

# Golden Eagle Marching Band Newsletter

For Members of the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagle Marching Band – July 2022

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## WELCOME

Hello Everyone! There is always an anticipation that builds toward the end of the academic year, and then, before you know it, everyone goes their separate ways and campus is empty. 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 events on our campus, and this year we'll travel to perform in exhibition at Heritage High School.

I'm especially excited about this year's halftime show which includes music from The Greatest Showman soundtrack, Journey, Bon Jovi, and Dua Lipa. We'll also be incorporating new elements of design and sound that I think you'll really enjoy—I know I'm excited!

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. I look forward to welcoming you to campus soon!

Very Sincerely,



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## THANK YOU

After many years of service to the GEMB, April Langford will be stepping away from her role as Drum Major instructor. April was a member of the GEMB who served as drum major, later becoming the band's Drum Major instructor. We wish April well as she takes this time to focus on her growing family!

## INTRODUCING

I'm excited to announce that we will be welcoming Rebecca Rosales to our staff this year as our new Drum Major instructor! Rebecca served as Drum Major of the Golden Eagle Marching Band for three years before graduating with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in 2020. Since graduating, she has been working at Stevens Street School of Performing Arts where she continues to teach piano, flute, and drum major conducting. Additionally, she works as a piano accompanist for recitals in the Cookeville area and as the receptionist at Greg Groth Attorney's office.

Welcome, Rebecca!



## 2022 GEMB 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, Sept. 10	Football vs. Tex. A&M-Commerce	6:00 P.M.	
Saturday, Sept. 17	Football vs. Samford	6:00 P.M.	Family Weekend
Saturday, Oct. 15	Football vs. Tennessee State	6:00 P.M.	
Saturday, Oct. 22	Exhibition at Volunteer Classic	Reserve All Day	
Saturday, Nov. 5	Football vs. Lindenwood	1:30 P.M.	Homecoming & Senior Day
Saturday, Nov. 19	Football vs. NC Central	1:30 P.M.	

- 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:** If the football team qualifies for post-season play (i.e., playoff/championship/bowl game), members are expected to be available. This means November 19 may not be your last required football performance.

## 2022 Student Leadership Staff

We have selected an excellent team of student leaders for the 2022 season. These dedicated individuals will work hard to ensure that everyone has a safe, productive, and enjoyable season.

Abby Lane	Drum Major
Kim Phillips	Drum Major
Autum Winston	Drum Major
Skylar Etherington	Black Jacket
Keaton Jones	Black Jacket
Carlos Avila	Manager
Merrell Burroughs	Librarian
Sam Hood	Librarian
Lily Summey	Section Leader – Flute/Piccolo
Emily Castillo	Section Leader – Clarinet
Braiden Messerschmidt	Section Leader – Saxophones
Jonathan Jones	Section Leader – Mellophone
Jacob Miller	Section Leader – Trumpet
Zack Thompson	Section Leader – Trombone
Daniel Rehberg	Section Leader – Euphonium
Jonah Hammontree	Section Leader – Tuba
Caton Schley	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 must be completed **no later than Friday, July 22, 2022.**
- In addition to submitting the Drill Spot Reservation Form, ALL members must register for the

marching band class. Most students typically enroll for 1 credit (MUS1033-001; CRN: 81921), but there is also a zero-credit section (MUS1033-002; CRN: 81922), and a 2-credit section (MUS1033-003; CRN: 81923). Freshmen and transfer students can register during your SOAR session.

3. Weekly marching band practice is scheduled on M/W/F from 4:00-6:00 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 already own black marching shoes and gloves (that are in good condition) you do not need to order.
  - We have worked with the DeMoulin Band Uniform company to create an online store where you can purchase these items directly:  
<https://goldeneaglemarchingband.itemorder.com/shop/home/>
  - All purchases must be paid for with a credit or debit card at the time of the order.
  - Your order will ship directly to the university and will be distributed during camp.
  - **Orders may be placed now until August 7 (11:59 p.m.).** Orders received after this time cannot be guaranteed to arrive on time and will not qualify for the group shipping rate.
  - **You will need these items for our first performance on Tuesday, August 16. Place your orders now!**

## Residence Hall & Meal Plan Information

All band members who will be living in residence halls during the 2022-2023 academic year will be allowed to move into their rooms when they report for band camp. **Specific details will be sent later this summer, but in the meantime, please plan as follows:**

- Sunday, August 7 between 3-6 p.m. – All Percussion (Drumline and Front Ensemble) and Student Leadership Staff
- Monday, August 8 between 3-6 p.m. – All other band members

The University Band Office will provide Residential Life with the names of band members for early move-in.

**Important Notice:** students living on campus must have all required immunizations completed and documented with [Health Services](#) prior to their arrival. Students not in compliance with this request will not be allowed to stay in campus housing until this is resolved.

**Meal Plans:** Students who have purchased meal plans may begin using them starting at dinner on **Thursday, August 11.** Members will be responsible for all meals before this time. During camp, the cafeteria will be open with limited hours and services. For more information about campus dining:  
<https://www.tntech.edu/aux/dining/index.php>

## 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.

## Band Camp Essentials

Members should have the following items for the band camp and the upcoming season:

1. Personal water cooler or hydration backpack (i.e. [Coleman Cooler](#) or [Camelbak](#))
2. Athletic shoes (no sandals)
3. Sunglasses
4. Ball cap or wide-brimmed hat
5. Khakis shorts (in good condition—no tears or rips)
6. Sunscreen and bug repellent
7. Comfortable clothes for outdoor rehearsals
8. Alarm clock
9. Any medication you may need

## 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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## COVID-19 Information

To ensure the safety and well-being of our students, faculty and staff, all plans for the Golden Eagle Marching Band will be informed by decisions made by university officials, the state of Tennessee, and the CDC. For more information, you should visit the university Covid-19 [Dashboard](#).

