Welcome (or welcome back) Western Thunder Marching Band member,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and resting and recharging before the upcoming school year and marching band season. For those whom I have not yet met, my name is Dr. Carver and I will be directing the marching band in addition to teaching classes within the University of Wyoming Department of Music. Although I am new to the university, I look forward to carrying on the rich traditions that have been a part of the marching band’s history.

There is much to be excited about as we approach this upcoming season. Please check out the important information below to make sure that you are prepared for the start of our band camp. Pay close attention to the band camp information sheet that includes the daily schedule, as well as a helpful list of things to pack.

*DATE CHANGE*
We are changing the days of our band camp from what has previously been advertised. Below are the dates.

8/19  Section Leaders and Drum Majors
8/20  All Drumline and Auxiliary Members Report
     (Registration begins at 10:30am in the Buchanan Center of Performing Arts lobby)
8/21  New Western Thunder member arrival day
     (Meeting at 1:00pm in the Concert Hall followed by registration in the lobby)
8/22  Returning member arrival day
     (Returning member registration begins at 1:30 in the BCPA lobby)
8/23-8/29  Band Camp
8/30  New student pep rally (evening)
8/31  Wyoming Cowboys vs Missouri Tigers (call time – 12:30pm)

**Housing Information**
All students who are staying in the dorms will be responsible for paying a housing fee for moving in prior to 8/25. The information on rates can be found on the Residence Life website [http://www.uwyo.edu/reslife-dining/halls/summer-housing.html](http://www.uwyo.edu/reslife-dining/halls/summer-housing.html)

**Secondary Uniforms**
It is necessary that all new members purchase a secondary uniform. This is worn for certain performances where our full uniform is not necessary. The cost is $135 for the following items.

- Gold shirt
- White shirt
- Brown athletic shorts
- Track-style jacket
- Warm-up pants
- Ball cap
Season Schedule
This is a tentative schedule of our performances for the season. Kickoff times have not yet been announced. Typical report time for band members is five hours before game time.

8/31  Home Game (Missouri) report time 12:30pm
9/6   Performance at Riverton High School football game (overnight trip)
9/7   Retreat in the Riverton area (we will likely return to Laramie in the evening)
9/14  Home Game & Band Day (Idaho)
9/28  Home Game (UNLV)
10/12 UW/Troopers Marching Band Invitational (All Day)
10/19 Home Game (New Mexico)
10/26 Home Game (Nevada)
11/22(FRI) Home Game (Colorado St.)

Band Camp Information
Western Thunder Marching Band
2019 Band Camp Schedule (8/18-8/27)

SUNDAY 8/18 – Leadership dinner for section leaders and DMs 7pm place TBD
MONDAY 8/19– Drum Majors and Section Leaders (All Day)

TUESDAY 8/20 (Drumline and Auxiliary Only)
10:00am – 10:30am Welcome meeting for all drumline and auxiliary in concert hall
10:30am – 11:00am Drumline and Auxiliary Registration in BCPA Lobby
11:00am - 12:30pm Rehearsal (Location: concert hall stage/1016)
12:30pm – 1:30pm Lunch (provided in the lobby)
1:30pm – 4:30pm Rehearsal (Location: concert hall stage/1016)
4:30pm – 6:30pm Dinner (on your own with your section)
6:30pm – 9:30pm Rehearsal (Location: concert hall stage/1016)

WEDNESDAY 8/21 (New Brass and Woodwind Member Arrival)
8:00am – 8:45am Breakfast (provided – Drumline/auxiliary – BCPA Lobby) – All leadership, drumline, and auxiliary: Make sure you have your secondaries for the performance (GOLD shirt, secondary shorts, SHORT black socks, black marching shoes, ball cap).
9:00am – 10:25am Winds on stage to review set list drums/ auxiliary sectionals
10:30am – 11:15am All leadership and drumline rehearse for new member performance (Location: concert hall stage)
11:15am – 12:15 am Lunch (provided: leadership/drumline/auxiliary – BCPA Lobby)
12:15pm – 12:30pm Set up for performance
12:30pm Doors open to Concert Hall for New Members
1:00pm – 1:30pm Full meeting for ALL NEW MEMBERS and leadership, drumline, and auxiliary.
1:30pm – 4:30pm New Members complete registration (check-in, check out instruments, get settled in dorms) – BCPA Lobby
4:30pm – 6:30pm  Dinner (on your own)
6:30pm – 9:30pm  Drumline / Auxiliary sectionals **Location: concert hall stage/1016**
All 1st year members / section leaders – Music / Marching rehearsal
**LOCATION WTMB Practice Field**

**THURSDAY 8/22 (Returning Member Arrival)**
8:00am - 8:45am  Breakfast (Provided - BCPA Lobby)
9:00am - 11:45am  Drumline / Auxiliary Sectionals - LOCATION: Concert Hall Stage/1016
All 1st Year Members / Section Leaders - Music / Marching Rehearsal
**LOCATION: WTMB Practice Field**
11:45am - 1:30pm  Lunch (Provided - Drumline/Auxiliary/Section Leaders/New Members only - BCPA Lobby)

1:30pm - 3:30pm  Drumline / Auxiliary Sectionals - LOCATION: Concert Hall Stage/1016
All 1st Year Members / Section Leaders - Music / Marching Rehearsal
**LOCATION: WTMB Practice Field**

