



Racer Marching Band Camp 2007

Recruiting

Racer Band membership looks great again! We will be 175-200 members strong. There are 180 students who have registered on line at Racerband.com. Please call your friends (you are the best recruiters) and try to help in our effort to be the most powerful Racer Band ever. We could experience some amazing growth with your help. This letter is being sent to over 500 prospective members.

It is important for ordering busses, equipment, meals, housing, copying, and drill to firm up our numbers as soon as possible. **If you have not registered on line at Racerband.com** please do so as soon as possible. If you do not have Internet access please call 270-809-4288 and leave your mailing address for Pat Bray.

If you have not registered for the course, please Racer Touch ASAP!
Or sign up at your upcoming Freshman Orientation

If you have a class conflict; we will get you registered at camp –go to: <http://www.racerband.com/conflict.php?type=weekly>

Racerband.com

Please visit this website often. Look for music, mp3's and other current information at Racerband.com. Please check this site about once a week for new music, etc. **Any last minute housing up dates will be posted here.** This is the last mailer before camp, all small housing changes; schedule changes and other important updates will be posted at racerband.com. ***Look on the camp information online the day before you leave for MSU.*** There are many cool features to checkout.

Please go the site and contact your section leader!

The purpose of this contact is the following:

1. Answer any questions you might have.
2. Help us confirm the number of members in each section.

Most forms and music are available for download as Adobe .pdf files. If you do not have a copy of Adobe's [Acrobat Reader version 5.0](#) currently installed on your PC you will need to [download and configure your free copy](#) before working with these files. This is a one time process which will then permit you to view and print these and other .pdf formatted publications on the Web. Please follow the installation and browser configuration instructions provided by Adobe.

Go to: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

Having Trouble downloading? We can mail you anything in a crisis.

Check in Schedule

Saturday, August 11, 2007 Percussion, Color Guard, and Leaders *Report to Camp**

9:45am	Racer Band Check-in	Fine Arts Building-3rd floor lobby
10:00am-noon	Dorm check-in	See Dorm information below
	Lunch on your own	
2:15-2:30	Meeting (everybody)	Band room----3 rd floor Fine Arts
2:30-5:00	Snare/Tenor Auditions	Band room
3:00-4:00	Pit warm-up/practice	Lovett stage
4:00-5:00	Bass Drum/Cymbal/Pit Auditions	Band room
12:30-5:00	Guard Rehearsal	Johnson Theater
5:00	Dinner	Winslow
6:00 -10:00	Guard & Perc Rehearsal	Johnson Theater & Fine Arts Complex
6:00	Leadership meeting	

Wednesday, August 15, 2007 All Wind Players*Report to Camp**

9:00am-10:00am Racer Band Check-in Fine Arts Building-3rd floor lobby
ALL MEMBERS MUST CHECK IN so we can start to write drill at 10:30am

9:00	WW Rookies	
9:20	Brass Rookies	
9:40	WW Vets	
9:50	Brass Vets	
10:00am-noon	Dorm Check-in	See Dorm information below
	Lunch on your own	
BAND UNIFORM FITTING		ROY STEWART STADIUM (back of stadium/level 2)
11:00	Uniform fitting Percussion	
11:30	Uniform fitting WW Vets	Bring your Hns-Part assignments also
12:00	Uniform fitting Brass vets	Bring your Hns-Part assignments also
12:30	Uniform fitting Mello/Baritone/Tuba Rookies	
12:50	Uniform fitting Trumpet Rookies	Bring your Hns-Part assignments also
1:15	Uniform fitting Trombone Rookies	Bring your Hns-Part assignments also
1:30	Uniform fitting Woodwind Rookies	Bring your Hns-Part assignments also
1:30-3:00	Brass horn check-out	Fine Arts (Mr. Thile's Office)
3:30-4:15	Wind Sectional	LOVETT AUDITORIUM
4:15-5:00	Full Band with equipment	LOVETT AUDITORIUM
5:00	Dinner	Winslow
6:00	*Rookie meeting with equipment	Stewart Stadium (50yd line)
7:30-10:30	Full Band with equipment	Stewart Stadium

The remainder of the camp schedule will be posted on racer band.com!

