



2021 Membership Packet

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BAND INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:

www.troy.edu/soundofthesouth

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT ORDER FORM:

<https://www.southernperformances.com/troy-university/>

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COVID-19 Latest Update

“Sound of the South” Marching Band

Troy University’s TROY Strong COVID-19 protocols have been replaced by a new set of guidelines emphasizing personal responsibility and care for others. This plan (available at the [Coronavirus Information Center](#)) lifts many mandatory safety requirements, but still urges everyone on campus to protect the health and safety of their fellow Trojans through daily health practices. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the new protocols.

Please know that as we return to campus for face-to-face instruction, YOUR SAFETY REMAINS PARAMOUNT. We believe that we can provide a safe, rewarding, and enjoyable experience for our SOTS Band members, and we are proud to have you in our ranks!

While this document reflects current information, we urge you to continue to check your Troy University email, the band website, and our social media sites for updated information.

Sunbelt Conference COVID-19 Protocols for the 2021-2022 season and the “Sound of the South”:

The Sunbelt Conference (SBC) may require all band students and band personnel to be vaccinated OR in a weekly testing protocol as determined by the SBC in order to have access to the game field this fall.

Band students, faculty, and staff planning to get vaccinated should be fully vaccinated by **August 1**. Anyone still wishing to be vaccinated at that point may receive their vaccination on campus at Troy University (please keep in mind the timeline required to be fully vaccinated).

Band students, faculty, and staff who are not fully vaccinated OR in a prescribed weekly testing protocol may not be allowed to participate in pregame, halftime, or post-game performances.

The SBC is committed to providing greater field access to bands this fall. We will continue to monitor the situation for updates. If you have specific questions about SBC COVID protocols for the fall, please contact Dr. Mark Walker.

Please review all of the information in this packet. We look forward to seeing you all soon! Be safe and BLOW SOTS!





Welcome to the “Sound of the South”,

I would like to welcome you all to our unique collegiate family that is the “Sound of the South” marching band. Our band is known for our powerful sound and thrilling music that fills Veterans Memorial Stadium on game days. To prepare yourself to be a part of the Sound, please take a moment to carefully go over all the material in this packet.

FORMS – Several forms are required to participate in SOTS.

1. **ONLINE ONLY - [Intent to Participate Form](#)** – due August 1
2. **[Talent Release Form](#)**
3. **[Insurance/Medical Form](#)**

**Forms 2 & 3 need to be printed, signed, and physically brought to your Registration.*

**You will also need to bring your COVID-19 Vaccination Card to your Registration.*

**All form links are available on the Facebook page and website.*

ORDERING EQUIPMENT – There is a minimal amount of required equipment for SOTS, and most of it is ordered online. Please visit [Southern Performances](#) to order. More information can be found on the *Southern Performances Information* page of this packet. Orders must be placed by August 5.

BAND CAMP INFORMATION – Camp dates are **August 1-8**. Please refer to the newly revised schedule later in this document for when and where to report. Come prepared! Be physically ready, mentally fired-up, and have all of the equipment that you need. It is important that band camp is the time for the band to focus on *band*, so you must have any administration issues (financial aid, residence hall, registration questions, locker clean out, etc.) resolved prior to camp. If you need help, ask now.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING – Dorm move-in will be the same day you report for Band Camp. For questions, the Housing Office phone number is **334-670-3346**. New members, come to Band Camp Registration **FIRST** and then check-in at your dorm.

REGISTRATION – Registration will be taking place at the John M. Long Hall Band Room. Please enter in the back of the building through the doors on John M. Long Avenue. If possible, bring your printed and filled out documents to Registration.

GAME DAY UNIFORM – We are excited to debut our *new* uniforms this football season! The uniforms are made up of: Official SOTS helmet, jacket, medallion, bibber pants, black gloves, black socks, and Official SOTS black marching shoes. Anything not provided, you are expected to purchase or own to meet the uniform dress code. Visit [Southern Performances](#) for purchasing the required official SOTS



band shoes and helmet. Other uniform dress code requirements include: minimal/natural make up (for non-auxiliary members) and no face piercing (eyebrows, nose, lip, etc.). For more information, please review the Equipment Checklist page of this packet.

