Welcome 2009

MARCHING OWLS

Introduction and reference manual for members
CURRENT AS OF JUNE 22ND, 2009

WELCOME

Plans for the 2009 season are well under way. There will be five home games as well as additional performance opportunities throughout the season. This packet of information should answer all your questions about being a member of the FAU Marching Owls.

There is also a registration form that must be returned immediately in order to reserve a spot in Preseason training. For More Information Call Jill Folgate At (561) 297-3854.

WHAT DO I DO WHEN I ARRIVE FOR PRESEASON TRAINING?
Report to the check-in location listed on the schedule at the indicated time. (Located elsewhere in this packet.) If you are a new brass, woodwind, or percussion player, you must report to the band room (Room 260) in the Arts and Letters building between 8:00am and 10:00am on August 17th. We will check you in through our own registration process and try to answer any questions you have. You may purchase your uniform accessories and plastic flip folios at this time. Following registration you will warm-up your instrument and report to the posted location for a music audition. The time from 12 noon to 4pm will be reserved for those students moving into dorm rooms. At 5:00pm everyone is required to attend the Orientation meeting followed by a playing rehearsal held in the band room. (Flags and Majorettes) will report to the rehearsal field.

WHAT IS THE TRAINING SCHEDULE LIKE?
The daily schedule for August 17-23 of Pre-season training is as follows:
7:30am- 11:30am Drill (Practice Field)
11:30am- 1:30pm Lunch
1:30pm- 4:30pm Music rehearsal
4:30pm- 6:00pm Dinner
6:00pm- 9:00pm Drill (Practice Field)

Keep in mind that this is a sample schedule. You will be given a detailed daily schedule when you register for training. We make every effort to use this time in a productive and efficient manner.

WILL MARCHING OWLS INTERFERE WITH MY SCHOOL WORK?

Owls rehearsals are at a time of the day when few other classes meet. With careful planning you should have time to participate in the Marching Owls. As with any college activity, you will be responsible for keeping track of your time and keeping up with all of your schoolwork. Plan ahead – you can make it work.

WILL I RECEIVE UNIVERSITY CREDIT?

Yes! Everyone who participates in the band must be registered for the class. Class registration lists will be checked during the first week of classes and anyone found not to be registered will be suspended from the Marching Owls. The course code for the Marching Owls is MUN 4113, MWF 5:00-6:50pm. You may register for 1, 2 or 3 credit hours. The course reference number is: 83023
Housing Information

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING:
Those students who have received a university housing assignment will be able to move into residence halls on **Monday August 17th**. Be sure to indicate the residence hall you have been assigned on the enclosed housing form and return it immediately back to the Department of music via U.S. mail. E-mail: faubands@fau.edu, or fax 561-297-2944. REMEMBER: Report to the Department of Music on **August 17th**; do not go to your residence hall until you check in with us. Please remember that you will move into a residence hall only if you have a room for the fall semester. The Department of Music does not provide housing. You must secure your own contract for housing through the FAU housing office. There is a $**30.00** fee for early move-in as required by the FAU Housing Office that can be paid during marching band registration on **August 17th**. Do not call the housing office about early move-in. They receive thousands of calls about regular housing concerns. If you have questions about early move-in call our office at (561) 297- 3854. [PLEASE MAIL BACK YOUR COMPLETE HOUSING FORM IMMEDIATELY!]

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING:
Students living off-campus must make move-in arrangements on their own. Be sure that your scheduled move-in will be prior to August 17th to avoid conflicts with camp and the start of classes.

AUDITIONS

When you arrive on August 17th there will be a brief audition to evaluate your playing. You will be asked to sight-read, to play a chromatic scale, and to play several major scales. You will also be asked to play two prepared exercises that will be posted as pdf documents on the marching band website: [http://www.fau.edu/music/ens_ub_marching_band.html](http://www.fau.edu/music/ens_ub_marching_band.html)

You will also be evaluated during preseason training on you marching, playing and overall attitude. At the end of preseason training all students are evaluated and from those evaluations the 2009 Marching Owls Block List is selected.

MEDICAL FORMS

Along with the registration form there a two other forms that you must have completed prior to preseason training. The first is a medical insurance information form. The second is a medical history questionnaire. The two forms are required for participation in the Marching Owls.
EXPENSES

Certain items are required for membership. Every attempt is made to keep this expense to a minimum. Most of the items are associated with our uniform. You may already own some of these items. All items will be available for purchase after the audition procedure is completed.

1. SHOES – All Owls must furnish uniform shoes. The shoes with our uniform are black leather, plain-toed oxfords, with black soles from the Bando or Dinkles Company. Shoes will be ordered after rehearsals, or you may purchase your shoes elsewhere, or you may bring shoes you might already have from high school band, as long as they conform to the style worn by the Owls and are in good condition. Twirlers and Guard members will receive instructions from their instructor as to correct footwear. The cost is approximately $30.00.