Tentative 2007-----Murray State Racer Band Schedule

(A complete official calendar is at Racerband.com)

Aug 11	Guard and Percussion Camp
Aug 11	Leaders report
Aug 15	Everybody else report to camp
Aug 19	Camp concert
Sept 8	HS Tour
Sept 15	Home Game
Sept 22	Festival of Champions
Sept 29	Home Game PARENTS WEEKEND CONCERT Noon
Oct 13	Homecoming
Oct 27	Home Game--Halloween -----costumes
Nov 17	Home Game

We will have many weeks off. -----This will be a very light calendar year.
October has 4 practices and November 2 practices

* Several other days will be taken off depending on weather, show learning etc. See Racerband.com for more details. Several practice times are different to avoid conflicts.

* Weekly Rehearsal Schedule Monday 4:45-5:45 Tue & Thurs 6-8 Fri 5-7 or 6-8(this time varies)
Percussion Sectional Weekly 5:45-6:45 Mondays

Band Camp Attendance

Attendance is required of all members. Members that are unable to attend band camp will be alternates until a spot opens. We will learn all music & guard routines during camp. We will also learn the drill for 2001, Tom Sawyer, YYZ, and HOT SUN (House Of The Rising Sun). Attendance is vital to achieve these goals!

Sorority recruitment and great beginnings conflicts are worked out. Details concerning these will be announced at camp. **Members doing Sorority recruitment must email Mr. Fannin prior to camp.**

Resident Advisors and Resident Directors have training during camp and this make it nearly impossible for you to attend camp. If this applies to you, you can be an alternate or manger.

Please email Mr. Fannin concerning any other minor camp conflicts (testing and other MSU conflicts).

Directions

The Fine Arts Building is on the corner of 15th and Olive Street. Olive is the red light on 12th St. closest to McDonalds. The Fine Arts Building is an eight story building. Check-in is in the 3rd floor lobby.

Check-in Procedures:

All Members should report to the 3rd Floor of the Doyle Fine Arts Center for general band check-in. You will then proceed to your dorm for check-in and your other activities. This is very important to help us get a final count of members (drill writing starts at 10:30am the August 15th).

What to bring

It's up you.... If I were you, I would bring all my stuff for the semester.

Food and Dorm Services

Racer Band Food Service Card will cost each member \$5

(This pays for the cost of your meal card)

**Food and Dorm Services are provided at NO COST (except for the \$5 card fee)
TO ALL RACER BAND MEMBERS DURING BAND CAMP!!!!**

If you are living off-campus you may still make use of the meal plan during band camp. This is a great deal---take advantage.

Guard and Percussion-First meal is Saturday Dinner

Wind Players-First meal is Wednesday Dinner

Housing (check website for last minute updates)

All wind players move in on Wednesday (15th) and will move into your permanent housing assignment when you arrive.

MSU housing is not available for commuters; if this creates a crisis; contact an officer to see if they can help.

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Guard/percussion/leaders

Elizabeth, Regents and White residents can move into those buildings when they come to campus.

Everybody else will move into a temporary housing assignment until Wednesday (15th). On Saturday morning (11th) you have the option to move in your belongings to your permanent housing assignment if you are in a temporary housing assignment (You must fill out the form enclosed to take that option). Wednesday morning the 15th everybody will move into their permanent housing assignments.

Some members in the past have chosen to have their parents bring their belongings on the weekend of August 18-19(this is when the rest of freshmen move in). No rehearsal time except for Weds morning will be missed to move. We don't practice on Sunday the 19th until the afternoon. This might be a good time if you are going to bring a second load.

CHECK RACERBAND.COM FOR UPDATES THE DAY BEFORE YOU ARRIVE FOR ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES!!!

