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June 2025 Newsletter

Greetings from Fayetteville!

I hope this newsletter finds you having a wonderful and relaxing summer. We are busy planning for what will be a very exciting fall with the Razorback Marching Band. This newsletter contains a lot of important information, so please take a few minutes to read it thoroughly and take care of items that need to be completed.

With historic home football games against Notre Dame, Texas A&M, and Arkansas State, the first full season with our new uniforms, and a projected enrollment that will lead to the largest and most talented RMB in the 150-year history of our program, there are so many things to be excited about for this upcoming season.

We look forward to seeing you in person!

Go Hogs!

Chase Jones

Associate Director of Bands

Director – Razorback Marching Band

Health, Consent, and Release Form

The form takes about 15-20 minutes to complete and will require your UARK username and password. You will not be able to check-in at Early Week until it is complete. You can find the Health, Consent, and Release Form on [SharePoint](#).

To complete it you will need:

- Information about two emergency contacts
- Insurance and medical information

Early Week & Fall 2025 Schedule

The Early Week schedule and "Year-at-a-Glance" schedule for Fall 2025 can be found on [SharePoint](#). Here are some highlights:

- New students will move into your campus housing on Wednesday, August 6
- New wind students, and all color guard, percussion, twirlers, and Leadership will begin Early Week on Thursday, August 7.
- Returning wind students will begin Early Week on Friday, August 8

Early Week "Chair" Placement Auditions

On Saturday, August 9th, all wind students will complete a visual and music audition. The results of the audition will set the chair order for each section, which will be used to determine initial placement in pregame and halftime shows. Students will be placed into 1) their own spot; 2) a shared spot with another student (alternate); or 3) begin the season as a shadow (without a permanent/alternate spot) if they are not prepared for the audition. (The Razorback Marching Band alternate system will be covered in more detail during Early Week.)

Visual Audition

- Will consist of 5 visual exercises unique to our pregame show or halftime fundamentals
- Instructional videos can be found on [SharePoint](#)
- New students will have two days to review these exercises on August 7 & 8 before auditions on August 9
- Returners are expected to review and be prepared for auditions on August 9

Music Audition


- Students will be expected to arrive to Early Week with their pregame music memorized
- The audition will consist of performing excerpts from pregame music from memory
- Music you should have memorized by the time you arrive to Early Week: Pregame Fanfare, Arkansas Fight & Variations; Semper Fi, National Anthem, Rock N' Roll, Swing March, William Tell
- You may find sheet music on the link "RMB Music" on [SharePoint](#)

Required Merch

Please go to SharePoint and find the link titled "RMB Required Merch" to purchase required items for this fall. The deadline for your RMB Required Merchandise is **Monday, July 7th**. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please reach out to JR Hinkson at hinkson@uark.edu before that date

RMB REQUIRED MERCH GUIDE 2025

*Purchase link found in SharePoint
Deadline to purchase is July 1*



New Member Winds & Percussion Required Ultimate Drill Book Nike Shoes Nike Hat MTX Shoes Optional Black RMB Sunglasses	Returning Winds & Percussion Required Ultimate Drill Book Nike Shoes Nike Hat As Needed MTX Shoes Optional Black RMB Sunglasses
New Member Razorback Color Guard Required Ultimate Drill Book Nike Shoes Personal Poms Guard Jacket	Returning Razorback Color Guard Required Ultimate Drill Book Nike Shoes Optional Black RMB Sunglasses

Optional Black RMB Sunglasses Nike Hat Personal Flag Bag Personal Backpack Electrical tape	Black RMB Sunglasses Nike Hat Personal Flag Bag Personal Backpack Electrical tape Personal Poms Guard Jacket
New Member Razorback Twirlers Required Ultimate Drill Book Nike Shoes Twirler Backpack Boots Embroidery Patch Optional Black RMB Sunglasses Nike Hat	Returning Razorback Twirlers Required Ultimate Drill Book Nike Shoes Twirler Backpack Embroidery Patch Optional Black RMB Sunglasses Nike Hat Boots

ADDITIONAL ITEMS ON YOUR OWN

WINDS/PERCUSSION: BLACK CHINO/GOLF STYLE SHORTS, EARPLUGS, E-FLIP (AS NEEDED)
RAZORBACK COLOR GUARD: CHECK WITH TREY
RAZORBACK TWIRLERS: CHECK WITH CECELY

OTHER ITEMS ON YOUR OWN

Black Shorts

All brass, woodwind, and percussion members are responsible for providing their own black shorts. You may purchase black shorts through any retailer you choose provided they meet the following criteria:

- 100% solid black, chino-style or golf-style shorts
- no mesh, gym/athletic, or cargo shorts
- no highly visible branding
- your shorts should hit between 2 and 4 inches above your knee when standing

E-Flip

RMB is a 100% paperless organization and you'll be using your phone for learning music as well as drill. We have two suggested products to bring to every band rehearsal: a battery pack to allow you to extend the life of your phone and an e-flip to use your phone with a traditional lyre for your instrument.

