

Dear Pitt Band Member,

We are very glad you will be with the Pitt Band this fall! For over 100 years the Pitt Band has been an integral part of campus life representing the university with spirit, class and dignity at football games and beyond, and we expect you to help us carry on that legacy. Below are the details that you need for us to get off to a good start this season. Please read this entire message carefully. If something is not clear, or you have further questions, please contact us.

--Dorms--

If you signed up for early entrance to housing on the July Newsletter, you will receive an email from University Housing with instructions for checking into your dorm room. If you have any questions about housing contact us.

--Report Times--

Please look carefully at the Band camp Schedule for Oakland for your arrival times.

<http://www.pittband.com/docs/bandcampschedule2017-Oakland.pdf>

All members must report to the Band Room between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15 (new members) or Wednesday, August 16 (returnees) to pick up your Nike gear and be issued a school instrument (everyone will play a school instrument this year except Clarinets and Alto Saxes, but we do have a few school horns for these players as well). You will also sign up for a time for your part hearing when you check in.

As a reminder:

Part Hearings

--In order to make sure everyone is on the proper part, the parts are balanced and the band sounds awesome, we have part assignment hearings. The woodwind and brass players will sign up for a part hearing between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15 (new members and Section/Squad Leaders) and Wednesday, August 16 (returnees) in the band room. You will play "The Stars and Stripes Forever" and "Battle Hymn Medley". It does not have to be memorized. Choose

the part you think best fits you for the hearing. EVERYONE in the woodwind and brass sections MUST play a part hearing.

--For new members your first required Pitt Band session will be Wednesday, August 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sports Dome. The Band room will be open at 8:00 a.m. to get instruments. Be sure to wear marching shoes and proper marching clothing.

--For returnees, your first required Pitt Band session will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16 at the Sports Dome for the "Welcome to Pitt Band 2017". Dress is NEW SHORT BLUES (including new sneakers and baseball caps) and you will need your instrument. This will be an orientation session and it will conclude by 9:00 p.m. in time for sections to have gatherings. Trees Hall Band Room will be open for you to get your instrument if need be.

--Below is a link to a marching tutorial that you can use to review our marching style at home before band camp. If you are new to the band please study this carefully.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgFRk6Ap-siK_IGHwbitMGpoG4cJYgWZQ

-- Meals Provided--

Please note carefully which meals will be provided and to which groups on the Oakland Camp schedule. You will be responsible for most of your meals here in Oakland. We will provide all meals at Bradford. Note that we will not provide any meals on the Kennywood Day.

--Band Camp info--

On Thursday, August 17 we will bus the entire band to the Pitt Bradford Campus for band camp. All transportation, meals, and housing at camp will be provided. However, you will need to bring bedding. The Band Camp schedule and packing checklist can also be found at these links:

Bradford Schedule:

<http://www.pittband.com/docs/bandcampschedule2017-bradford.pdf>

Camp Check list:

<http://www.pittband.com/BAND%20CAMP%20CHECKLIST.pdf>

--Attendance/Class Conflicts--

We feel very strongly that as a band we can and must do better with attendance. We understand that there are things that come up: weddings, academic requirements, illness, etc. and we can excuse in some cases. We also understand that there are some unavoidable class conflicts. But we have turned away students who would be here for every performance and rehearsal this year and so that means that everyone in the band must fill all attendance requirements. We ask that any class you may have to take during band time be a required class that you must have fall semester 2017 for your major. PLEASE complete these forms PRIOR to Band Camp.

--If you have a class conflict, please fill out the form at this

link: <http://www.pittband.com/students/conflict.php>

--If you need to miss for any other reason please fill out this

form: <http://www.pittband.com/students/excuse.php>

--Shoe Money--

If you indicated in the June Newsletter that you need new marching shoes please bring cash or a check (made out to University of Pittsburgh) when you check in at the Band Room on August 15 or 16.

--Communication--

We want to improve our communication and so we are moving to an application called Remind. This will send messages from the band office directly to your phone via text message. Longer messages will be sent as PDFs that you can download and you can even respond to webforms via these messages. This will replace the list serve. We must have 100% participation as you will be responsible for all information sent via Remind texts. Join right now by texting:

@upv to the number 81010

It's as simple as that! We must have everyone on here, so please take care of it right away.

--Finally--

This is a lot of information! If you need to know anything else, please do not hesitate to contact us with questions. We are very anxious to get going and are looking forward to a tremendous season.

Hail to Pitt!

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