

The band fee is \$95. This amount will be assessed to your student account during camp week. Students using school-owned instruments will be charged \$15 for maintenance. Lockers for personal instruments will be \$10.

Shoes

The FMB uses black, matte finish marching band shoes. No shiny finish or athletic shoes are allowed. If you already have the correct type, you do not have to order new ones. If you need new shoes, orders can be placed online with Southern Performances. All orders placed this way will be delivered to the band hall, which means you won't have to pay shipping. We strongly recommend that you order your shoes prior to band camp. **Orders must be placed by Sunday, September 1:**

<https://www.southernperformances.com/collections/mississippi-state>

Additional Uniform Information

New members will be issued a new summer uniform during band camp. **Returning members will be expected to use their uniform from last year (Maroon polo, white dri-fit shirt, black Adidas shorts, black compression shorts). Find all of your items NOW - don't wait until band camp!**

ALL students must provide white (or mostly white) athletic shoes and ankle (short) socks to wear with the summer uniform. Students should also have **KHAKI SHORTS** to wear to certain performances/ events. **THE SHORTS SHOULD BE "DOCKERS STYLE" (NO CARGO SHORTS) AND NOT OLIVE OR SAND COLORED.** Please have these items secured by the beginning of band camp.

Lyres/ Flip Folders

The FMB is in the digital age with music distribution--no bulky paper flip folders. Instead, you will use your smart phone along with the FlipFolder app to access music digitally, and your phone will be attached to a special clamp provided by the band that will hold your phone securely. If your personally-owned instrument normally uses a lyre, you'll still need one for the season (except piccolos and trombones - we will supply yours!). Please purchase your lyre prior to reporting to camp. We also recommend that you purchase a portable battery charger for your device (typically less than \$20) so that you'll have enough battery life for late afternoon rehearsals and gamedays.

Parking

During Band Camp, band members can park in any student parking lot, regardless of their parking permit zone. **HOWEVER, you MUST have a MSU parking permit to avoid receiving a ticket.** Resident permits are available starting July 17, and commuter permits are available starting July 24.

Parking in the circle drive, staff/ ADA parking, or beside/ behind the ball hall is strictly prohibited!

Responsibility

Equipment and uniforms not returned (or returned damaged) will be charged to your student account and a hold will be placed on your records until the equipment is returned or payment is received.

Recommended Equipment

- Good quality clarinet reeds - Mitchell Lurie, Vandoren, etc.
- Good quality saxophone reeds - Vandoren, La Voz, etc.

Mouthpiece Recommendations

Clarinet - B45 or equivalent

Alto Saxophone - C*

Tenor Saxophone - Yamaha 5C

Trumpet - Bach 3C or equivalent

Horn - Medium cup, MDC

Trombone/ Baritone - 6.5 AL or equivalent

Sousaphone - Bach 18 or Conn Helleberg

ALL STUDENTS WHO USE A SCHOOL-OWNED INSTRUMENT (INCLUDING TENOR SAX, HORN/ MELLOPHONE, BARITONE, AND TUBA) MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN MOUTHPIECE.

Percussion

All percussionists will report to the band hall Tuesday, August 6 at 8:30 am. The percussion instructor, Dr. Baker, may be contacted at jbaker@colled.msstate.edu with any questions that you may have. Percussionists should reserve 4:30-6:00 pm each day for band. Section rehearsals will be on Wednesday immediately after band for one hour.

Guard

All guard members should reserve 4:00-6:00 pm Monday through Friday for band rehearsal. Please do not schedule a class at this time. There is no separate course code for Color Guard, but you are required to be at this rehearsal. All color guard members should register for Marching Band (MU 2511 01). Our captains this year are Parker Bridges, Ariel Kyles, Maddie Medus, Halli Powers, and Jaliyah Snaer. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Auxiliary Advisor Sarah Salisbury (sparker@colled.msstate.edu).

SPECIAL DIETARY CONSIDERATIONS

The band will provide some meals throughout the week of camp and throughout the year. If you have a special dietary situation (i.e. - vegetarian, vegan, peanut allergy, lactose intolerance, etc.), please contact Mr. Corhern by phone (662-325-2713) or email (wc74@msstate.edu) before **AUGUST 1** so that we can attempt to accommodate your needs!

Tell Us Your Story!



I think the FMB was the perfect way to ensure I had real college experiences in addition to my academic experience at MSU. Every Saturday spent on the field with the FMB was magical, each practice filled with fun, and every person oozed maroon and white. It is an experience I will never forget and forever will be grateful for!