The “Sound of the South” marching band has a long and rich history, and we are excited for you to be a part of it! As we start to move forward towards normalcy, we are excited to be playing and cheering on our football team at Veterans Memorial Stadium this fall.

It is important that everyone stays as up-to-date and flexible as possible as we start our season together. Please join and pin the *Sound of the South* Facebook group, as it will be our most updated source of information going forward. Information can also be found on our [website](#), and be sure to follow us on Instagram, Snapchat, and Twitter for highlights and pictures!

Instagram: @official_sots Snapchat: @official_sots

Twitter: @official_SOTS

Let’s have a great season, and I look forward to having our family together again. See you soon – **BLOW SOTS!**



Dr. Mark Walker
Director of Bands
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Band Camp Schedule

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

9:00 – 11:30 AM

Percussion | Auxiliaries | Band Council Registration

Long Hall Band Room (Room 104)

1st Check-In at Long Hall, 2nd Go to Dorm Hall

Lunch on your own

1:00 PM

Meeting – Long Hall Band Room

1:30 – 5:00 PM

Rehearsal – Assigned locations

5:15 – 6:15 PM

Dinner – Dining Hall

6:30 – 10:00 PM

Rehearsal – Assigned locations

MONDAY & TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 & 3, 2021 (Percussion/Auxiliaries)

6:30 – 7:30 AM

Breakfast – Dining Hall

8:00 – 11:45 AM

Rehearsal – Assigned locations

11:30 – 1:00 PM

Lunch – Dining Hall

1:30 – 5:00 PM

Rehearsal – Assigned locations

5:15 – 6:15 PM

Dinner – Dining Hall

6:30 – 10:00 PM

Rehearsal – Assigned locations

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021 — New Members

8:30 – 11:45 AM

New Member Registration | Long Hall Band Room (Room 104)

1st Check-In at Long Hall, 2nd Go to Dorm Hall

Lunch on your own

1:00 PM

Meeting – Long Hall Band Room

1:30 – 5:00 PM

Part Assignments & Section Rehearsal – Assigned Locations

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Marching rehearsal - Band Field

9:00 – 11:00 PM

Music Reading session - Long Hall Band Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021

New members:

6:30 – 7:30 AM

Breakfast – Dining Hall

8:00 – 9:30 AM

Marching rehearsal – Band Field

10:00 – 11:45 AM

Section rehearsal – Assigned Locations

Returning members:

8:30 – 11:30 AM

Returning Member Registration

Long Hall Band Room (Room 104)

All Members:

11:30 – 1:00 PM

Lunch – Dining Hall

1:30 PM

Full Band Meeting – Long Hall Band Room

2:30 – 5:00 PM

Music rehearsal | Auxiliaries in sectionals

Gravel Lot behind Amphitheater

5:15 – 6:15 PM

Dinner – Dining Hall

6:30 – 10:00 PM

Marching rehearsal – Band Field

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 5-7, 2021

6:30 – 7:30 AM

Breakfast – Dining Hall

8:00 – 11:30 AM

Marching rehearsal – Band Field

11:30 – 1:00 PM

Lunch – Dining Hall

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Section rehearsal – Assigned locations

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Music rehearsal | Auxiliaries in sectionals

Gravel Lot behind Amphitheater

5:15 – 6:15 PM

Dinner – Dining Hall

6:30 – 10:00 PM

Marching rehearsal – Band Field



SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021

Morning and lunch schedule are the same as previous days.

