
May 2025 Newsletter

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Greetings from the Epley Band Building!

Congratulations to all the new members of the 2025-2026 University of Arkansas Bands and welcome back to all our returning students! This is the first of several newsletters you will receive throughout the summer. In these newsletters you will find answers to many of your questions about participation in the band program, and each of them will have tasks for you to complete to ensure the operations of the band run smoothly. We know it's a lot of information, but please read through each newsletter thoroughly when they are released. If you ever have any questions about next steps, don't hesitate to reach out.

We are anticipating record enrollment at the University of Arkansas and in the Razorback Marching Band this fall, and we are looking forward to your arrival or return to campus!

Go Hogs!

Chris Knighten
Director of Bands

Participation Survey – Complete Now

This survey helps us forecast a number of upcoming items this fall. It will take less than five minutes to [fill it out](#). The deadline to complete the Participation Survey is **Tuesday, July 1st** but completing it at your earliest convenience is very much appreciated.

SharePoint

[SharePoint](#) is the band's location for much of the information you need to be a member of the band program. We post audition excerpts, forms that need to be completed, and other important items. We recommend bookmarking [this page](#), but you can also access the band's SharePoint at any time by navigating to the bottom of the bands.uark.edu

Required Merch

Winds/Percussion: Information on how to purchase required items for the RMB will be included in the June Newsletter. Items will include: white MTX marching shoes, Ultimate Drill Book subscription, and (new this year!) Nike shoes and hat. Although there are new items, we do not anticipate the total cost to exceed \$150 for new Winds/Percussion members.

Guard and Twirlers: Trey and Cecely will be in touch with you throughout the summer to communicate your next steps for items needing to be purchased.

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 on campus this fall will be able to move-in on Wednesday, August 6th. More information about move-in will be communicated in June.

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

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 21st. 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**

Color Guard Camp #1

May 31–June 1

Twirler Camp #1

May 31–June 1

Drumline Camp #1

June 7

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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