

2026 “Pride of the Plains” Marching Band

Band Camp & Season Information

Please join our Facebook group if you are going to be in the 2026 band or color guard!!! This is the best source for information during the summer when many new students have not yet enrolled or activated Gus Emails and Canvas notifications.

[Join the Pittsburg State Marching Band Facebook Group](#)

All section leaders' emails are below. Please connect with them ASAP so they can put you on their section chats and rosters.

ENROLL ASAP!! Marching Band is a class; MUS 156-02 for Freshmen & Sophomores, MUS 356-02 for Juniors & Seniors, MUS 756-02 for grad students. Please enroll ASAP, activate your Canvas notifications to go to your email, and please CHECK your GUS EMAIL regularly!!

BAND CAMP

August 10-14, Attendance at band camp is required for all members of the “Pride of the Plains.” Please adjust your summer vacation schedule accordingly. See schedule below for when you need to be here. If you absolutely CANNOT attend, \$100 will be deducted from your participation award.

Instrumentation Notes

To increase our sound projection, I would LOVE for any woodwind players to march Piccolo, Saxophone, or brass. Any woodwind Music Ed-majors particularly enjoy a brass instrument? This experience will increase your effectiveness as a teacher! [Email Dr. Wilson](#) and let him know, so we can get you an instrument. Any brass players on a music scholarship need approval from Dr. Wilson to play a different instrument. We do NOT have a pit percussion section. The football team has too much equipment on the front sideline for us to quickly get this equipment on.

Drumline Audition info: The drumline audition materials and instructions will be posted on the PSU “Current Student Information” page by April 15. The first round will be due by mid-May. Second round will be at the start of camp in August.

Uniforms & Instruments

- Everyone needs **ALL BLACK TENNIS SHOES**; no colors or visible logos (no white “swoosh”) and **ALL BLACK ATHLETIC SHORTS** (no tights/spandex). New members receive a T Shirt & Hat to complete your “Rally Uniform.”
- Marching Band Uniforms will be checked out, though we wear the Rally Uniforms if it's too hot.
- We have instruments you may rent for \$25 (you are responsible for any repairs beyond the \$25 fee).

2026 Band Camp Schedule

Dorms (When you can move in)

- Sunday, August 9, 3:30pm-5:00pm Dorm Move-in for Leadership, Guard, Percussion, and Optional Move-In for anyone who needs, but please message Dr. Wilson ([Email Dr. Wilson](#)) if you need this option!! Please check in at your Residence Hall if moving in Sunday.
- All other Brass and Woodwinds can move in on Monday, August 10th 9:30am-12pm, and please

- check in at Horace Mann room 203 (Main residence office) if checking in on Monday!
- ANY OTHERS – if you need a different move in time than listed above, contact Kimberly Harries [Click Here for Email](#) or 620-235-4466 as soon as possible.

Please note: There is a \$15 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

- **All Leadership** Report on Sunday 8/9 at 2:00pm, probably on the field
- **Percussion** Report Monday 8/10 at 10:00am in Bicknell Rehearsal Hall
- **Color Guard** Meet on Monday 8/10 at 10:00am in Weede Dance Studio
- **1st Year Brass and Woodwinds (Freshman, transfers, and new to PSU Band)** – Monday 8/10, First year orientation. Bicknell-Scott Performance Hall at 2:00pm (or Plaster if it is available)
- **Returning Woodwinds and Brass** Report to Beat Factory Monday 8/10, 1:00-2:45pm student for supplies and “Rally Uniform”

EVERYONE – Opening Meeting at 3:00pm in Bicknell-Scott Hall (or Plaster)

Things you need to bring with you to be prepared for camp:

- instrument in good working condition
- lyre & flip folder (2 flip folders if you cannot memorize show music; the stand music folders are quite large and cumbersome to march with)
- 20 flip folder pages (make sure both sides are clear so you can use front and back)
- tennis shoes (**no sandals, flip flops, or boots**)
- cool clothes/hat
- sunglasses
- sunscreen!!!
- water bottle
- rain gear (poncho)
- pencil
- accessories (drumsticks, valve oil, reeds, neck strap, etc.)
- positive attitude and good work ethic!

BAND CAMP DAILY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 9th:

3:30-5:30pm Move-in for all Section Leaders, Guard, Percussion & Optional move-in for anyone who needs; email ([email Dr. Wilson](#)) if you wish to utilize this option so I can let housing know how many to expect! **People moving into dorms on Sunday should check in at your Residence Hall Front Desk.** Instrument Check-Out will be possible on Sunday afternoon for those moving in.

