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Dear Marching Band Members,

Welcome to the 2023 U of I Vandal Marching Band! The information below will help you prepare for our fall events. You will receive another update in late-July with more details and specific directions. Please read this carefully and consult the band webpage for more details:

<http://www.uidaho.edu/class/music/ensembles/marching-band>

### **INSTRUMENT and PHOTO**

We need a **photo (jpg format)** of yourself that will be used by the staff to learn your name and take attendance. Also indicate your **name and the instrument (or color guard)** you will play in the VMB. Please send this to me at [band@uidaho.edu](mailto:band@uidaho.edu).

### **BAND CAMP CALENDAR**

A detailed camp schedule will be available in July. Our events will not conflict with new student orientation or Greek rush events. Until then, please use the following schedule for planning.

#### Tuesday, Aug. 15

- 3:00-5:00 pm: Dorm check-in
- 6:00-7:30 pm: New Band Member and Parent Orientation

#### Wednesday, Aug. 16

- 9:00 am: Percussion, Tubas, and Color Guard begin
- 2:00 pm: BAND CAMP BEGINS (all members)

#### Thurs-Sun, Aug. 17-20

- All Day: Band Camp

#### Monday, Aug. 21

- Other classes begin

### **EARLY DORM MOVE-IN FOR BAND CAMP**

This will be arranged for registered band members who have applied for housing and have paid their deposit prior to **July 7**. Go to [www.uidaho.edu/housing](http://www.uidaho.edu/housing) to apply. A list of students who have room reservations will be available on the band webpage in **late July**. Please check that your name is on the list if you plan to move in early! Check in will be 3:00-5:00 pm, Tuesday, August 15, location TBD. If you have questions about dorms, please call University Housing at 208-885-6571 or email them at [housing@uidaho.edu](mailto:housing@uidaho.edu).

## **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION**

New students are encouraged to participate in New Student Orientation events. We will minimize all conflicts with the band camp schedule.

## **HOME GAMES**

Do not schedule anything on these days. Here are the dates:

- September 23 (Future Vandal Game Day)
- October 14 (Homecoming)
- October 28
- November 18 (Senior Day)

## **PERCUSSION AUDITIONS**

Audition materials are available on our website.

## **CLASS CONFLICTS**

Some of you have asked about missing a day or two of band. Our policy is very clear – the conflict must meet all three of these criteria:

- The conflicting course is specifically required for your degree
- The conflicting course is not offered at any other time this Fall
- The conflicting course cannot be delayed until the Spring semester or next year

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

## **PREPARING FOR BAND CAMP**

We strongly suggest two activities to prepare for band camp. First, make sure you continue to practice your instrument. We play a lot during camp so building some endurance now will make it a more enjoyable experience. Your face/hands will thank you later.

Second, do some type of daily exercise – walking, running, swimming, hiking, stretching, etc. Our activities are not overly strenuous but we will spend quite a bit of time on the field learning marching fundamentals. A little daily effort between now and Aug. 15 will make the experience more enjoyable.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Have a fantastic summer!

Sincerely,



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