Caroline Kiser, Manager
Civil Engineering
Senior, Madison, MS



Being in the Maroon Band was the best decision I made when coming to college. I was able to meet new people and make lasting friendships before the school year even began. I've been able to travel and experience so many new things that I would not have been able to do without the band!

Madelyn Seiberling, Trumpet
Biological Sciences
Senior, Jasper, AL



Joining the FMB has given me many things. From amazing travel opportunities, unrivaled gameday experiences, and friends for life, joining the FMB has truly been one of the greatest decisions of my college career and of my life.

Joseph Guarisco, Trombone
Mechanical Engineering
Senior, Daphne, AL



Being a part of the FMB has been able to help me find lifelong friends and an amazing community for my time in college! Hail State!

Elliott Pullman, Alto Sax
Secondary Education (Social Studies)
Senior, New Albany, MS



Being from Texas, the Famous Maroon Band has given me a home 8 hours away from home. I've met so many amazing people who are in the same boat as me, and I know I have a place where I can be myself. Everywhere I go, whether it's on my way to class, in class, on the ultimate frisbee field, or in my fraternity life, I know I will see a familiar face from the FMB that I can talk to and be comfortable around. Having 400+ people with the same goal, to create and entertain with music, is such a special feeling that I will never be able to forget or top.

Jackson Thomas, Tenor Sax
Finance
Junior, Melissa, TX



My time as a member of the FMB has been an absolute blast. The energy and excitement of performing at football games and other events is indescribable. I am especially grateful to be a part of the drumline. The camaraderie and teamwork among us drummers are truly special, and I love the challenge and thrill of playing with them in front of thousands. I can't wait to see what the future holds!

Ty Johnson, Tenor Drums
Music Education
Senior, Grenada, MS



All through middle school and high school, I always knew I wanted to be in the Famous Maroon Band. I never could have imagined how rewarding the experience would be! Being a member of the FMB is what has made my time at Mississippi State truly unforgettable. The band is what made my transition to MSU possible. Getting to see your friends, new and old, every afternoon made even the worst days so much better during that first semester of freshman year. The FMB has always been such a welcoming and positive environment where I can truly be myself. Some of the closest friendships I have today were created because of this band. If I had to make the decision again, I would choose to be in the band every single time!

Jillian Kelly, Cymbals
Music Education
Senior, Starkville, MS

MUST-HAVE LIST

ALL MEMBERS

- Large water jug (see picture to right - put your name on it!)
- Khaki shorts (Dockers-style, not olive or sand colored, and NO CARGO SHORTS!)
- White (or mostly white) tennis shoes



WIND PLAYERS

- Mouthpiece
- Portable battery charger/ phone cord
- Cowbell

PREPARE FOR THE HEAT!

During band camp, remember to:

- **DRINK PLENTY OF WATER!** Bring your own water bottle with you to camp.
- Apply (and re-apply) sunscreen.
- Wear a hat or visor and sunglasses.
- Don't "lock" your knees to ensure proper circulation.
- Wear light colored, loose fitting clothing (shirts are required for rehearsals).

If you start spending more time outside NOW, it will help your body adjust to the heat.

Concert Dates

Subject to change

Thursday, October 3 - Wind Ensemble Concert
7:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

*** DATE CHANGE***

Tuesday, November 12 - Wind Ensemble Concert
7:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Friday, November 22 - Jazz Band Concert
7:30 pm, Music Lecture-Recital Hall

Friday, December 13 - Wind Ensemble Concert
7:30 pm, State Band Clinic, Natchez

Thursday-Saturday, January 30 - February 1 - MSU Honor Band Clinic

Friday, January 31 - Wind Ensemble Concert
7:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Sunday, February 16 - Campus, Concert, Symphonic Bands Concert
2:00 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Thursday, April 10 - Wind Ensemble Concert
7:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Sunday, April 13 - Campus, Concert, Symphonic Bands Concert
2:00 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Friday, April 25 - Jazz Band Concert
7:30 pm, Music Lecture-Recital Hall

WIND ENSEMBLE & JAZZ ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS

Audition music for chair placement will be available through the "Members" section of the MSU Band website on July 1.

There will be no in-person auditions. All wind recordings must be submitted by 11:59 pm Tuesday, August 1. Percussion auditions are due by 11:59 pm Saturday, August 10.

See information in the Members section or contact the band office if you have questions.

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