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OUR GOAL IS FOR EVERYONE TO MOVE YOUR STUFF INTO YOUR ACTUAL DORM ROOM WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON CAMPUS!

Racer Band Instrumentation/Membership Policies

To facilitate the strongest Racer Band possible, all members should perform in a marching medium that they have the greatest proficiency. Members should perform in their most experienced area (what you performed in marching band in high school). Instrument transfers will be handled on an as-needed basis (call for more information). If we have already talked, plan on what we discussed. QUESTIONS?-email

98% of all successful high school band members will be able to meet the following Racer Band membership criteria:

Members must be able to stay in step & keep up with visual requirements of our shows
Members must be an *average* high school band performer & be able to keep up with musical requirements of our shows
Members must work effectively within a large organization
Members must be on time and organized

If for any reason when you attend camp or unable to meet these criteria you may be offered a manger spot in the 2007 Racer Band.

Percussion Part Assignments

Go to racerband.com to download audition materials, warm-ups, and music. Try-outs will be very short, informal auditions. Snare, Tenors, and Basses will play the 2007 cadence and several of the warm-ups. Separate mallet, auxiliary percussion, and cymbal audition materials will be on the web site.

Part assignments will be posted before dinner Saturday (11th). We will continue switching people around Saturday night and Sunday until we feel like we have the line set. Equipment will be checked out after auditions. Bring sticks/mallets for your instrument (we will provide bass drum mallets & keyboard mallets). ***Our goal*** is to find a spot for everyone, but there are limited numbers of spots in each section based on equipment and talent level.

Please try to memorize as much music as possible prior to camp! Mp3's and .pdf's of all music will be up shortly. Download the music and play along!

Color Guard

Everyone interested in being a member of the color guard, please plan on being in Murray on Saturday Aug. 11th. ***Members should have previous color guard experience.*** Uniforms will be fitted and shoes will be ordered at camp. Our goal is to learn all of pregame and 3 tunes worth of work before the 15th.

We have made a video tape with all the Racer Band basics and guard work for two songs in our pregame. We ask all new members to review this tape before camp. Please email john.fannin@murraystate to receive this tape (include mailing address in the email).

The count sheets for these routines are available on racerband.com. ***Please try to learn as much of the pregame and basics as possible prior to arriving at camp.***

Mellophone/Baritone/Souphones

Racer band members are furnished marching baritones, mellophones, and sousaphones. ***Our goal*** is to find a spot for everyone on their instrument of choice, but there are limited numbers of spots in each section based on equipment and talent level. If we run short of instruments you may be asked to play something else. We have 21 mellophones, 14 baritones, and 16 sousaphones.

Wind Part Assignments

Trumpet, trombone, mellophone, and clarinet players will be assigned parts. This will be very informal! Don't Stress. The audition will be the MSU pregame, sections of the finals 1st mvt, and Bb & Eb concert scales (as many octaves as possible). Music will be passed out at the first rehearsals.

Please try to memorize as much music as possible prior to camp! Mp3's and pdf's of all music will be up shortly. Download the music and play along! Contact your section leaders to ask what part. As a general rule, pick a lower part.

Equipment Check-out

Racer band members are furnished percussion instruments, sousaphones, marching baritones, mellophones, color guard equipment, and uniforms by MSU.

Students are responsible for damage and loss of this MSU equipment.

Students will provide their own gloves, marching shoes, snare sticks, reeds, valve oil, and other small accessories.

Marching shoes

All members must have white band shoes. These shoes must be band shoes, not nursing shoes or any other substitute. Please contact me if you have a unique size that inhibits you from getting band shoes. If already have white band shoes you are all set! No need to get new ones. The cost of new shoes is \$29.00. If you need new shoes there are two ways to pay:

1. Prepay by check or credit card contact Robert Kapp and Associates@ email bobkapp@kappinc.com Call 800-775-3430 Fax 859-277-8864 Mail 224 Big Run RD Lexington KY 40503 (be sure to say your from Murray State)
2. Bring cash or a check to camp made out to ***Robert Kapp and Associates.***

Shoes will be fitted at registration. All shoes will be shipped directly to Murray State. They will be passed out at practice. All shoes must be paid and fitted by Aug 15th. After that date contact and place your own private order. (You will pay more, because of shipping/etc.) There is a huge stipend reduction for not having the correct footwear.

