

Golden Eagle Marching Band Newsletter

For Members of the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagle Marching Band – June 2019

Hello Everyone! There is always an anticipation that builds toward the end of the academic year, and then, before you know it, campus is empty and everyone goes their separate ways. This time for rest and renewal is important, and I hope you're enjoying it, but I eagerly await your return as it marks an exciting time for us.

Our veteran members, who possess strength and experience, add stability and depth, while new members add excitement and push each of us to greater achievement. Being a member of The Golden Eagle Marching Band is a privilege. The GEMB is one of the most visible ensembles at Tech, performing at all home football games and other event on our campus, including the campus tree lighting in December. By becoming a member of the GEMB, you join a unique family, who possesses a long-standing history of excellence.

Contained in this newsletter, you will find important information about the upcoming season, band camp, and much more. Some of the information is time-sensitive, so please, do not delay in responding as directed. If I can be of assistance to you prior to band camp, please don't hesitate to ask.

Very Sincerely,



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2019 GOLDEN EAGLE MARCHING BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 18

1:00-2:00 p.m.	Band Librarians & Drum Majors Meet w/Dr. Miller
2:00-TBD p.m.	Band Librarians & Drum Majors Work
3:00-6:00 p.m.	<i>Housing Check-in for Student Leadership Staff and All Percussion</i>

Monday, August 19

9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	All Percussion in Rehearsal with Dr. Hill & Dr. Schirripa
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	All Student Leadership Staff Meet w/Dr. Miller
1:30-TBD p.m.	All Student Leadership Staff Work
7:00-9:00 p.m.	<i>All Band Members may Check Into Their Residence Halls (only those with agreements)</i>

Tuesday, August 20

	Registration for all Golden Eagle Marching Band Members - Bryan Fine Arts Building Lobby (following check-in, members will be fit for uniforms and sign-out instruments)						
	4+ yr Members		3rd yr Members		2nd yr Members		1st yr Members
Staggered Times	9:00-9:20 a.m.		9:20-9:40 a.m.		9:40-10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Percussion in Rehearsal w/Dr. Hill & Dr. Schirripa						
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break						
1:00-3:00 p.m.	GEMB Full-Band Orientation Meeting in Wattenbarger Auditorium						
3:00-5:00 p.m.	All Percussion in Rehearsal						
	Part-Placement Auditions for Winds (rooms in BFA)						
	Flute	Clarinet	Saxes	Mellophone	Trumpet	Trombone	Euphonium/Tuba
	209	212	210	216	215	214	218
5:00-6:30 p.m.	Dinner Break						
6:30-9:00 p.m.	Music Rehearsal in Wattenbarger Auditorium						
9:00 p.m.	Dismiss						

Wednesday, August 21

9:00-11:00 a.m.	Marching Fundamentals: Sherlock Park (Full Band w/Instruments)
11:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:00-4:30 p.m.	Winds and Percussion in Sectionals
4:30-6:00 p.m.	Dinner Break - <i>campus meal plans begin</i>
6:00-8:30 p.m.	Marching Fundamentals: Sherlock Park (Full Band w/Instruments)
8:30 p.m.	Dismiss

2019 GOLDEN EAGLE MARCHING BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 22

9:00-11:00 a.m.	Marching Fundamentals: Sherlock Park (Full Band w/Instruments)
11:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:00-5:00 p.m.	Music Rehearsal: Wattenbarger Auditorium Stage (Full Band)
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Dinner Break
7:00-10:00 p.m.	Hooper Eblen Center (The Hoop) Rehearsal (Full Band w/instruments)
10:00 p.m.	Dismiss

Friday, August 23

	<i>Schedule May Flex to Accommodate Convocation Performance</i>
9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Morning Off! (buy books, Add/Drop Classes, Sleep)
1:30-3:00 p.m.	Warm-up & Rehearsal: Wattenbarger Auditorium Stage (Full Band)
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Convocation Performance: Full Uniform/Memorized Performance at The Hoop
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Dinner Break
7:00-9:00 p.m.	Music Rehearsal: Wattenbarger Auditorium Stage (Full Band)
9:00 p.m.	Dismiss

