

2022 “Pride of the Plains” Marching Band Summer Letter/ Band Camp Information

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Band Camp

Attendance at band camp is required for **ALL** members of the “Pride of the Plains.” Please adjust your summer vacation schedules accordingly. See schedule below for when you need to be here.

Instrumentation Notes

We will likely have a front ensemble in 2022. This will have auxiliary percussion, mallet instruments (bells/ xylo/ marimba) as well as electric bass and Guitar. Auditions for this group will happen on the first day of band camp. More info to come.

Also, any woodwind players wanting to march trombone baritone or tuba, we could use you. Let **Dr. Marchant (smarchant@pittstate.edu or 620-235-4467)** know so we can get you an instrument. Similarly, I want to double the size of the tenor sax section. Let me know if you want to play tenor.

2022 Band Camp Schedule

Dorms (When you can move in)

- **Section Leaders, Flags and Percussion can move into their assigned rooms on Sunday, 14th 3:30-5PM**
- **Brass and Woodwinds can move in on Monday, August 15th 10am – noon.**
- **ANY OTHERS – if you need a different move in time than listed above, contact **Kimberly Harries (kharries@pittstate.edu or 620-235-4466)** as soon as possible.**

Please note: There is a \$10 per night charge for your dorm during band camp that will be added to your dorm fees.

When you need to be at Band Camp - Everyone

- **Drum Majors** – Meet on Sunday, August 14th at 2 PM in McCray 318
- **Section Leaders Report** Sunday, August 14th at 7 PM for BBQ and social gathering - Location TBA
- **Color Guard** Monday, August 15th—10AM – Weede Dance Studio
- **Percussion Report** Monday, August 15th — 10 AM - Bicknell Center Rehearsal Hall
- **1st Year Brass and Woodwinds (Freshman, transfers, and new to PSU Band)** – First year orientation. McCray Recital Hall – music building. 2 PM-3PM.
- **Returning Woodwinds and Brass** – 1-3PM student store open for supplies and NEW “Rally Uniform” – Everyone needs this. Location: Beat Factory.
- **EVERYONE** – Opening Meeting at 3 PM in McCray Recital Hall

BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 14

- 2-3 PM Drum Major and Grad ASST Meeting – McCray 318
3:30-5PM Section Leaders, Flags and Percussion can move into their assigned dorms.
7PM Leadership BBQ and Meeting – location TBA

Monday, August 15th

- 10AM-noon Move-IN for all Winds and Brass
10AM Percussion Auditions at Bicknell Rehearsal Hall
10AM Color Guard Rehearsal Begin – Weede Dance Studio
Noon Lunch on your own
1-3PM Returning Band Members get NEW “Rally Uniform” (Black shorts, Red Shirt, and Black Ball Cap) and other student store stuff from Beat Factory
2PM Freshman (1st Year Band Members) Brass and Woodwind Orientation at McCray Recital Hall.
3PM Full Band Opening Meeting at McCray Hall
4PM Freshman – go get your Student store stuff and “Rally Uniform” at Beat Factory
4:30-6PM Dinner on your own
6PM **FULL BAND** - Sectionals/Marching Basics on Practice Field (across street from Bicknell Center)
7PM Full Band Marching Block on Practice Field. Drill Down!
7:30 Bigs Meet Your Littles.
8 PM Go to Tropical Snow/ Ice Cream with your Big Sibling.

Tuesday, August 16th – EVERYONE

Spirit DAY: Mega Section Color Day:

Percussion Wears Black

Color Guard wears Pink

High WW (Flute and Clarinet) wears Yellow

High Brass (Trumpet) Wears Blue

Middle Voice (Alto Sax & Mellophone wears Green

Low Voice (Trombone, Tenor Sax, & Baritone) wears White

Bass (Sousaphones) wear Red

- 8:30 -11:30 AM Drums and Flags in Rehearsal
8:30 – 10:30 AM All Brass and Winds: Marching Block on Practice Field. No Instruments. Please wear closed-toe athletic shoes (not crocs or flip-flops), sunscreen, and a hat or visor.
10:30-noon Instrument Check Out from Beat Factory.
Noon – 1PM Lunch on your own
1PM-3PM Sectional Time – Pass out music/ Audition for parts/ focus on Pregame/
TUNE every rehearsal!!!!
3-4PM Mega Section Time
4-6PM Dinner on Your own
6-8 PM Music rehearsal – Bicknell Rehearsal Hall or Outside. TBA
8PM-10 PM Social Activity – Scavenger Hunt By Mega Sections

