

To the members of the “Sound of the South” Drumline:

I hope that the school year is winding down smoothly for you. My name is Robert Clayson, and I am the marching percussion instructor for the “Sound of the South” Marching Band. I am extremely excited to get to work with each of you to make the 2023 season a success. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to fill out your intent to participate form found at <https://troyuniversity.formstack.com/forms/sots> (*this is a different form than your scholarship acceptance form*). I also invite you to join our private “Sound of the South Drumline” Facebook group, which is where most of our daily news gets distributed from. If you need any assistance finding that, please feel free to contact me.

Our first camp for the 2023 season will be happening on **June 9th – 11th**. At this camp, we will be focused heavily on learning our 2023 warm up exercise packet, cadences, and show music for the upcoming season. This camp is strictly focused on assessing and improving your individual skills. **Final part assignments for the 2023 season will not be given at this camp.** A more detailed schedule and packing list is included at the end of this letter. All of our music can be found at <https://www.troy.edu/academics/colleges-schools/college-communication-fine-arts/departments/john-m-long-school-music/sound-of-the-south/band-camp.html>. You are strongly encouraged to learn as much of the music as you can before you arrive at camp.

We strive to make this summer camp as cost effective as possible. There is no fee to register for this camp and all of your meals will be provided for you at our university dining hall. It is recommended that you stay with a current member of the “Sound of the South” drumline, but we will also have access to a limited number of on campus dorm rooms. **If you would like to request a dorm room, please email troyband@troy.edu as soon as possible.** Dorm rooms will be on a first come, first serve basis. We will take care of any housing issues during the general meeting before our first rehearsal on the 9th.

If you have any questions about this camp or anything else related to the “Sound of the South” Drumline, please feel free to contact me directly at rclayson@troy.edu or (334) 670-3232. I can’t wait to get to work!

Sincerely,

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2023 “Sound of the South” June Percussion Camp
What to Bring and Tentative Schedule

What to Bring:

- Loose fitting clothes suited for being outside for an extended period of time
- Everything needed to survive a weekend away from home (body wash, shampoo, tooth brush, toothpaste, etc.)
- Air mattress, pillow, and blanket
- Sticks and mallets
- Three ring binder W/ PAGE PROTECTORS
- **Earplugs**

Tentative Schedule:

Friday June 9, 2023

Time	Event	Objectives
1:00 p.m.	General Meeting	Meet / greet, introduce faculty, discuss scholarships / applied lessons
2:00 p.m.	Sectional Rehearsals*	Learn exercises and cadences
5:00 p.m.	Dinner Break	
6:30 p.m.	Sectional Rehearsals*	Continue learning exercises and cadences, add pregame music
9:00 p.m.	Full Ensemble Rehearsal*	Review exercises and cadences, pregame music

*At the end of rehearsals, people will be moved around from drum to drum. This has nothing to do with placements for the 2023 season.

Saturday June 10, 2023

Time	Event	Goals
8:30 a.m.	Sectional Rehearsals	Continue work from Friday- add show music Spots assigned for performance on Sunday at the conclusion of this rehearsal
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	
1:30 p.m.	Sectional Rehearsals	Continue work on exercises, cadences, and show music
5:00 p.m.	Dinner Break	
6:30 p.m.	Sectional Rehearsals	Continue work on exercises, cadences, and show music
9:00 p.m.	Full Ensemble Rehearsal	Recording Session; Run through of performance material

Sunday June 11, 2023

Time	Event	Goals
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:30 p.m.	Full Ensemble Rehearsal	Finishing touches for afternoon performance
Approx. 3:00 p.m.	Performance and Dismissal	