## Stay Informed and Social

Your Tech email address will be the primary way information is communicated to you throughout the season. However, we also encourage you to join the TTU Golden Eagle Marching Band Facebook [group](#) and the Tennessee Tech University Bands Facebook page [@TennesseeTechBands](#).



**BAND APP**—We recognize that email isn't always the most efficient way to communicate, especially when last-minute changes arise. As such, we are asking all members to also download the Band app (good for Android and Apple devices). Open this invite link on your iPhone, Android, or desktop: <https://band.us/n/a1a578T0mbMbN>. **Please use your legal first and last name when registering.**

## Auditions

All members of the Golden Eagle Marching Band are required to perform an audition. These auditions are not used to exclude you from joining the band but are necessary to help assign you to the part that best matches your abilities.

- **All Percussion** (Drumline & Front Ensemble) – If you have not received your audition materials yet, please contact Jayce Clemons at [jclemons@tntech.edu](mailto:jclemons@tntech.edu).
- **Woodwinds & Brass** – Materials will be sent via email in mid-July.

## Success Checklist

- ☐ Complete the [Drill Spot Reservation Form](#). Be sure to click the “submit” button once you’ve carefully entered your information. **This must be completed by Friday, July 22.**
- ☐ Register for the marching band class.
- ☐ 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, and concert percussion will be provided, all others must be brought by the student.*
- ☐ Put all event dates on your calendar. Stay tuned for any changes.
- ☐ Bring all items on the Band Camp Essentials list.
- ☐ **Meal plans activate at dinner on Thursday, August 11.**
- ☐ 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!
- ☐ Prepare your part-placement audition music.

## Still Have Questions?

Feel free to contact Dr. Miller in his office at (931) 372-6559 or by email at [jlmiller@tntech.edu](mailto:jlmiller@tntech.edu).

# 2022 GEMB BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

## Sunday, August 7

1:00-2:00 p.m.	Band Librarians 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 Living On Campus</i>

## Monday, August 8

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	All Percussion in Rehearsal
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
3:00-6:00 p.m.	<i>Housing Check-in for All Remaining Band Members Living On Campus</i>

## Tuesday, August 9

	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						
12:00-1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break						
1:30-3:00 p.m.	GEMB Full-Band Orientation Meeting in Wattenbarger Auditorium						
3:00-5:00 p.m.	All Percussion in Rehearsal						
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Part-Placement Auditions for Winds (rooms in BFA)						
	Flute	Clarinet	Saxes	Mellophone	Trumpet	Trombone	Euphonium/Tuba
	209	212	210	216	215	305	218
5:00-6:30 p.m.	Dinner Break						
6:30-9:00 p.m.	Music Rehearsal in Wattenbarger Auditorium						

## Wednesday, August 10

9:00-11:30 a.m.	Marching Rehearsal at Walton Park (Full Band w/Instruments)
11:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:30-4:30 p.m.	Percussion in Rehearsal
1:30-3:00 p.m.	Winds in Sectionals
3:00-4:30 p.m.	Winds in Ensemble Rehearsal in Wattenbarger
4:30-6:00 p.m.	Dinner Break
6:00-8:30 p.m.	Marching Rehearsal at Walton Park (Full Band w/Instruments)

# 2022 GEMB BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

## Thursday, August 11

9:00-11:30 a.m.	Marching Rehearsal at Walton Park (Full Band w/Instruments)
11:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:30-3:00 p.m.	Percussion and Winds in Sectionals
3:00-4:30 p.m.	Full Ensemble Music Rehearsal in Wattenbarger
4:30-6:00 p.m.	Dinner Break
6:00-8:30 p.m.	Marching Rehearsal at Walton Park (Full Band w/Instruments)

## Friday, August 12

9:00-11:30 a.m.	Marching Rehearsal at Walton Park (Full Band w/Instruments)
11:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:30-4:30 p.m.	Full Ensemble Music Rehearsal in Wattenbarger
4:30 p.m.	Dismiss—Enjoy the evening off!

## Saturday, August 13

9:00-11:30 a.m.	Marching Rehearsal at Walton Park (Full Band w/Instruments)
11:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:30-4:30 p.m.	Full Ensemble Music Rehearsal in Wattenbarger
4:30-6:00 p.m.	Dinner Break
6:00-8:30 p.m.	Marching Rehearsal at Walton Park (Full Band w/Instruments)

## Sunday, August 14

	Morning Off!
1:30-4:00 p.m.	Full Ensemble Music Rehearsal in Wattenbarger
4:00-5:30 p.m.	Dinner Break
5:30-8:30 p.m.	Marching Rehearsal at Walton Park (Full Band w/Instruments)

## Monday, August 15

9:00-11:30 a.m.	Marching Rehearsal at Walton Park (Full Band w/Instruments)
11:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:30-5:00 p.m.	Full Ensemble Music Rehearsal in Wattenbarger
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Dinner Break
7:00-10:00 p.m.	Convocation Rehearsal (Full Band w/instruments)

# 2022 GEMB BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

## Tuesday, August 16

	Morning Off! (buy books, Add/Drop Classes, Sleep)
TBA	Warm-up & Rehearsal: Wattenbarger Auditorium Stage (Full Band)
TBA	Convocation Performance: Full Uniform/Memorized Performance at The Hoop

## Thursday, August 18

	Fall Semester Classes Begin
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## Friday, August 19

4:00-6:00 p.m.	Regular GEMB Rehearsals Begin
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