

# Golden Eagle Marching Band Newsletter

For Members of the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagle Marching Band – June 2023

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## WELCOME

Hello Everyone! I hope your summer is going well and that you are getting some much-deserved rest and relaxation. I know that many of you will be working band camps across the state and others will be touring with various drum corps. Even with your busy schedules I do hope that you have had some time to visit with your family and friends.

Being a member of the Golden Eagle Marching Band is a privilege. The GEMB is one of the largest and 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 the "Pulaski Classic" hosted at Giles County High School.

I'm especially excited about this year's halftime show which pays tribute to the King of Rock-n-Roll, Elvis Presley! Selections include C.C. Rider, Jailhouse Rock, How Great Thou Art, and Can't Help Falling in Love.

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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## INTRODUCING

After a 10+ year hiatus, we're thrilled to welcome the color guard back the Golden Eagle Marching Band!

I am excited to welcome Brittany Tramont to our staff. She is an alumna of White County High School and works with them and other programs in the state choreographing routines for color guard.



"Color guard holds a special place in my heart. I am beyond excited for the upcoming season with the Golden Eagle Marching Band!"



## 2023 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. 16	Football vs. North Alabama	6:00 P.M.	
Saturday, Sept. 23	Football vs. Kennesaw State	6:00 P.M.	Family Weekend
Saturday, Oct. 14	Exhibition at Pulaski Classic	Reserve All Day	
Saturday, Oct. 21	Football vs. SEMO	1:30 P.M.	
Saturday, Nov. 4	Football vs. UT Martin	1:30 P.M.	Homecoming
Saturday, Nov. 11	Football vs. Gardner-Webb	1:30 P.M.	Senior Day

**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 11 may not be your last required football performance.

## 2023 Student Leadership Staff

We have selected an excellent team of student leaders for the 2023 season. These dedicated individuals will work hard to ensure that everyone has a safe, productive, and enjoyable season.

Merrell Burroughs	Drum Major
Abby Lane	Drum Major
Jacob Starker	Drum Major
Emily Castillo	Black Jacket
Chloé Johnson	Black Jacket
Carlos Avila	Manager
Garrett Krawczyk	Manager
Autumn Seals	Manager
Audrey Wakefield	Manager
Jacob Miller	Librarian
Jenna Saucier	Librarian
Lily Summey	Section Leader – Flute/Piccolo
Elayna DeFries	Section Leader – Clarinet
Stephen Davis	Section Leader – Saxophones
Walker Andrews	Section Leader – Mellophone
Sam Hood	Section Leader – Trumpet
Tannen Trees	Section Leader – Trombone
Daniel Rehberg	Section Leader – Euphonium & Tuba
Austin Eldridge	Section Leader – Drumline
Christopher Keams	Section Leader – Front Ensemble

## 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 Wednesday, July 26, 2023.**

2. 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: 82080), but there is also a zero-credit section (MUS1033-002; CRN: 82081), and a 2-credit section (MUS1033-003; CRN: 82082). 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 wind and percussion members will need one (1) pair of black, matte finish (not glossy) marching shoes. Woodwind and brass members will also need two (2) pairs of black, long wrist marching gloves. All color guard members will need one (1) pair of black relevé shoes, and one (1) pair of fingerless guard gloves (tan). **If you already own these items and they are in good condition you do not need to order more.**
  - We have worked with the DeMoulin Band Uniform company to create an online store where you can purchase these items directly:  
<https://goldeneaglemarchingband23.itemorder.com/shop/home/>
  - Color guard members should wait until audition results are announced before purchasing these uniform accessories.
  - 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 July 26 (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 15. Place your orders now!**

## Residence Hall Information

All band members who will be living in residence halls during the 2023-2024 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 6 between 1-3 p.m.**
  - All Percussion (Drumline and Front Ensemble), Color Guard, Student Leadership Staff
- **Monday, August 7 between 5-7 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 in campus housing 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 Plan Information

Students who have purchased meal plans may begin using them starting at breakfast on **Thursday, August 10**. 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 show.
- 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 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)—khakis shorts serve as an alternate uniform
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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	Wind Ensemble		
	Symphony Band		
	Concert Band		
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## Stay Informed and Social

Your Tech email address will be the primary way information is communicated to you throughout the season. We also encourage you to join, follow, and like us using the following:

**BAND APP**—We know 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/ada19a11s7069> Please use your legal first and last name when registering.



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Like us on Facebook @**TennesseeTechBands**

## Auditions

All members of the Golden Eagle Marching Band are required to perform an audition.

- **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** – Part-placement materials will be sent via email in mid-July.
- **Color Guard** – Details will be communicated during the Zoom information meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 Wednesday, July 26.**
- ☐ Register for the marching band class.
- ☐ Be sure your instrument is in good working order and you have plenty of reeds, valve oil, etc. *Marching-specific instruments (mellophone, euphonium, sousaphone, percussion) will be provided, all others must be brought by the student. Color guard equipment will be provided.*
- ☐ 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 breakfast on Thursday, August 10.**
- ☐ 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).

# 2023 GEMB BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

## Sunday, August 6

1:00-2:00 p.m.	Band Librarians Meet w/Dr. Miller
2:00-TBD p.m.	Drum Majors & Black Jackets Meet w/Dr. Miller
1:00-3:00 p.m.	<i>Housing Check-in for Student Leadership Staff, Color Guard, All Percussion Living On Campus</i>

## Monday, August 7

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Percussion & Guard 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
5:00-7:00 p.m.	<i>Housing Check-in for All Remaining Band Members Living On Campus</i>

## Tuesday, August 8

	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 & Guard 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.	Percussion & Guard 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
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Dinner Break						
7:00-9:00 p.m.	Percussion & Guard in Rehearsal Music Rehearsal (Winds) in Wattenbarger Auditorium						

## Wednesday, August 9

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 & Guard in Rehearsal
1:30-3:00 p.m.	Winds in Sectionals
3:00-4:30 p.m.	Music Rehearsal (Winds) in Wattenbarger Auditorium
4:30-6:00 p.m.	Dinner Break
6:00-8:30 p.m.	Marching Rehearsal at Walton Park (Full Band w/Instruments)

# 2023 GEMB BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

## Thursday, 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.	Guard in Rehearsal
1:30-3:00 p.m.	Percussion & Winds in Sectional
3:00-4:30 p.m.	Music Rehearsal in Wattenbarger (Winds & Percussion)
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 11

9:00-11:30 a.m.	Marching Rehearsal at Walton Park (Full Band w/Instruments)
11:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:30-3:30 p.m.	Guard in Rehearsal Full Ensemble Music Rehearsal in Wattenbarger
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Full Ensemble Rehearsal at Walton Park
4:30 p.m.	Dismiss—Enjoy the evening off!

## Saturday, 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.	Guard in Rehearsal 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 13

	Morning Off!
1:30-4:00 p.m.	Guard in Rehearsal 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)

# 2023 GEMB BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

## Monday, August 14

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.	Guard in Rehearsal Full Ensemble Music Rehearsal in Wattenbarger
4:30-7:00 p.m.	Dinner Break
7:00-10:00 p.m.	Convocation Rehearsal (Full Band w/instruments)

## Tuesday, August 15

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 17

Fall Semester Classes Begin	
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## Friday, August 18

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