Director’s Welcome

Greetings Marching Mountaineers!

In just a few weeks the 2016 edition of “North Carolina’s Band of Distinction” will gather for what will be an amazing marching season! The Leadership and Staff are extremely excited to start Camp! As the rookies will discover soon, there is not a more beautiful setting for college marching band than Appalachian in the summer!

A detailed schedule for Band Camp will be posted on the band website soon. For now all you need to know is your move-in date. Once you’re here, plan on a rigorous rehearsal schedule every day (9am - 10pm) through Sunday, August 14th. With the limited amount of rehearsal time during the semester (plus crazy weather) we must learn as much as possible during Camp.

The performance schedule (look to your right) is well-balanced between busy Saturdays and weekends off. Once again we were able to schedule the Marching Band Festival on a weekend other than Fall Break! In addition to the six home games we will be taking a Pep Band to the Thursday night game at Georgia Southern on October 27th. The entire band will travel to the bowl game in December.

The roster of the band looks terrific...nearing 300! If you have any friends who are still “on the fence” about marching, use your Jedi mind tricks and get them on board! We have three terrific shows planned -- more info is on page 3 of the newsletter.

I want to welcome back Mr. Mark Collins to the team as Graduate Assistant! New to the band staff is Mr. Michael Abernathy who will serve as Front Ensemble Instructor. Also new to ASU is Mr. Wesley Payne, Color Guard Coordinator. I am thrilled to have these three wonderful educators on our staff!

Keep in mind that the Marching Mountaineers exist for three reasons: to have FUN, to provide relentless support for ASU athletics, and to entertain the heck out of people. We accomplish all three goals the Marching Mountaineer way...with distinction! Come prepared to work hard and play harder!

Cheers! KR

Performance Schedule

September 10th
ASU vs. Old Dominion
(Hall of Fame Day)

September 17th
ASU vs. Miami (FL)

October 1st
ASU vs. Georgia State
(Black Saturday)

October 22nd
ASU vs. Idaho
(Homecoming)

October 27th (Thursday)
ASU @ Georgia Southern

October 29th
Appalachian
Marching Band Festival
(Exhibition Performance)

November 5th
ASU vs. Texas State
(Family Weekend)

November 19th
ASU vs. Louisiana-Monroe
(Senior Day & Heroes Day)

December ???
BOWL GAME!
EQUIPMENT AND MUSIC

All brass and woodwind members are required to have a flip folder and lyre to hold music. Please have these items with you when you arrive on campus for rehearsals. The University maintains an inventory of instruments for use by the Marching Mountaineers. Students needing to check-out an instrument will do so upon arrival. There are no fees for the use of these instruments as long as they are returned in the same condition in which they were received. Guard equipment is also provided for use under the same guidelines as instruments.

As music continues to become available for the season, it will be posted on the university’s AsULearn system. Once the music has been posted online, instructions for downloading will be sent to all band members.

Required merchandise and the band fee are discussed on the next page!

ORIENTATION AND COURSE REGISTRATION

If you are involved in Freshmen Orientation or the Honors College Retreat during Band Camp, please let your Section Leader know. You will be exempt from some band activities for these events.

If you have not registered for MUS1100-101 (Marching Band) you must do so when you arrive in August. If you have a class conflict that overlaps with Marching Band, you will need to submit the proper form (available in the Music Office). You must provide a copy of your course schedule before Dr. Richardson will sign the form.
REQUIRED MERCHANDISE AND BAND FEE

Each band member is required to have the following items:

- ASU Band T-Shirt ($16)
- ASU Band Ball Cap ($11)
- White gloves ($3 per pair)
- ASU Band Ear Warmers ($8)
- Black marching shoes ($35)

All of these items can be purchased through the Iota Omicron Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi, the national band fraternity. You may order this merchandise and pay online here: www.kkpsiio.weebly.com (click on “merchandise”). Please order and pay for your merchandise before arriving at Band Camp to avoid delays.

The Band Fee for 2016 is $50 (required of all members). This fee must be paid upon arrival at Band Camp. Please pay by CASH or Money Order (payable to “ASU Bands”). No checks, please.

THE MARCHING MOUNTAINEERS ARE PROUD TO PRESENT...

...three way-too-groovy-for-school half-time shows in 2016!

The October games as well as the Marching Band Festival will feature a Latin Jazz Fiesta! We will open with Allen Vizzutti’s “Fire Dance” followed by “La Suerte de los Tontos” made famous by the Blue Devils. We will close with the best darn marching band tune ever...”Malaguena!”

For Heroes Day in November we will present the Veterans’ Salute Show. We will bring back either the Classic Rock Show or the Latin Show for the Bowl Game in December.

Your Drum Majors and our very own staff arranger, Henry Heidtmann IV, are working on selecting and arranging some new stand tunes!

Get ready to ROCK the ROCK!

Required viewing before Band Camp:

BAND CAMP INFORMATION

Report Dates
Wednesday, August 3  All Student Leadership
Kappa Kappa Psi
Saturday, August 6  All Rookies (new members),
Color Guard, and Drum Line
Sunday, August 7  All Vets (returning members)

On your move-in day, you will have from 9:00am - 1:00pm to move into your residence hall. Report directly to your dorm to get your room key. Band registration will be noon-2:00pm followed by a meeting in the Recital Hall at 2:00pm the day you arrive with rehearsals the rest of the day. We rehearse every day 9:00am - 10:00pm through Sunday, August 14th. You will have good amount of free time every day for meals and rest. A detailed schedule for Camp will be posted on the website soon.