E-flip: <https://tonalinnovation.com/pages/eflip>

Ear Plugs

Wearing ear protection is crucial for protecting our hearing, especially in loud environments such as rehearsals and games. Prolonged exposure to loud noises can cause permanent hearing damage, tinnitus, and other related

health problems. By taking precautions such as using earplugs, we can maintain our hearing health and prevent further damage. Below are links to several companies that I have used with success in the past. Regardless of what brand you pick, it's important to look into ones designed for musicians that do not affect your ability to perform your instrument well.

Vibes: <https://www.discovervibes.com/our-products>

Earasers: <https://www.earasers.net/collections/musicians-hifi-earplugs/products/earasers>

Etymotic: <https://www.etymotic.com/product/er20xs/>

Uniforms

Winds: Uniform fittings will take place during Early Week

Percussion: You will be fitted during your summer camps (June 7 and July 12)

Guard and Twirlers: Speak with Trey and Cecely

Move-in Information

RMB members living in on-campus housing should be able to select a move-in time sometime on Wednesday, August 6th. If you do not have move-in date of August 6th, please contact JR Hinkson at hinkson@uark.edu.

Fall 2025 Sorority Recruitment

If you are planning to participate in sorority recruitment, please email Mr. Jones at nj033@uark.edu. We will communicate a list of all RMB students participating in recruitment to the Greek Life office so you can complete your commitments to the recruitment process and minimize your Early Week absences. It is possible to be successful in both these areas as long as you communicate!

Scheduling Conflicts

Razorback Marching Band rehearsals for fall 2025 are Tuesday/Thursday 3:30 PM - 5:45 PM and Friday 3:05 PM - 5:00 PM at the Baum East parking area on campus.

If you anticipate being late or missing rehearsal due to a class conflict, you will need to [request a Course Conflict Accommodation](#). Once submitted, we will verify that the course in question must be taken during that semester and in that section. RMB members who are late or miss a rehearsal without an approved accommodation see a reduction in their course grade.

Fall Concert Band Auditions

In-person auditions for fall concert bands will be held on **Saturday, August 16th and Sunday, August 17th** in the Epley Band Building. Signups will be communicated later in the summer via @uarkbands social media, Arkansas News, and bands.uark.edu.

For fall 2025 all students who successfully audition, place, and participate in both a fall concert band and the Razorback Marching Band will receive a one-time \$750 scholarship to their student account.

Our goal is to have concert band audition excerpts available on SharePoint by **June 27th**. If you anticipate participating in a fall concert band, please enroll in one of the following sections. Enrollment may be adjusted after auditions if necessary.

Wind Ensemble: MWF, 12:55-2:15pm, Dr. Knighten

- Freshmen: MUEN 16901
- Sophomores: MUEN 26901
- Juniors: MUEN 36901
- Seniors: MUEN 46901
- Fifth-Year Students: MUEN 48601

Graduate Students: MUEN 56091

Wind Symphony: MWF, 12:55-2:15pm, Mr. Jones

- Freshmen: MUEN 14601
- Sophomores: MUEN 24601
- Juniors: MUEN 34601
- Seniors: MUEN 44601
- Fifth-Year Students: MUEN 46601
- Graduate Students: MUEN 54601

Scholarships

For students receiving a scholarship - do not expect the award to appear in Workday until at least the first week of school. No late fees will be assessed to your account for a balance that a scholarship in process will cover.

Make sure you are enrolled in the proper courses so your scholarship disbursement is not delayed. If you have any questions about your scholarship requirements, reach out to JR Hinkson.

Upcoming Dates

Twirler Camp #2

June 30–July 1

Color Guard Camp #2

July 11–13

Drumline Camp #2

July 12

Leadership Camp

August 1–3

Early Week

August 7–16

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August 15