1:30 – 3:30 PM	Odyssey Rehearsal Music & Folio Rehearsal Trojan Arena
3:45 – 5:00 PM	Section Rehearsal – Assigned locations
5:15 – 6:15 PM	Dinner – Dining Hall
6:30 – 10:00 PM	Rehearsal – Band Field

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021

11:00 – 1:30 PM	Brunch in Dining Hall No AM Rehearsal
1:30 – 4:30 PM	Odyssey Freshman Convocation Performance Trojan Arena <i>Uniform: Odyssey shirt, Khaki shorts/pants, belt, tennis shoes</i>
3:30 – 5:00 PM	Music rehearsal Auxiliaries in sectionals Gravel Lot behind Amphitheater
5:15 – 6:15 PM	Dinner – Dining Hall
6:30 – 10:00 PM	Marching rehearsal – Band Field

MONDAY-TUESDAY, AUGUST 9-10, 2021

Symphony Band Auditions – Crosby Theater

Monday, August 9, 2021

- 9:00 AM – Horns
- 10:15 AM – Double Reeds
- 12:00 PM – All Clarinets
- 3:00 PM – Flutes / Piccolo

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

- 8:30 AM – All Saxophones
- 11:30 AM – Trumpets
- 2:30 PM – Trombones
- 4:00 PM – Tuba/Euphonium

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021: First day of fall semester

Band Camp Registration Includes:

- Submitting Medical Forms
- Confirming completion of “Intent to Participate” Form
- Instrument Check Out
- Symphony Band Audition Sign-Ups
- Band Council / Music Organization Merchandise (optional)

All forms needed for registration can found on the Sound of the South’s website: www.troy.edu/soundofthesouth. Music for the Symphony Band Auditions is also on the Sound of the South’s website, under the Symphony Band Tab.

Please contact the Band Office at (334) 670-3281 or email troyband@troy.edu for questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you at camp!



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Sectional / Inclement Weather Rehearsal Locations

