

2023 “Pride of the Plains” Marching Band Summer Letter/ Band Camp Information

Join our Facebook group if you are going to be in the 2023 band or color guard!!! This is the best place to ask questions, get updates, and be part of the “cool kids club.”

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/324364284295650/>

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 Rhythm Section/Rock Band in 2023. This will have drum set, keyboard, electric bass, & electric guitar. Auditions for this group will happen on the first day of band camp. More info to come.

To increase our sound projection, I would LOVE for any woodwind players to march Piccolo, Saxophone, or brass (especially low brass!). Any ed-majors particularly enjoy a brass instrument? This experience will increase your effectiveness as a teacher! Let **Dr. Wilson** (joseph.r.wilson@pittstate.edu) know so we can get you an instrument.

2023 Band Camp Schedule

Dorms (When you can move in...tight schedule, so PLEASE follow these times!!)

- *Sunday, August 13, 3:30pm-5pm Optional Dorm Move-in for anyone who needs, but please message joseph.r.wilson@pittstate.edu if you need this option!!*
- **Section Leaders, Flags and Percussion can move into their assigned rooms on Monday, August 14th 9:30am-10:30am.**
- **Freshman & other 1st Year can move in Monday, 14th 10:00am-11:15am.**
- **All Other Brass and Woodwinds can move in on Monday, August 14th 10:45m-12pm.**
- **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 & Percussion Captains** – Meet on Monday 8/14 at 11:00am in McCray Recital Hall
- **Section Leaders** join on Monday 8/14 at 11:30am in McCray Recital Hall
- **Percussion Auditions** Monday 8/14 11:30am in Bicknell Rehearsal Hall
- **Color Guard** Meet on Monday 8/14 at 12:00 PM in McCray Recital Hall
- **Percussion** Meet on Monday 8/14 at 11:30am auditions Bicknell Rehearsal Hall
- **1st Year Brass and Woodwinds (Freshman, transfers, and new to PSU Band)** – First year orientation. McCray Recital Hall – music building. 2:00 PM

- **Returning Woodwinds and Brass** – 3:15-4:10 PM student store open for supplies and “Rally Uniform” – Location: Beat Factory.
- **EVERYONE** – Opening Meeting at 4:15 PM in McCray Recital Hall

BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 13th

- 3:30-5:00pm Optional move-in for anyone who needs; email joseph.r.wilson@pittstate.edu if you wish to utilize this option so I can let housing know how many to expect!
- 6:45pm Optional instrument check-out with and *possible* Rally Uniform check-out.

Monday, August 14th

- 9:30am-10:30 Move-IN for all Leaders, Guard, Percussion
- 10:00-11:15 Move-IN for Freshmen (& other 1st year)
- 10:45-12pm Move-IN for all other Brass & Woodwinds
- *Lunch on your own
- 11:00am Drum Majors & Percussion Captains Meeting in McCray Recital Hall
- 11:30am Section Leaders join meeting in McCray Recital Hall
- 11:30am Percussion Auditions at Bicknell Rehearsal Hall
- 12:00pm Color Guard meeting in McCray Recital Hall
- 1:15pm Color Guard Rehearsal Begin – Weede Dance Studio
- 1:15pm Rhythm Section/Rock Band auditions- location TBA
- 2:00pm Freshman (1st Year Band Members) Brass and Woodwind Orientation at McCray Recital Hall (with DM’s/Section Leaders)
- 2:30pm Freshman – go get your get “Rally Uniform” (Black shorts, Red Shirt, and Black Ball Cap) and other student store stuff from Beat Factory
- 3:15-4:10pm Returning Band Members get “Rally Uniform” (Black shorts, Red Shirt, and Black Ball Cap) and other student store stuff from Beat Factory
- 4:15pm Full Band Opening Meeting at McCray Hall
- 4:45-6pm 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.
- 8pm **Instrument check-out**, then go to Tropical Snow with your Big Sibling.

Tuesday, August 15th – 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 with Instruments. Please wear closed-toe athletic shoes (not crocs or flip-flops), sunscreen, and a hat or visor.

10:30-noon	Music Rehearsal- Warm-ups/Star Spangled Banner/Fight Song, etc... Guard separate
Noon – 1PM	Lunch on your own
1PM-3PM	Sectional Time –Pass out show music/Parts Auditions/focus on Pregame
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 16^a

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	<u>Marching/Music Ensemble Rehearsal</u> – practice field Fundamental Block – Playing Warm-Up Finish pre-game (marching & music) Halftime Music... Maybe Marching
8:00	Social Activity – Water Fight!

Thursday, August 17^a

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 18^a

Spirit Day – Go Pitt State – Dress in Red & Gold/Gorilla Gear

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	BBQ!!! Freshmen- Bring Drinks Sophomores- Bring Sides Juniors- Bring Desserts Seniors- Bring Napkins/Plates/Cutlery SAI/PMA- Provide Meat (burgers/hot dogs/veggie burgers/etc)

*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 2023 season.

1. Rally Uniform (casual):

This uniform consists of the following:

- Black Marching band/tennis Shoes (**ALL BLACK**, no white “swoosh,” etc)
- Black crew length socks
- Black athletic shorts (ours are rather long and have no pockets, so you are welcome to buy your own. **ALL BLACK** athletic-style and a “tasteful” length, please...**NOT SUPER SHORT!**)
- 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/tennis 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 may be charged a yearly \$25 instrument rental fee if the instrument is not returned in the same condition it was given. **There will be no charge if the instrument is returned in good condition.** 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.

***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 2023 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!

2023 “Pride of the Plains” Marching Band

Director:	Dr. Jobey Wilson
Percussion:	Dr. James Clanton
Drum Majors:	Ellie Ridgway, Omar Trujillo, Jocelyn Goodwin
Equipment Managers:	Logan Jones, Louie Hurtado
Band Assistant:	Lance Smith
Uniform Manager:	Joel Garber, Alanis Anahy

Section Leaders

Piccolo/ Flute:	Jewell Lunday, Zoe Mitchell
Clarinet:	Alexis Monks, Marlee Mikel
Alto Sax:	Shae Gilstrap, Jace Butcher

Tenor Sax: Brittney Bramblett
Trumpet: Ryan Ford, Joseph Lancaster, Daniel Roy
Mellophone: Lance Smith, Nathan Basaldua
Trombone/ Baritone: Tucker Jessip, Griffin Poelling
Sousaphone: Logan Jones, Riley Cross
Drum Captain: Caden Hughes, Arlo Kinsey
Color Guard Captains: Kayla Jeffries, Sydney Hulvey
Band Librarian: Lance Smith

2023 Tentative Performance Schedule

Aug. 31 WASHBURN * HOME 7 p.m.

Sept. 23 NEBRASKA-KEARNEY * HOME 2 p.m. (Family Day)

Oct. 7 EMPORIA STATE * HOME 2 p.m. (Hall of Fame) –
Rumble in the Jungle – drumline at 10 am for High School people.

Oct. 28 SIOUX FALLS * HOME 2 p.m. (Homecoming)
Parade at 9AM – Band exhibition performance at 11 AM – Game at 2 PM

Nov. 11 CENTRAL OKLAHOMA * HOME 2 p.m. – Veterans Day. Senior Day

Nov. 27 Pittsburg Christmas Parade – 6PM

NCAA Playoffs

Dec. 16 NCAAs – National Championship TBA