Saturday, August 24

9:00-11:00 a.m.	Marching Rehearsal: Sherlock Park (Full Band w/Instruments)
11:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:00-4:30 p.m.	Music Rehearsal: Wattenbarger Auditorium Stage (Full Band)
4:30-6:00 p.m.	Dinner Break
6:00-8:30 p.m.	Marching Rehearsal: Sherlock Park (Full Band w/Instruments)
8:30 p.m.	Dismiss

Sunday, August 25

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Morning Off!
1:30-4:00 p.m.	Music Rehearsal: Wattenbarger Auditorium Stage (Full Band)
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Dinner Break (short)
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Marching Rehearsal: Sherlock Park (Full Band w/Instruments)
7:00 p.m.	Dismiss

Monday, August 26

Classes Begin/Regular Rehearsal Schedule Begins (Each M/W/F 3:45-5:50 p.m.)

2019 Golden Eagle Marching Band Performance Schedule

(This schedule may be subject to change – add dates to your calendar now and read the notes below)

Date	Event/Opponent	Kick-off Time	Special Information
Saturday, Aug. 31	Samford	6 p.m.	
Saturday, Sept. 14	Virginia-Wise	6 p.m.	Family Weekend
Saturday, Oct. 12	UT Martin	6 p.m.	
Saturday, Oct. 26	Austin Peay	1:30 p.m.	
Saturday, Nov. 9	Jacksonville State	1:30 p.m.	Homecoming
Saturday, Nov. 23	Tennessee State	1:30 p.m.	Senior Day
Tuesday, Dec. 3	Lighting of the Quad	TBA	

- Note:** Kick-off times may change (for many reasons). Reserve the *entire* game day on your calendar.
- Note:** Rehearsals *may* be held on Saturday mornings before any home football game. Call times TBA.
- Note:** Homecoming will be an *all-day* event including the annual parade.
- Note:** The Golden Eagle Marching Band *will play* for all end-of-season Playoff or Championship games. This means November 23 *may not* be your last required football performance.

2019 Student Leadership Staff

Alexis Dorey	Drum Major
Will Gentry	Drum Major
Becky Singletary	Drum Major
Jon Gerdorn	Black Jacket & Librarian
Ethan Tipton	Black Jacket & Manager
Brandon Gilbert	Black Jacket
Austin Rider	Manager
Taylor Winkler	Manager
Kyla McDermott	Librarian
Rachael Lawson	Section Leader – Flute/Piccolo
Caroline Jackle	Section Leader – Clarinet
D.J. Roberts	Section Leader – Saxophones
Shelby Brooks	Section Leader – Mellophone & Librarian
Austin Greer	Section Leader – Trumpet
Asher Nicholson	Section Leader – Trombone
Joshua Whited	Section Leader – Baritone/Euphonium
Zach Davis	Section Leader – Tuba/Sousaphone
Eric Madden	Section Leader – Drumline

Super-Important Reminders

- Every member of The Golden Eagle Marching Band (new and returning) is responsible for submitting the online Drill Spot Reservation Form. This is a student information form we use, in addition to your class registration, to assign drill spots to each member of the marching band.
 - To complete the online form, click this link: [Drill Spot Reservation Form](#); carefully enter the requested information and click “submit.” What you type goes directly into our database, so please type carefully. **We must have this information to prepare for camp and our fall season. Submission should be completed no later than Monday, August 12, 2019.**
- In addition to submitting the Drill Spot Reservation Form, **ALL** members must register for the marching band class (MUS1033-001). Freshmen can register during your SOAR session.

