



## 2007 BAND CAMP NEWSLETTER

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Dear 2007 TU Marching Band Members,

Alas, it's time for what everyone has been waiting for - band camp! ...and not just any band camp, but TIGER Marching Band camp! ☺ There are many details to know concerning band camp and the season. Below are more tidbits of information to help answer your questions. The website ([www.towson.edu/marchingband](http://www.towson.edu/marchingband)) is where we are compiling the most complete source for all there is to know about the marching band and band camp. The "member's area" section contains many necessary documents you must read **prior** to band camp. If you do not know the username and password, email me and I will reply. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office at 410.704.5449, or email me at [jmiliauskas@towson.edu](mailto:jmiliauskas@towson.edu) or [tigerband@towson.edu](mailto:tigerband@towson.edu). Enjoy your last few days of summer and get psyched for band camp!

With Musical Excitement ☺,

John Miliauskas  
Director, TIGER Marching Band

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY PERFORMANCE

On Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, our last band camp rehearsal will take place inside Johnny Unitas Stadium from 12:00 PM until 5:00 PM. At 4:00 PM, our week will culminate with a presentation and performance for family and friends. This will be a great informative session on how the Towson TIGER Marching Band comes together. Make sure to invite your parents, family, and friends to come out and enjoy our band camp accomplishments.

### BAND HANDBOOK

The TIGER Marching Band Handbook helps guide everyone in meeting expectations. Because marching band is a "team" activity that does not have a bench to replace absent members, every member's presence and positive contribution is very important at all times. The handbook states the expectations of attendance, conduct, and other areas of member responsibility. Prior to band camp, all members must read this handbook, which can be found in the "member's area" section of the website.

## **MEMBER AGREEMENT FORM**

In conjunction with the handbook, all members must sign the Member Agreement Form, which is found in the “member’s only” section of the website. Your signature on this form indicates that you understand the expectations of all members of the band. Download, sign, then bring this form with you to band camp.

## **ADDITIONAL FORMS**

There are several other forms needed at Band Camp Check In. These forms can be downloaded off the website and filled out in advance. This will expedite the check in process.

## **OUR SHOW MUSIC IS ONLINE**

Some of our show music (along with mp3’s) is now available in the “member’s only” section of the website. Information is included on how to download your music. If you haven’t already been assigned a part (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> trumpet etc.), work on a part that you think may best reflect your abilities. We will finish assigning parts during the first day of band camp. It is imperative that you learn as much music as possible before band camp. Remember, we have a football game the 4<sup>th</sup> day of school!

## **WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON CAMPUS**

When you arrive on campus, there are three things that must be accomplished before noon: 1) Move into your dorm room 2) Check in to Band Camp and get sized for a uniform 3) Eat before rehearsal. The order in which you accomplish these tasks is flexible, as there is a three-hour time frame for moving into dorms, which overlaps with a four-hour time frame for Band Camp Check-In and Uniform Sizing. Please allow approximately one hour for Band Camp Check-In/Uniform Sizing. If you live close to campus, the most efficient use of time would be to visit the Center for the Arts first at 8 AM to check in for Band Camp so that you have three consecutive hours to move into your dorm. If you live far from campus and cannot arrive earlier than 9 AM, you should move into your dorm first and then come to the Center for the Arts as soon as possible, ready to check-in, be sized for a uniform, and begin rehearsal. For further details, see the 2007 TUMB Band Camp Schedule.

## **REMEMBER TO BRING FOR BAND CAMP...**

- Instrument (We provide all percussion instruments, tenor saxes, mellophones, baritones, and sousaphones)
- Sneakers (no “high top” styles!)
- Clothes conducive for marching and the summer weather
- Pencil
- Sun screen
- Sunglasses
- Lyre and flip folder (if you don’t have either, we’ll have them at camp for you to purchase)
- Hat (you won’t accomplish anything if you’re “sun stupid” ☺)
- Materials for spirit days (see member’s area of website)
- Khaki shorts/pants/skirt for casual and travel uniform (make sure you read the handbook about our casual uniform!)
- \$30.00 uniform cleaning fee (cash preferred, or checks payable to “TU Foundation” accepted)
- \$30.00 for Dinkle “Vanguard” black band shoes, if you don’t already own this exact brand and style of shoe
- \$33.00 for jazz sneakers if you’re in the color guard
- \$3.00 for long, black band gloves (other gloves are used for color guard)
- We tentatively have an overnight trip planned for September 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. Our accommodations will be a gym floor in a high school. If you won’t be traveling home before then, bring a sleeping bag or air mattress and blanket for this 5 star resort.
- ...and an enthusiasm for a great experience!!!!