Tiger Marching Band, June 12, 2017

Summer is just beginning, but it is time to start thinking about the fall semester and Tiger Marching Band Camp! Most of you have made contact with me, and I have enjoyed getting to know most of the new members through meetings in person at NSO, email and Facebook. Below are some details that might be helpful as you pack and get ready for move-in and rehearsals. You will receive updated emails like this one after the last NSO on June 19, another the second week of July, and then again the week before camp.

Moving In- Freshmen will move in for Welcome Week on Wednesday Aug. 16th according to the schedule you will be given by Student Affairs later in the summer. Band Leadership (Drum Major, Tau Beta Sigma, Kappa Kappa Psi and section leaders) will also move in Wednesday Aug. 16th **after 6pm**. All other new and returning band members will move in Thursday, August 17th **after 6pm**. If you are moving in for an August mini-term, you will follow the schedule given to you.You may go directly to your dorms or apartments and unload your stuff. Make sure you have a valid student ID, or go to Student Service to get a new one made. You must be “clear” with the Business Office to move in!

Meals- ETBU will provide your meals until school starts. Plan on scanning your ID for meals after you move in, but you may be asked to sign a list. Either way, we pay for your meals.

Instruments- ETBU provides all percussion equipment, large brasses and woodwinds, and other “small” instruments as needed. You may check out an instrument for the semester on Friday before our first meeting. You should plan to bring your own reeds, oil, grease and any other supplies you may need. Mouthpieces and ligatures are generally supplied with school-owned instruments.

Music- You will be issued a folder of music at our organizational meeting Friday evening. We will supply a flip folder. If you wish to have a lyre for your instrument, you will need to purchase one at the local music store.

Uniforms- You will fit for uniforms over our rehearsal weekend after you move in. The uniform will be brand new! If alterations are required, the University will pay for them. I will provide you with an ETBU Band shirt to wear under your uniform and a ball cap to wear in the stands at games. To ensure a uniform look, we only allow the “company” shirt and hat to be worn at games. You will provide a pair of soccer or wind shorts to wear under your band pants.

Shoes- The Tiger Band uses a matte (non-shiny) black marching shoe. If you have shoes from a previous year, they may be used. If you have a marching shoe of that type from high school, you may use it. Otherwise you will need to purchase a pair before you get here. Our first uniformed performance is Saturday, September 23, so don’t wait until the last minute to order them. Good shoes run $25-$39 plus shipping. There are several good websites you can order from, including [www.bandshoppe.com](http://www.bandshoppe.com) and [www.Mccormicksnet.com](http://www.Mccormicksnet.com). Any *matte* black shoe will be fine. The more expensive shoes are, of course, more comfortable and tend to last longer.

Rehearsals- We will be working both inside and outside during rehearsal weekend. We will work as a full band and in sectionals with student and staff leaders. T-shirts, shorts and athletic shoes (NO FLIP-FLOPS!!!!!) are the order of the day for marching rehearsals. Please be modest in your dress outside. I would like you to wear a hat and sunglasses when we are rehearsing outside. You might bring a sweater if you tend to get cold in the Band Hall.

Schedule- One of my favorite quotes… “Blessed are the flexible, for they will not get bent out of shape!” We will adhere to the printed schedule as closely as possible, but be prepared to make adjustments.

I’m sure you will still have questions after this note, and you are welcome to email or call right up until you get here. Below is tentative schedule for band camp and a schedule of our fall activities. Look for updates over the next few weeks!

Blessings,

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**Tiger Marching Band Camp Schedule**

**Wednesday, August 16**

All-Day Freshmen move in for Welcome Week

6:00pm Band Leadership moves in

**Thursday, August 17**

All-Day Leadership meetings and work crews

6:00pm Returning band members move in

**Friday, August 18**

9am-noon Uniform and equipment issue for upperclassmen

1-4:30pm Uniform and equipment issue for freshmen

5:00pm Dinner in the cafeteria

6-9:00pm Full Band rehearsal in the Band Hall

9:00pm Ice Cream Social

**Saturday, August 19**

9-11:30am Marching Fundamentals on “The Skillet”

Noon Lunch in the cafeteria

1:30-3:30pm Section Rehearsals (REDW and JGMB)

5:00pm Dinner in the Cafeteria

6-8:00pm Full Band in the Band Hall

8-11:00pm Snacks and Ice Breaker Games

**Sunday, August 20**

8-Noon Go to church!

2-4:00pm Section Rehearsals

5:00pm Dinner in the Cafeteria

6-8:00pm Full Band in the Band Hall

**Monday, August 21**

Regular rehearsals begin Monday-Thursday 4:00-5:15pm

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**Fall Schedule of Activities**

**Date Activity Performance Time**

Saturday, September 23 Game- Belhaven University 7:00pm

Saturday, September 30 Game- Hardin Simmons 7:00pm

Saturday, October 10 Game- Texas Lutheran 6:00pm

Saturday, October 7 EARLY BIRD Contest and Clinic # 10:00am

Friday, October 13 Homecoming Events/Pep Rally 7:00pm

Saturday, October 14 HOMECOMING Texas Lutheran 6:00pm

Saturday, October 21 Game- Louisiana College 7:00pm

Saturday, November 4 Game-McMurry University 2:00pm

Friday, December 1 A Christmas Festival Concert 7:00pm

Performance times subject to change

Dress rehearsal at Ornelas Stadium on game days 9-10am

Call times generally 2 hours before performance time

# The Early Bird Contest and Clinic is on Fall Break weekend. We will be hosting a contest and clinic for 12 high school bands, and we’ll need 15-20 students to help run the contest. There will be an opportunity to sign up to help at Band Camp. Thanks in advance!!