Planning Ahead
Please be sure to have all necessary materials with you when you arrive for rehearsals in August. These materials would include, but not be limited to, the following: your instrument in good working order, all necessary reeds and mouthpieces, a flip folder and lyre, and appropriate shoes and clothing.

Temperatures in Boone in August can range from 65-85 during the day and 40-60 at night. Afternoon rain is also a constant possibility - a little rain won’t stop a rehearsal!

Parking
Students will not need to obtain parking permits for the week of Band Camp. However, faculty and employees are working during this time. All faculty/staff parking areas are “Tow Away Zones” for those vehicles without proper permits. Band members may park in the Stadium, Hill Street, Greenwood, and South lots without permits through August 14th. NOTE – On Friday August 12th, all university students will be moving back into the residence halls. On those days, the Stadium lot must be clear and band members will need to park in other lots. Towing will be in full effect on these days. Parking permits will be necessary once classes start. Campus parking maps are available at maps.appstate.edu.

RESIDENCE HALL MOVE-IN

Again this year the Marching Mountaineers are staffing the residence halls to aid marching band members as they move in. Members of Kappa Kappa Psi band fraternity and Marching Band Leadership will be in the residence halls during the designated times for check-in. If you need assistance, let them know. Please take note of the following from the Office of Housing & Residence Life:

1) All university policies are in effect upon your arrival on campus.
2) You are the only one approved to move in to your room early.
3) You cannot bring an unauthorized roommate.
4) Students must show a picture ID before they will be given a key. All keys may be picked up at students’ respective residence halls during their check-in time. Student Leadership, however, will need to check in at the service desk.
5) Students will have AppCard access to their own halls. Doors are not to be propped open. You must have your AppCard (Student ID) from your Orientation session.
6) If you will be living in The Highlands Apartments, please see the important message on the next page...
MEALS DURING BAND CAMP

**BREAKFAST:** You will be responsible for your own breakfast each day. Just keep some pop tarts and juice in your dorm room.

**LUNCH:** Lunch will be provided each day in the Broyhill Music Center.

**DINNER:** Dinners will be provided, but will be different each day. All of the dinners will be held in the Broyhill Music Center and/or Walker Lawn. They will be a combination of catered meals from local restaurants, fraternity-sponsored cook-outs, pizza, etc.

Meals will be provided in this manner through Monday, August 8th. On Tuesday, August 9th, your University meal plan will take effect and you will use your App Card for meals.

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**IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ANYONE LIVING IN THE HIGHLANDS APTS.!!**

If you will be living in The Highlands Apartments, you must send an email to Evan Johnson at: johnsonem4@appstate.edu. Please give your first and last name, instrument, and move-in date. Since The Highlands is not part of University Housing, we must send a separate list to them for early move-in approval. Failure to email Evan will result in your name not being on the approved move-in list. Please email Evan by Tuesday, July 26th.
MESSAGE FROM DR. ROSS!

Dear Members of the 2016-2017 edition of the Appalachian State University Marching Mountaineers!

Welcome to our family of musical marchers! It is wonderful to have so many of you return, and equally AWESOME to have so many freshman join us this fall! You all will be amazed with the espirit de corps, seriousness of purpose, and musical achievements our wonderful ensemble attains. From Boone to Charlotte, from London to Spain, our Marching Mountaineers have attained the title North Carolina's Band of Distinction! Welcome to the family!

Best wishes!

John Ross

Fall Concert Dates

Sunday, October 2nd
Appalachian Wind Ensemble
Rosen Concert Hall - 3:00pm

Monday, October 3rd
Appalachian Symphony Band
Rosen Concert Hall - 8:00pm

Sunday, November 20th
Appalachian Symphony Band
Schaefer Center - 2:00pm

Monday, November 21st
Appalachian Wind Ensemble
Schaefer Center - 8:00pm

Ensemble Auditions

Auditions for The Appalachian Wind Ensemble, The Appalachian Symphony Band, and the ASU Jazz Bands will be held on August 13th - 16th. Auditions are open to any University student regardless of major. You will be excused from any marching band activities during your audition time. GO HERE to find specific information regarding audition dates, times, and repertoire.

The Appalachian Wind Ensemble rehearses M & W 3:00 - 5:00pm
The Appalachian Symphony Band rehearses M & W 6:00 - 7:45pm

The ASU Basketball Band
An informational meeting about Basketball Band will be held during Band Camp. Basketball Band is a registered course and is open to any University student. No audition required!
A few final thoughts...

Music will be available on AsULearn soon. You will need to print your music at home and bring it with you to camp. Have your flip folder well-organized for the first rehearsal.

Remember to email Evan Johnson if you will be living in The Highlands.

Order your merchandise through Kappa Kappa Psi online before arriving at Band Camp. Remember to bring your $50 Band Fee with you on your arrival day.

QUESTIONS?

For questions please contact your Section Leader or Caption Head. If they are unable to answer your question, feel free to contact Dr. Richardson.

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UNTIL AUGUST...

Welcome to the 2016 Appalachian State University Marching Mountaineers! We’re looking forward to another great season. Remember to continue to check your email as well as the Marching Mountaineers website for updates throughout the weeks ahead.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer and we’ll see you in August! Go APPS!