Color Guard will make a separate shoe, which will be handled at camp. (Approx. cost \$25)

Band T-shirts

Band T-Shirts are part of the MSU Racer Band Uniform and are to be worn at all performances. Always wear your 2007 Band T-Shirt under your uniform. We will sometimes use the Band T-Shirts as our uniform with jeans or shorts. The shirts are free. T-shirt designs will be posted prior to camp. There may be two or three designed to vote on. Shirts will be passed out at check on the 15th.

Section shirts should be designed now! Contact your section leader to make t-shirt design suggestions. This is not required, but a lot of sections make section shirts. Monies should be collected on Aug 15th. Contact your section leader for shirt costs. No one is required to purchase section shirts.

Gloves

We have gloves for sale for wind players before each game (\$3.00-stipend deductions).

Fees

Band fee is \$5.00 for a meal card, payable at registration. We would like to have you pay for them in cash/check. All other fees are as-needed (shoes/gloves). Members are fed on trips and there are no additional fees. All members receive a free band picture at the end of the season.

Handbooks

Please read the 2007 Racer Band Handbook and check the 2007 Racer Band Schedule @ racerband.com prior to coming to campus (It will be updated and posted by August 15th). You will sign the Racer Band Handbook contract at check in. The contract basically says you have read and agree with the policies in the handbook. The Handbook will be available at camp if you have computer problems.

Racer Band Camp Concert

Invite parents and friends! The concert is Sunday Aug 19th at 7pm on the steps of Lovett. Have bring people bring lawn chairs etc. This is always a fun event.

Parent's Day will include a Music Department Collage Concert (Sept 29).

Concert time is @ noon. Lots of vocal and instrumental ensembles will perform short, fun numbers. The finale to the concert will include a guest performance of the Racer Band. A picnic will follow the concert in front of Lovett and then off to a Racer home football game. *Parents and friends are encouraged to attend this fun concert.* Proceeds from this concert will benefit music scholarships. More details will follow.

Need to miss a practice/performance for any reason?

Go racerband.com

Fill out an online absence request form

2007 musical selections Check out-(<http://www.putfile.com/box5always/media>)

*****1st show---Festival of Champions--End of Prelims
2001 Tom Sawyer YYZ

*****2nd show Festival of Champions—End of Finals
2001 House of Rising Sun (Latin) Moondance

*****3rd show Halloween Show
2001 Thriller

*****Pregame 2001-Ky Home-SSB-Alma Mater--Fight Songs

Music is ON WEB NOW --READY FOR PDF DOWNLOAD

Start Planning Your Halloween Costume for our Halloween show

Maybe sections could try to have themes??? Remember we will be marching, so make sure you can move & play (easy drill on this show). Keep it PG13!

Something New (optional)!

Send a picture of yourself to your section leader by August 1st

If possible, label the picture *first name last name.jpeg*

These photos will be posted on a new members webpage on Racerband.com on August 7th. This will make it possible for us all to learn a few names prior to your arrive on campus. Tubas send your photos to musicforever04@gmail.com.

Drum and Bugle Corps Percussionists & Guard Members--Those marching in Drum corps this summer should contact me concerning camp dates as soon as you receive this letter.

Questions

Go to Racerband.com ask your section leader, any officer, or drum major any questions you have.

Need to Contact us????

Now until August 11th contact john.fannin@murraystate.edu or call 270-210-1429(Mr. Fannin's Cell Phone)

After August 11th MSU Band Office phone number is (270) 809-6450 or bands@murraystate.edu.

Can't get a hold of us?? Leave a message with Pat Bray at 809-6338

Things are shaping up for another exciting season!

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