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Dear Marching Band Members,

Welcome to the 2025 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 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. 19

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

Wednesday, Aug. 20

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

Thurs-Sun, Aug. 21-24

- All Day: Band Camp

Monday, Aug. 25

- 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 5**. Go to 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 19, location TBD. If you have questions about dorms, please call University Housing at 208-885-6571 or email them at 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/PERFORMANCES

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

- 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)

PERCUSSION AUDITIONS

Audition materials are available on our website.

VARIABLE CREDITS

Marching Band is available for up to 3 credits; however, students may take the course for fewer credits (0, 1, or 2). This does not decrease the expectations of participants. The U of I registration system default is 0 credit. Students are encouraged to take the maximum number of VMB credits that will fit in their schedule. [How to change variable credits:](#)

1. Log into [Student Registration](#)
2. Select Register for Classes
3. Select the Schedule and Options tab
4. Click the underlined number in the Credits column. Enter the correct number of credits.
5. Click Submit

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. 19 will make the experience more enjoyable.

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

Sincerely,



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