3. Weekly marching band practice is scheduled on M/W/F from 3:45-5:30 p.m. Attendance is required of all members.
4. All band members will need one (1) pair of black, matte finish (not glossy) marching shoes and two (2) pairs of black long wrist marching gloves.
 - If you need to buy shoes and/or gloves: you will need to click on the links below, enter the color and size, and submit payment. **Shoes and gloves should be shipped to your home address not the School of Music.**
 - Order Shoes (1 pair Black, DSI MTX Marching Shoe)
<https://www.demoulin.com/mtx-marching-shoe>
 - Order Gloves (2 pair Black, Long Wrist Gloves)
<https://www.demoulin.com/dsi-long-wrist-cotton-gloves>
 - **Shoe and glove orders must be placed by August 1 in order to ship in time for band camp. You will need these items for our first performance on Friday, August 23. Place your orders now!**
 - Shipping and Tennessee state sales tax will apply to all orders.

Residence Hall & Meal Plan Information

All band members who will be living in residence halls during the 2019-2020 academic year will be allowed to move into their rooms when they report for band camp. All drumline and Student Leadership Staff will be able to check-in on Sunday, August 18 between 3-6 p.m. All other band members will be able to check-in on Monday, August 19 between 7-9 p.m. Students who are not members of the band will not be allowed to check into the residence halls until their regularly scheduled move-in time. The University Band Office will provide Residential Life with the names of band members and arrangements will be made for students to check-in during their scheduled arrival time as outlined on the band camp schedule.

Students who have purchased meal plans may begin using them starting at dinner on Wednesday, August 21. Members will be responsible for all meals before this time. For more information about campus dining:
<https://www.dineoncampus.com/ttu/>.

What New Members Can Expect

New members are sometimes apprehensive about what to expect from the university marching band experience. Here's a few things you can expect!

- The biggest difference between high school and university marching bands is the absence of a competition circuit. University bands work very hard to produce superior shows, but the overall focus is contributing to and enhancing the game-day experience. This includes performances in parades, at tailgate events, and the pregame and halftime shows.
- University band rehearsals are often shorter and fewer in number. Older students can learn new concepts and skills more quickly, so rehearsals are fast-paced, efficient, and highly productive.
- The Golden Eagle Marching Band performs one halftime show for the season. This allows us to focus on performing drill and music that is high-quality and fun!
- Your student leaders (aka "Student Leadership Staff") and returning members are wonderful people.

They have worked hard to make The Golden Eagle Marching Band a great success. Follow their example and listen to their instructions and you'll have a great experience. We can't wait to meet you and welcome you to the GEMB family!

Bands at Tech

In addition to The Golden Eagle Marching Band, the School of Music at Tennessee Tech offers a robust selection of ensembles in which all Tech students may participate. Most require an audition or permission from the instructor. Please contact the ensemble director and visit our [website](#) for more details.

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Success Checklist

- ☐ Complete the [Drill Spot Reservation Form](#). Be sure to click the "submit" button once you've carefully entered your information.
- ☐ Register for the marching band class (MUS1033-001).
- ☐ Order your marching shoes and/or gloves by **August 1** in order to receive them before band camp begins.
- ☐ Be sure your instrument is in good working order and you have plenty of reeds, valve oil, etc. *Large instruments including, mellophone, euphonium/baritone, sousaphone, marching battery will be provided, all others must be brought by the student.*
- ☐ Put all event dates on your calendar. Stay tuned for any changes.
- ☐ Bring a water bottle/thermos/camelbak to help you stay hydrated during rehearsals.
- ☐ Be aware of your camp arrival date information. **Meal plans activate at dinner on Wednesday, August 21.**
- ☐ Show up for camp registration on Tuesday, August 21 during your designated arrival time (see band camp schedule).
- ☐ Bring extra cash so you can go have a donut (at Ralph's) or a meal with some of your new friends—you'll meet lots of them and they're great people!
- ☐ Percussionists should have received music and warm-ups from Dr. Hill. If you have not, please contact him via email at cjhill@tntech.edu.

Still Have Questions?

Feel free to contact Dr. Miller in his office at (931) 372-6559 or by email at jlmiller@tntech.edu. If you can't reach Dr. Miller, please contact Mrs. Patti Pasquale in the University Band Office at (931) 372-3165.