*All Returning Veterans LOCATION: BCPA Lobby*
1:30pm - 3:15pm  Returning Member Registration - Welcome Back Vets!
3:30pm - 4:30pm  FULL BAND Orientation - Concert Hall
4:30pm – 6:30pm  Dinner (Provided by Kappa Kappa Psi - BCPA Lobby)
6:30pm – 8:30pm  Full ensemble music rehearsal
8:30pm – 9:30pm  Review of policies and procedures / band handbook

**FRIDAY 8/23**
8:00am - 8:45am  Breakfast (Provided - BCPA Lobby)
9:00am – 9:45am  Wind fundamentals and music rehearsal on stage
(drumline / aux – warm up)
10:00am – 12:00pm  Drill rehearsal – practice field
12:00pm - 1:30pm  Lunch (Provided - BCPA Lobby)
1:30pm - 3:30pm  Sectionals
3:30pm - 4:30pm  Full music rehearsal
4:30pm - 6:30pm  Dinner (On your own)
6:30pm – 9:00pm  Full ensemble practice field / War Memorial Stadium

**SATURDAY 8/24  (* Volleyball / Bar Band auditions sometime today)**
8:00am - 8:45am  Breakfast (Provided - BCPA Lobby)
9:00am – 9:45am  Wind fundamentals and music rehearsal on stage
(drumline / aux – warm up)
10:00am – 12:00pm  Drill rehearsal – practice field
12:00pm - 1:30pm  Lunch (Provided - BCPA Lobby)
1:30pm - 3:30pm  Sectionals
3:30pm - 4:30pm  Full music rehearsal
4:30pm - 6:30pm  Dinner (On your own)
6:30pm – 9:00pm   Full ensemble practice field / War Memorial Stadium

**SUNDAY 8/25**
- 10:00am – 12:00pm   Drill Rehearsal
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm   Lunch
- 1:30pm – 3:30pm   Sectionals
- 3:30pm – 4:30pm   Full music rehearsal
- 4:30pm – 6:30pm   Dinner (on your own)
- 6:30pm – 8:30pm   Full ensemble
- 8:30pm – 9:30pm   Evening activity (FULL BAND)

**MONDAY 8/26**
- 8:00am - 8:45am   Breakfast (Provided - BCPA Lobby)
- 9:00am – 9:45am   Wind fundamentals and music rehearsal on stage (drumline / aux – warm up)
- 10:00am – 12:00pm   Drill rehearsal – practice field
- 12:00pm - 1:30pm   Lunch (Provided - BCPA Lobby)
- 1:30pm - 3:30pm   Sectionals
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm   Full music rehearsal
- 4:30pm - 6:30pm   Dinner (On your own)
- 6:30pm – 9:00pm   Full ensemble practice field / War Memorial Stadium

**TUESDAY 8/27**
- 8:00am - 8:45am   Breakfast (Provided - BCPA Lobby)
- 9:00am – 9:45am   Wind fundamentals and music rehearsal on stage (drumline / aux – warm up)
- 10:00am – 12:00pm   Drill rehearsal – practice field
- 12:00pm - 1:30pm   Lunch (Provided - BCPA Lobby)
- 1:30pm - 3:30pm   Sectionals
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm   Full music rehearsal
- 4:30pm - 6:30pm   Dinner (On your own)
- 6:30pm – 8:30pm   Full ensemble practice field / War Memorial Stadium
- 8:45pm   Evening activity (FULL BAND)

**WEDNESDAY 8/28** (Carver gone all day to new faculty orientation)
NO MORNING SESSION
- 1:30pm - 3:30pm   Sectionals
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm   Full music rehearsal
- 4:30pm - 6:30pm   Dinner on your own
- 6:30pm - 9:00pm   Full ensemble

**THURSDAY 8/29** (Morning run by GAs/DMs. Carver at faculty meetings)
- 8:00am – 8:45am   Breakfast (provided – BCPA Lobby)
- 9:00am -10:00am   Warm up and music rehearsal (drums and aux warm up)
10:00am - 12:00pm  Field rehearsal
12:00pm – 1:30pm  Lunch (TBD)
1:30pm – 3:30pm  Sectionals
3:30- 4:30pm  Section activity
4:30pm – 6:30pm  Dinner on your own
6:30pm – 9:00pm  Full ensemble

FRIDAY 8/30
Morning/afternoon TBA – Dr. Carver gone for Department of music department faculty retreat
Evening  New student pep rally in War Memorial Stadium.
Evening  Bar Band!

SATURDAY 8/31
GAMEDAY!!! GO POKES!!!! Report time 1:30pm

What to Bring?
Athletic shoes
Active clothes
Light Jacket for evening rehearsals
Sunscreen WITH SPF
Bug spray
Sunglasses
Hat
Chapstick
Water bottle
Lyre (if applicable)
Instrument (Unless you are renting from the music department)
Instrument Essentials (Extra reads, cork grease, slide grease, valve oil, etc.)
Pencils
Ear plugs
Any braces/wraps for injuries
Personal medications
Money to pay for Secondary Uniforms: Cash, Check, or Credit Card

***You may want to bring an extra pair of shoes because the fields can get a little swampy if it rains a lot. You also may want to dress in layers because of Wyoming’s unpredictable weather.

Make sure that everyone has completed an intent form that is on our website http://www.uwyo.edu/marchingband/

I look forward to meeting you all and getting started on what will be a great 2019 marching season!

- Dr. Carver