2. BLACK SOCKS - Bring at least two pairs of BLACK socks with you to wear with the uniform.

3. WHITE GLOVES- you will need at least one pair of extended-length white gloves, but we recommend two pair. You may bring gloves with you or you may purchase them from the Owls when you arrive. The cost is approximately $4.00.

4. UNIFORM SHIRTS – All Owls (including auxiliaries) are required to have a Marching Owls Uniform Shirt and a Marching Owls polo shirt. The cost for both shirts is approximately $30.00.

5. RAIN PONCHO- All Owls (including auxiliaries) must have a Marching Owls rain poncho. We often get rained on in performance, so the poncho is a required item. The standard poncho is clear with a hood and no graphics of any kind.

6. PLASTIC MUSIC FOLIO- All Brass and Woodwind players (including flute/piccolo) must have two (2) BLACK plastic marching folio with at least 8 clear plastic windows. You may purchase a folio from your local music store, but make sure it is black. Use of the flip folio is a requirement. A limited number will be available for purchase through the Owls. The cost is $6.00

7. FAU OWLS BACKPACK
   This backpack is designed to carry all your gear into the stadium on game day. It is dark blue with the Marching Owls logo printed on it. It is the only bag that will be allowed with the uniform. The cost has yet to be determined, as this is a new sale item. Approximate cost: $6.00

Prices are subject to change
WHAT TO BRING TO PRESEASON TRAINING

You will need the following items when you report to campus:

- **WATER COOLER**
  - IMPORTANT - Water will not be provided at rehearsals. It is every member’s responsibility to bring enough water for the whole day. I recommend a 2 quart or gallon jug from a local store. Bring it filled to every rehearsal. Dehydration is a serious matter; do not take it lightly.

- **LYRE** for your instrument

- **ALARM CLOCK**

- **Rehearsal clothes**: shorts, light colored t-shirts, tennis shoes with arch supports, athletic socks, a raincoat, a light-colored hat, swimsuit.

- **Survival Items**: sunscreen, liniment, sunglasses, and thermos jug or sports bottle. (An ample supply of water is critical when marching the hot sun, please make sure to bring enough water for the entire day.)

- **Uniform Accessories**: mouthpiece, reeds, neck strap, valve oil, plastic music folio, lyre (to mount music folio to your instrument).
  - Note to flutists: You may want to consider a wrist-mount lyre for use during raining. Try to avoid the type of lyre, which is held under the arm. Most flutists agree that this type is very uncomfortable.

**INSTRUMENT INFORMATION**

The Marching Owls have a limited inventory of instruments. We do supply the following school owned instruments: Sousaphones, Marching Baritones, Mellophones, and Percussion. There is no charge for using school-owned instruments; however, students using these instruments are responsible for maintenance and repair of any damage incurred while in their possession.

Some instruments are in short supply and will be used on a priority basis only. We cannot guarantee anyone that we can supply him or her with an instrument. If you have your own instrument, it is advised that you plan to use it. Mellophones and Baritones are in limited supply.

**FINALLY…**

**IN ORDER TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT IN PRESEASON TRAINING, SEND IN THE ENCLOSED FORM IMMEDIATELY.**
PRESEASON TRAINING MASTER SCHEDULE

REPORT TIMES FOR 2009 MARCHING OWLS

Leadership
Sunday, August 16th, 9:00 AM

Returning Percussion-
Saturday, August 15th, 9:00AM

All new and returning members:
Monday, August 17th, Arts and Letters Building
Registration and Music Audition: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
Residence Hall Check- In, 12:00 Noon – 4:00 p.m
Orientation meeting 5:00 p.m.
First Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.,
Florida Atlantic University  
“Marching Owls”  
2009 Preseason Reservation and Dormitory Form  

(Print Neatly)  
NAME:  
__________________________________________________________  

ADDRESS:  
__________________________________________________________  

CITY, STATE, ZIP:  
____________________________________________  

PHONE (HM)____________________ (CELL) _______________________

STUDENT #:  
__________________________________________________________  

INSTRUMENT __________________________ Email: _______________________

_______ I will be attending Marching Owl preseason training.  
_______ I will not be attending Marching Owl preseason training  

Please complete this section only if you meet the following qualifications:  
• Full-time FAU Student.  
• Will be living in on-campus housing during the Fall Semester.  

Move in Date: Monday, August 17th, 2009  
Prompt return of this reservation form will enable you to move into your dorm room early for the purpose of Band Camp. Please return this form immediately

I am scheduled to be housed in (LIST RESIDENCE HALL):  

__________________________________________________________  

(IF UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME, YOU MAY LEAVE BLANK)  

NOTE: Band members who will not be living in on-campus housing during the Fall Semester must make their own arrangements for housing during Band Camp.

PLEASE RETURN FORM IMMEDIATELY TO:  
Department of Music  
Florida Atlantic University  
Attn: Dr. Sean Murray  
777 Glades Rd.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431
You May Fax To: 561-297-2944  
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