

MBB Band Camp Frequently Asked Questions:

I'm confused. When do I show up?

Section Leaders/Drum Majors: Sunday, August 12, 2018 (move-in from 1:00-3:00)

Everyone Else: Monday, August 13, 2018 (move in from noon-4:00 p.m. – THIS IS A CHANGE FROM WHAT RESIDENCE LIFE SENT OUT AS THIS WILL HELP THOSE COMING FROM FARTHER DISTANCES TO GET BACK HOME EARLIER. PLEASE ARRIVE TO CHECK-IN TO THE DORMS **PRIOR** TO 3:45 P.M.!!!)

Do I have to attend the Monday night meal?

The Monday night dinner is optional for returning members. We would like for all new members and their parents to attend.

What do I need to bring to MBB Camp?

We will be outside marching for at least 4 hours per day so you will need good, comfortable shoes suitable for marching (no flip-flops or sandals without straps) Sunscreen, loose comfortable clothing and a hat/cap are highly recommended. We don't typically slow down or go inside due to the heat, so having some exposure prior to getting here is strongly suggested so you are used to being outside. We would recommend bringing an extra change of clothes each day to rehearsal just in case we have an extraordinarily hot day or we get caught in the rain. That way you have something to change into for the rest of the day/evening. Other than that, just plan for what you would need in your dorm room or apartment. You will also need to bring a lyre that FITS your instrument and 2 flip folders as well as any items necessary for your instrument (valve or slide oil, extra reeds, etc.). A Nottelmann music representative will be at registration. He will have lyres, flip folders, windows, reeds and other accessories for purchase.

How do students check into the residence halls?

Students should go to their assigned residence hall and find the RD (Residence Director). The RD will check in students. Section Leaders and members of Kappa Kappa Psi will be in every residence hall to help students move in their belongings.

Do I move into my actual room or am I in temporary housing?

All MBB Members who will be living on campus will move into the room which you will be assigned to for the remainder of the semester so you don't have to worry about moving twice when you come to camp!

Can I check into the dorm rooms early?

No one is allowed to check in prior to Monday at noon! Again, please make certain that you check into your dorm **PRIOR** to 3:45 p.m. on Monday! Thanks!

Will I have time to unpack and set up my room before registration starts?

Although the registration meeting begins at 4:00 pm, you should have plenty of time to set up your room. You may also have some spare time after dinner to finish up anything that you did not get to. If you realize later in the evening that you have forgotten something, Kappa Kappa Psi, the honorary band fraternity, is hosting an event that night that includes a Wal-Mart run, so students will have the opportunity to get whatever it is that they need.

Will students be eating in the dining hall for most meals during band camp?

Students will be provided breakfast and lunch courtesy of McKendree University Bands each day. Members have the option of either eating dinner each night at the McKendree dining hall for \$50 (check payable to McK Bands at band registration), Ames Dining Hall on a dinner-by-dinner basis for \$6.00 / dinner, or providing their own meals for the duration of band camp. Students who choose to provide their own meals will have the dining hall meal fee waived at registration. Please keep in mind that students living in traditional housing will not have access to a full kitchen or other cooking necessities during this time, so it is encouraged that they purchase meals through Ames Dining Hall.

Is there any down time for me to meet and get to know people or would I have to wait for classes to start for that to happen?

Kappa Kappa Psi, national honorary band fraternity, sponsors a number of events on the evenings when we conclude rehearsal at 5:00 pm. There are also opportunities offered after rehearsal in the evenings. You are all highly encouraged to attend these events as they are a great way for the band to spend time with each other. So much of our time is spent working in sections that we don't have an opportunity to interact as much across those sectional boundaries. These events are structures for you to get to know the people outside your section/instrumental group.

What do we do on the evenings where there is not rehearsal?

Monday, August 13th- Get to know you games/Wal-Mart/Taco Bell Run

Wednesday, August 15th, Bowling at St. Clair Bowl (\$3 show rental)

Thursday, August 16th- Dairy King and Sand Volleyball

Saturday, August 18th- Movie Night

Sunday, August 19th- Tie Dye and Pool Party at West Clubhouse

Monday, August 20th- Kickball

What takes place at the MBB registration? Is this separate from McKendree's registration process?

All MBB members go through the registration process so we can make certain that we have all of your paperwork completed, give you the chance to register for lessons, collect your band fee, assign you a locker, pass out music, make certain that your instrument is in good, working condition, purchase any additional items for your instrument (reeds, ligature, valve oil, etc.) and a variety of administrative items. We do this so we don't have to pester you and your parents throughout the semester with more paperwork. Our registration/check-in process ONLY pertains to the Marching Bearcat Band. You will go through a process for the university.

What do my band fees cover? How much are they?

New member band fees cover the cost of your MBB polo (\$25) and caps (\$25) as well as the cost of game day meals (\$60). Returning member fees cover the cost of new Under Armor caps (\$25), game day meals (\$60) and other small group expenses during the MBB or pep band season. Please see the MBB fee sheet to calculate your fees for this season.

What is the Band Store? What do I need to purchase there?

When the MBB moved to report to the Athletics Department we made some changes to the process in ordering our band gear. We are proudly sponsored by UnderArmor and will be using exclusively UnderArmor gear starting in the fall of 2019. For the 2018 season we will be using both Gildan and UnderArmor products so we can clear out our stock. You will need to log into the Band Store (web link to be supplied later) and purchase a MBB moisture wicking black McKendree Bands T-shirt for \$25 and a long sleeve black T-shirt for \$30. These items will be yours to keep.

Do I need to bring my own instrument?

All percussionists will be supplied instruments. Brass players are required to use an MBB instrument. You can use your own mouthpiece if you wish. There is a separate fee to check-out a brass instrument. The student will be reimbursed the balance of the original deposit MINUS the cost of a chemical cleaning and the cost of any dent removal. Please see the MBB Fee Sheet for details. Woodwinds, with the exception bass clarinet, tenor sax, and bari sax, will need to supply their own instruments.