

MSU Marching Band General Information and Frequently Asked Questions

MARCHING BAND DAILY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Monday	4:10 - 5:40 PM
Wednesday	4:10 - 5:40 PM
	6:00 - 9:00 PM Guard only
	7:00 - 10:00 PM Percussion only
Friday	4:10 - 7:00 PM (Subject to revision)
Saturday	Game Days, subject to game time

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

The 2009 schedule includes Band Camp, 5 home games, Blue and Gold Festival/Competition of Marching Bands, and will include at least two exhibition performances:

August 9 - 13: MSU Band Camp
Sept. 5: Home Football Game, Southern Virginia, Time TBA
Sept. 26: Home Football Game, Butler University*
Oct. 3: Home Football Game, University of Dayton
Oct. 17: Blue and Gold Festival/Competition of Marching Bands
Oct. 24: Home Football Game, Marist University (Homecoming)
Nov. 14: Home Football Game, San Diego University

GRIDIRON CLASSIC – Dec. 5 – Depends on season outcome.

* All games are at 1:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

COST OF MEMBERSHIP

- ♦ Course registration fee / supplemental tuition
- ♦ Black MARCHING shoes, approx. cost \$35.00 (We use MTXs but you may use other brands if in good condition.)
- ♦ MSU Baseball Cap for stands, approx. cost \$10.00

Who can join the band?

Any interested MSU student can join the band. Auditions for brass and woodwinds are for part placement only. The make-up of the percussion and visual ensemble sections are arranged based on equipment availability. There is a spot for all motivated students.

How do I join the band?

Joining the MSU Marching Band is easy.

1. Fill out and return the Commitment Form from the Marching Band Homepage
2. Register for MUSM 172, Section 001 (winds); Section 002 (guard); Section 003 (percussion).
3. Check the website for schedule updates.
4. Attend Band Camp the week before school starts.

What is a commitment form?

This form is used to accurately keep track of all of our members, instrumentation, and drill count IF you have not already emailed the information to the Director. The *Commitment Form* is taken seriously, so please only fill this out when you can fully commit to the marching band. Filling out this *Commitment Form* is a commitment to all band participants that you will attend band camp and rehearsals consistently, and that you will be present at all full band performances.

How do I get to practice and performances?

Those with cars may drive, as some student parking is available. The AAC is close enough to walk or ride your bike from campus. Be GREEN and walk to rehearsal.

What is a typical game day like?

We practice before the game either at Jayne Stadium or at the AAC lot. Front Ensemble Equipment and Sousaphones are stored at the stadium the night before or the morning of the game. After rehearsal we eat and then get into uniform. Once in uniform we warm-up at Baird and then line up for the march to the stadium. Occasional performances at tailgates around the stadium may occur before we enter the stadium for pre-game. Once pre-game is finished we perform in the stands until we take the field once again to perform our halftime

show. Once the Eagles have won, we play the *Fight Song* and then the MSU Eagles join us for the playing/singing of the *Alma Mater*. Just an average game day for a MSU MB member!

Will I get credit for being in the band?

Yes! All band members receive one credit for being in the marching band. Music Education Majors are enrolled in Marching Band as a part of their curriculum. All other students may use MB as an elective.