Wednesday, August 17th

Spirit Day Everyone Dress in your Tropical Best

- 8:30-11:15 Marching Rehearsal with Instruments on Practice Field. (Fundamentals/Pregame)
11:15 Rock, Paper Scissors Tournament #1
11:30-1PM Lunch on Your own
1:00-3:00 Sectionals focus on pregame and halftime music
3-4PM Full Winds Rehearsal in McCray Recital Hall –
 Percussion and Flags stay in your sectionals
4:00-6:00 Dinner
6:00-8:00 Marching/Music Ensemble Rehearsal – practice field
 Fundamental Block – Playing Warm-Up
 Finish pre-game (marching & music)
 Halftime Music... Maybe Marching
8:00 Social Activity – Water Fight!

Thursday, August 18th – EVERYONE – note: Do NOT Park at Bicknell Parling Lot

Spirit day – Section Costumes.

- 8:30-11:15 Marching Rehearsal with Instruments on Practice Field (Fundamentals/ Halftime)
11:15 Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament #2
1:00-4:00 Music Rehearsal in McCray Recital Hall. Will break into sectionals.
4-6PM Dinner
6:00-8:00 Music/ Marching Ensemble Rehearsal with instruments on Practice Field.
 Halftime emphasis. Drill Down.
8:00 Section Cheer Contest/ Popsicles

Friday, August 19th

Spirit Day – Go Pitt State – Dress in Red & Gold

- 8:30-11:15 Marching Rehearsal on the Field with Instruments: Finish Halftime.
11:15 Final Drill Down of Band Camp
11:30-1PM Lunch Break
1PM-4 PM Recording Session in Bicknell Center.
4PM Dismissed from Camp – Have a safe weekend!

COVID 19 – Precautions

To be honest, I just don't know where we will be at that time. I guarantee that we will operate in accordance with best accepted practices and University policies.... Again... **I DON'T KNOW.**

I know this is a busy schedule, but hopefully it will leave you some time to get settled into the dorms (if applicable) and to be able to spend some time meeting new friends. Our goals are to have all of pre-game learned and cleaned; to have the first show learned and cleaned; and to have the music to the first two shows learned and polished. We'll try to mix in some fun and laughs along the way as well.

*Some things you need to bring with you to be prepared for camp:

- instrument in good working condition
- tennis shoes (**no sandals, flip flops, or boots**)
- cool clothes/hat
- sun glasses
- sun screen!!!
- water bottle

- pencil
- lyre (everyone must have a lyre to hold flip folder) – available at student store.
- accessories (drum sticks, valve oil, reeds, neck strap, etc.)
- positive attitude and good work ethic

***Color Guard**

Pitt State will provide flag poles and flags for your use. You may be expected to purchase a few accessories such as a leotard, hose and gloves. Members of the Color Guard are required to attend one extra rehearsal each week to work on specific details. The time of this rehearsal will be determined at band camp. Please plan this into your weekly school schedule. **This is a required rehearsal.**

***Participation awards**

All members of the PSU band are rewarded for their service to the school and community. These monies will be applied as scholarships after band camp. You must be enrolled as a full time student to get paid. Amounts are as follows:

1st and 2 nd Year	\$400.00
3rd and 4th Year	\$500.00
Color Guard and Drum-Line	\$500.00
Section Leaders	\$550
Drum majors	\$600

***Housing Residents (Dorms)**

All students who check into the dorms prior to Saturday, August 20th will be charged a per diem fee for these services. The per night charge of \$10.00 will simply be billed onto your student account. This fee is only for rooming during band camp, not meals. I will give the Housing Office a list of band members and they will then prepare your room for check-in. You **MUST** check in during the assigned times listed on the schedule!!!

***Meals**

Regular dormitory meal plans start on Saturday, August 20th. You will be on your own for meals during band camp. This is a great time to meet new friends over meals in some of Pittsburg's fine eateries, assuming we are back to normal.

***Uniforms**

We will use 2 different uniforms for the 2022 season.

1. Casual Uniform (Rally Uniform- this is new for 2022):

This uniforms consists of the following:

- Black Marching band Shoes
- Black crew length socks
- Black athletic shorts
- New Red Band T-Shirt
- New Black Ball Cap

2. Full Uniform:

Full Uniforms will be checked out after band camp. In addition to the uniform that is checked out to you, you will need to have the following:

- Black Marching band Shoes (all black... no swooshes, etc)
- Black socks

Note: We place a strong emphasis on uniformity. If you already have black band shoes or other needed accessories, bring them with you so we can see if they are acceptable for use. If you have any questions at all about band camp, please call or send **Kimberly** an e-mail or call so that there is no confusion.

