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Dear Marching Band Members:

Welcome to the 2025 Vandal Marching Band! With just over three weeks to go, this is the final update about band camp and the season ahead. Please start planning with the information below.

Website Address

Please use the following website to access all 2025 VMB information:

www.uidaho.edu/class/music/ensembles/marching-band

Online Paperwork

Please fill out the following online paperwork (there are 4 pieces total) so we are ready for you at camp:

1. **2025 VMB Personnel Form/Video Release:** [Link Here](#)
2. **University of Idaho Waiver/Liability:** [Link Here](#)
3. **Medical Form:** [Link Here](#)
4. **2025 VMB Uniform Measurements:** [Link Here](#)
ALL MEMBERS need to fill out this form to save time at camp.
5. ***Class Conflict Form** (only for those students with a class conflict): [Link Here](#)

Required New Member Orientation

New member Orientation begins Tuesday, August 19 from 6-7:30 pm at the Administration Auditorium in the Administration Building. Hosted by Vandal Marching Band leadership and Dr. Blaine Eckles, Dean of Students, this event is designed to provide new students and parents with information normally shared at the Wednesday orientation events. A welcome reception will follow.

Band Camp Start Times

Marching Band rehearsals will **begin** Wednesday, August 20. The first full band event will start at 2:00 pm. Some sections will begin earlier that day:

- Percussion (all members): 9:00 am through Noon (Ad Aud)
- Color Guard: 9:00 am (Ad Aud)
- Sousaphones: 9:00 am (Ad Aud)
- EVERYONE: 2:00 pm (Ad Aud)

Schedules

Download the preliminary [Band Camp Schedule](#) and [Fall Band Calendar](#) from the *Band Camp--Downloads* area of our website. Final schedules will be given to you at band camp.

Scholarships

First year members will earn \$300. Returning students will earn \$400. All scholarships disburse in **December** to your student account.

Aspiring SQUAD Leaders (returning members only)

If you want to audition for a Squad Leader position, you must attend the training session on Friday August 22 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm location TBD.

Picture? What instrument will you play?

Please email your photo and tell us your instrument at: band@uidaho.edu. If you haven't already sent this to us, we need this information ASAP (including returning members)!

Need to borrow an instrument?

Please email band@uidaho.edu to let us know ASAP if you need to borrow an instrument. We will have your instrument available at the opening meeting. This must be done before the 2 pm rehearsal.

Early Residence Hall Move-In

If you plan to move in early, check that your name is on the list [available here](#). It is also posted in the *Band Camp* area of our website under *Housing Resources*. If your name isn't on the list, you can't move in early.

Check-in is from 3:00-5:00 pm, Tuesday, August 19, for those on the list. ****Students must also have their [Vandal Card](#).****

Check in Location: **LLC Information Desk. 901 Paradise Creek Building #2**

If there is a problem, please contact Spencer Martin at (208)-885-4129 or band@uidaho.edu, not University Housing. We can provide alternative housing if necessary, until regular check-in begins.

Meals

The band will provide all lunches and dinners from Wednesday, August 20 (starting at dinner) to Sunday, August 24.

Percussion Auditions

The latest details and audition material can be found on the band webpage: [Percussion Information](#).

Contact Drumline Captains Justin Alder (alde2480@vandals.uidaho.edu), Nathan Lannigan (lann0430@vandals.uidaho.edu), or Josh Kerns (kern7762@vandals.uidaho.edu) with any questions or concerns.

Color Guard

If you have any questions about Color Guard please contact Captains Elayna Crust (crus1078@vandals.uidaho.edu), Abigail Pressler (pres4740@vandals.uidaho.edu), or Jasmyn Bach (bach1978@vandals.uidaho.edu).

Sousaphones Audition/Rehearsal

All tuba players will meet from 9:00 am - Noon, Wednesday, August 20, in the Administration Auditorium to audition, assign instruments, and rehearse. We will listen specifically to "Go Vandals" and "Kashmir" at the audition.

Band Camp Conflicts

We will do everything possible to avoid Greek rush and New Student Orientation events. Please note that the band performs at many orientation events - Saturday afternoon's *Palousafest*, and the Sunday afternoon *Vandal Walk and President's BBQ*. Please let us know if you have a conflict and we will find a solution.

Preparing for Band Camp/Accessing your Music

Parts will be emailed to you soon. We will send you the access link when the music is ready the first week of August.

We play a lot during camp and it is imperative for our success that you have the music prepared and enough endurance to keep up. Start playing and practicing now.

What should you bring to camp?

Don't forget these essentials:

- Instrument
- Music (Downloaded from Web)
- Comfortable athletic shoes for marching rehearsals (No flip flops or bare feet please!!)
- Outdoor gear: water bottle, sunglasses, sun block, hat, etc. (we will be outside for many rehearsals—it will be hot)

Uniforms

We will provide everything for the band uniform except:

- Black socks
- Black Super Drillmaster Marching Band Shoes (approx. \$40)

All members of the VMB (except Color Guard) will need to have the **Black Super Drillmaster** Marching Band Shoes (or equivalent marching shoes—contact me if you have questions).

Here is the link to order them from Band Shoppe: [Super Drillmasters](#).
You need to have these shoes by the week of the first game in August.

Performance/Game Schedule

Don't schedule anything on these days! Game times are subject to change so keep the entire day free.

- August 30 (away @ WSU)
- September 6
- September 13 (Future Vandal Game Day)
- October 11 (Homecoming)
- October 25
- November 1 (Bands of America Marching Band Competition, Kibbie Dome)
- November 8
- November 22 (Senior Day)

Other Required Performance Events

- Rehearsal @ WSU – Friday, August 29, evening
- Homecoming Bonfire – Friday, October 10, evening
- Homecoming Parade – Saturday, October 11, morning
- University of Idaho Gala—Friday, October 18, evening
- University of Idaho Holiday Concert—Thursday, December 11, evening

Maps

The webpage has been updated with maps showing the locations of band camp events. Click here to [see maps](#).

Facebook

This page is intended for members, parents, alumni, and other rabid Vandal fans. Go to "[Vandal Marching Band](#)" and feel free to become a fan.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to meeting all new members on Tuesday, August 19 and seeing everyone else the next day!

Sincerely,



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