Monday, August 10th:

9:30am-12 Dorm Move-IN for all Winds and Brass; **Check in at Horace Mann 203 if checking in Monday!**

10am Percussion Auditions at Bicknell Rehearsal Hall
 10am Color Guard Rehearsal Begin – Weede Dance Studio
 Noon *Lunch on your own
 1-2:45pm Returning Band Members get Supplies and other student store stuff from Beat Factory. You must buy any replacement Rally Uniform gear.
 2pm Freshman (1st Year Band Members) Brass and Woodwind Orientation at Bicknell-Scott Performance Hall or Plaster (with DM’s/Section Leaders).
 3pm FULL BAND Opening Meeting at Bicknell-Scott Performance Hall or Plaster.
 4pm Freshman – go get your get “Rally Uniform” (Red Shirt, and Black Ball Cap) and other student store stuff from Beat Factory
 4:45-6pm Dinner on your own
 6pm FULL BAND on Practice Field (across street from Bicknell Center)
 7:00pm Bigs Meet Your Littles.
 7:15pm Instrument check-out, then go to Tropical Snow with your Big Sibling.

Tuesday-Thursday sample daily schedule: (Friday ends early with a BBQ at 4:00pm)

8:30-11:30 Marching Rehearsal with Instruments on Practice Field
 11:30-1PM Lunch on Your own
 1:00-2:45 Sectionals
 3-4PM Full Winds Rehearsal in Bicknell-Scott Performance Hall – Percussion and Flags stay in your sectionals
 4:00-6:00 Dinner on Your own
 6:00-8:00 Marching/Music Ensemble Rehearsal – practice field
 8:00 Social Activity

Tuesday is Section Color Day!!

*Percussion- Black Shirts
 Color Guard- Pink Shirts
 High WW (Flute and Clarinet)- Yellow Shirts
 Trumpets- Blue Shirts
 Middle Voice (Alto Sax & Mellophone)- Green Shirts
 TenorTones (Trombone, Tenor Sax, & Baritone)- White Shirts
 Sousaphones- Red Shirts*

Wednesday Tropical Day!! *Everyone Dress in your Tropical Best*

Thursday is Section Costumes & Contest!! *Mellophones won in 2024!*

Friday is “Go Pitt State Spirit Day!!” *Dress in Red & Gold/Gorilla Gear!!*

2026 “Pride of the Plains” Staff & Leadership

Director:	Dr. Jobey Wilson	email Dr. Wilson
Percussion:	Dr. James Clanton	email Dr. Clanton
Administrative Specialist:	Kimberly Harries	email Kimberly

Drum Majors: Cassidy McMurry [email Cassidy](#)
 Alex Huffman [email Alex](#)
 Rhyli Carr [email Rhyli](#)

Equipment Managers: Louie Hurtado, Devin Williams

Uniform Manager: Alex Ramirez-Perez

Section Leaders

Piccolo/ Flute: Alex Ramirez-Perez [email Alex](#)

Clarinet: Gracie Pennel [email Gracie](#)
 Shane Williamson [email Shane](#)

Alto Sax: Kellie Christopher [email Kellie](#)
 Marin Tersiner [email Marin](#)

Trumpet: Dallas Hall [email Dallas](#)
 Joah Clark [email Joah](#)

Mellophone: Rocky Reed [email Rocky](#)
 Chase Smith [email Chase](#)

TenorTones: Max Battaglia [email Max](#)
 Gwen Ouellette [email Gwen](#)

Sousaphone: Devin Williams [email Devin](#)
 Seth Pento [email Seth](#)

Drum Captains: Jack Stefanoni [email Jack](#)
 Dawson Richardson [email Dawson](#)

Color Guard Captains: Alora Carr [email Alora](#)
 Amelia Byers [email Amelia](#)
 Kennedy Terrell [email Kennedy](#)

Academic Manager: Rylee Liermann [email Rylee](#)

Social Committee: Audrey Cranford, Maggie Vollen

Band Librarian: Alex Ramirez-Perez

2026 Tentative Performance Schedule

ALL ARE MANDATORY!

Aug 26	Paint the Town Red	6pm Pep Rally (5:45pm call at Jock's Nitch)
Aug 27 (Thursday)	Home football game	*3pm Rehearsal, 7pm Kick-Off
Sept. 5	Home football game	*Family Day- 3pm Rehearse, 7pm Kick-off
Oct. 17	Home football game	*Homecoming- 9am Parade, 2pm Kick-off
Oct. 24	Home football game	*10am Rehearsal, 2pm Kick-Off
Nov. 7	Home football game	*Senior Day, 10am Rehearsal, 2pm Kick-Off
Nov. 14	Kansas City!! Children's Mercy Park, load buses that morning.	
Nov. 21	*possible playoff	
Nov. 28	*possible playoff	
Nov. 30	Christmas Parade	
Dec. 5	*possible playoff	
Dec. 12	*possible playoff	
Dec. 19	*National Championship in McKinney, TX	