***Instrument Rental Fee**

All students using school owned instruments for marching band will be charged a yearly \$25 instrument rental fee. This fee was implemented to help take better care of our instruments and will be deducted from your award.

***Wind Ensemble, Jazz bands, Choirs, and Orchestra Auditions**

Auditions will be announced during band camp. Auditions are held during the first week of school. Audition music will be available during band camp.

Newer Traditions

5th Quarter – After football games, the band will be featured in the stadium. This performance will be “Lean on me” which is played and sung.

Big Siblings – We will be starting a new “Big Sibling” program where each new band member will have a Big Sibling. The purpose is to have a returning member be there to answer questions and ease the transition to PSU.

Travel – We will be travelling to the Maple Leaf Festival in Carthage, Missouri to play an exhibition at the High School marching Band Competition. Additionally, the Drumline will head to Webb City for their marching percussion festival on September 10th

***Odds-and-Ends**

We are going to suggest that you purchase a set of earplugs for the indoor rehearsals. We will have a lot of Winds and Percussion in that very small and live rehearsal space and the volume can be hard to handle at times.

Please make sure you clear your personal calendars for all of the performances listed on the 2022 Fall Schedule. Absences hurt both your grade and the band as a whole. Let’s not have to deal with individual attendance problems due to poor planning on your part.

***A Challenge**

The marching band at Pitt State has developed a tradition of excellence that I am very excited to continue. The upperclassmen know that each year the band has grown in terms of numbers as well as musically. I am confident that this year will be no exception!

I think you will find me an enjoyable and approachable person to work with. I truly care that the Pitt State marching band experience will be positive for all of its members. Your time in college is precious and I will not waste it. You can expect rehearsals to be intense and efficient. By coming to rehearsals prepared and enthusiastic you can expect to have a lot of fun and create a product which brings you pride. I have challenged myself to be well organized, energetic, and professional. I challenge you to set your expectations high. Together we can build the best band in the land.

Go-Rillas!

2022 “Pride of the Plains” Marching Band

Director:	Dr. Andrew Chybowski
Percussion:	Dr. James Clanton
Drum Majors:	Kelli Pavlu, Ellie Ridgway, Erica Baldwin
Equipment Managers:	Logan Jones, Kassidy Toomay
Band Assistant:	Lance Smith
Uniform Manager:	Kassidy Toomay

Section Leaders

Piccolo/ Flute:	Kaity Rhea, Natalie Rigdon
Clarinet:	Alexis Monks, Hanna Smith

Alto Sax:	Shae Gilstrap, Taylor Blackerby
Tenor Sax:	Brittney Bramblett
Trumpet:	Johnathan Gauthier, Ryan Ford, Alejandra Cornelio
Mellophone:	Lance Smith, Nathan Basaldua
Trombone/ Baritone:	Omar Trujillo, Jonathan Rohr
Sousaphone:	Denton Bodine, Josh Evans
Drum Captain:	Caden Hughes
Color Guard Captains:	Shay Olabayi, Hailey Denton

2022 Tentative Performance Schedule

Sept. 1	CENTRAL MISSOURI * HOME 7 p.m.
Sept. 10	Percussion Performance at Webb City – time TBA
Sept. 17	NORTHEASTERN STATE * HOME 7 p.m. (Family Day)
Oct. 1	MISSOURI SOUTHERN * HOME 2 p.m. (Hall of Fame) – Rumble in the Jungle – drumline at 10 am for High School people.
Oct. 8	NORTHWEST MISSOURI * HOME 2 p.m.
Oct. 15	Maple Leaf Festival, Carthage, MO times TBA
Oct. 22	MISSOURI WESTERN * HOME 2 p.m. (Homecoming) Parade at 9AM – Band exhibition performance at 11 AM – Game at 2 PM
Nov. 12	FORT HAYS STATE * HOME 2 p.m. – Veterans Day. Senior Day
Nov. 28	Pittsburg Christmas Parade – 6PM

NCAA Playoffs

Nov. 19	NCAAs – 1st Rnd TBA TBA
Nov. 26	NCAAs – 2nd Rnd TBA TBA
Dec. 3	NCAAs – Quarterfinals TBA TBA
Dec. 10	NCAAs – Semifinals TBA TBA
Dec. 17	NCAAs – National Championship McKinney, Texas TBA