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Dear Marching Band Members:

Welcome to the 2021 Vandal Marching Band! With 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 2021 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. 2021 VMB Personnel Form/Video Release: [Link Here](#)

2. University of Idaho Waiver/Liability

Complete and email the attached .pdf to band@uidaho.edu. Your typed name will count as your electronic signature.

3. Medical Form

Complete and email the attached .pdf to band@uidaho.edu. Your typed name will count as your electronic signature.

4. 2021 VMB Uniform Measurements: [Link Here](#)

5. *Class Conflict Form (only necessary for those students with class conflict)

Complete and email the attached .pdf to band@uidaho.edu. Your typed name will count as your electronic signature.

Required New Member Orientation

New member Orientation begins Tuesday, August 17 from 6-7:30 pm in the Haddock Performance Hall in the Lionel Hampton School of Music. 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 Thursday orientation events. A welcome reception will follow.

Band Camp Start Times

Marching Band rehearsals will **begin** Wednesday, August 18. 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 (LHSOM 216)
- Color Guard: 9:00 am (LHSOM Foyer)
- Sousaphones: 9:00 am (LHSOM 116)
- EVERYONE: 2:00 pm (LHSOM Recital Hall)

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 20 from 11:00 am - 12:00 in LHSOM 216.

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. You can get your instrument from LHSOM 124 from 1:00-2:00 pm on Wednesday, August 18. This must be done before the 2 pm meeting/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 4:00-5:00 pm, Tuesday, August 17, 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 Cherice Cameron at (208)-301-3994 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 18 (starting at dinner) to Sunday, August 22.

Percussion Auditions

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

Contact Drumline Captain Maddie Jeans (jean9775@vandals.uidaho.edu) with any questions or concerns.

Color Guard

If you have any questions about Color Guard please contact co-captains Lex Van Horn (vanh1490@vandals.uidaho.edu) or Tori Bartlett (bart9672@vandals.uidaho.edu).

Sousaphones Audition/Rehearsal

All tuba players will meet from 9:00 am - Noon, Wednesday, August 18, in Music 116 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. \$35)

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 September.

Performance/Game Schedule

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

- September 4 (Simon Fraser)
- October 9 (Homecoming vs Portland State)
- October 23 (Future Vandal Game Day vs. Montana)
- October 30 (Northern Arizona)
- November 6 (Senior Day vs. Southern Utah)



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Other Required Performance Events

- Homecoming Bonfire – Friday, October 8, evening
- Homecoming Parade – Saturday, October 9, morning
- University of Idaho Holiday Concert—Friday, December 10, evening

Maps

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

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.

Twitter

Follow "[Vandal Band](#)" to get the latest news.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to meeting all new members on Tuesday, August 17 and seeing everyone else the next day!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Spencer H. Martin'.

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