Piccolo: Smith 154

Clarinet: Smith 149

Saxophone: Smith 155

Trumpet: Long Hall Band Room

Mellophone: Smith 201

Trombone: Smith 160

Baritone: Smith 148

Sousaphone: Sorrell Chapel

Percussion: Crosby Stage

Majorette: Home Side Stadium Bleachers

Dance: Away Side Stadium Bleachers

Color Guard: John Lewis Hall Lobby

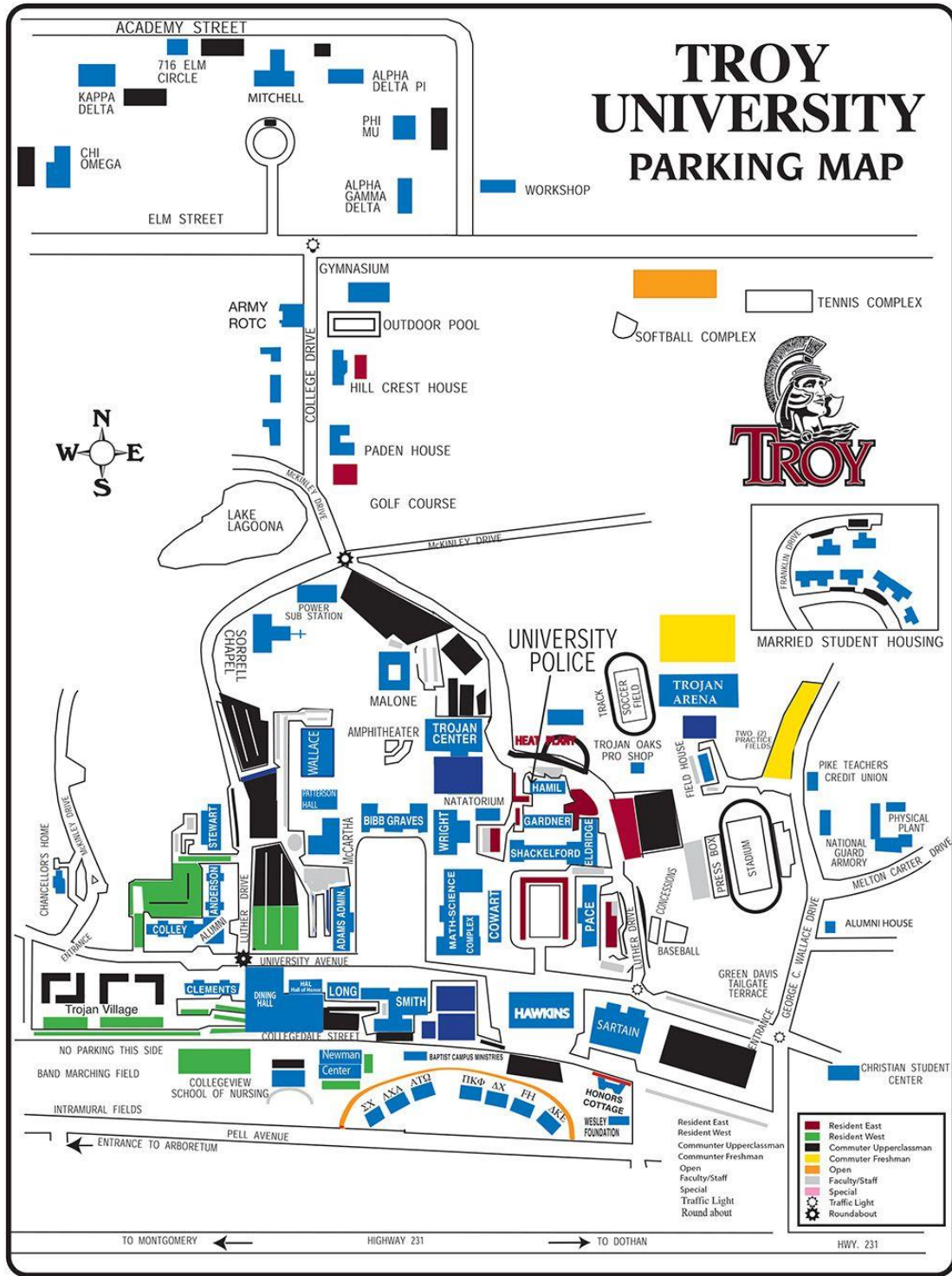
Fall Performance Calendar

All dates/times/locations are subject to change.

Aug. 1-8	<p>“Sound of the South” Band Camp</p> <p>Aug. 1 – Registration: Auxiliary / Percussion / Band Council</p> <p>Aug. 3 – New Members</p> <p>Aug. 4 – Returning Members</p>
Aug. 8	<p>Odyssey Convocation</p> <p>Trojan Arena</p>
Aug. 9-10	<p>Symphony Band Auditions</p> <p>Crosby Theatre</p>
Aug. 11	<p>First Day of Classes</p>
Aug. 19-Nov. 18	<p>Thursday Night Rehearsal</p> <p>Veterans Memorial Stadium</p>
Sept. 4	<p>Football: Home v. Southern University</p>
Sept. 6	<p>Labor Day (<i>no school</i>)</p>
Sept. 11	<p>Football: Home v. Liberty University MILITARY APPRECIATION</p>
Sept. 14	<p>Exhibition: Elmore County Night of Bands (<i>Day Trip</i>)</p>
Sept. 18	<p>Football: Away v. Southern Mississippi (<i>Pep Band – Day Trip</i>)</p>
Sept. 25	<p>Football: Away v. ULM (<i>open weekend</i>)</p>
Oct. 2	<p>Exhibition: SEUS Marching Festival (<i>Veterans Memorial Stadium</i>)</p>
Oct. 3	<p>Symphony Band Concert (<i>tentative – TBD</i>)</p>
Oct. 9	<p>Football: Home v. GA Southern BAND DAY</p>
Oct. 16	<p>Exhibition: Lowndes County Marching Festival (<i>Day Trip</i>)</p>
Oct. 28	<p>Football: Away v. Coastal Carolina (<i>open weekend</i>)</p>
Nov. 6	<p>Football: Home v. USA</p>
Nov. 13	<p>Football: Home v. ULL HOMECOMING</p>
Nov. 14	<p>Symphony Band Concert (<i>tentative – TBD</i>)</p>
Nov. 20	<p>Football: Home v. App State ALUMNI BAND DAY</p>
Nov. 27	<p>Football: Away v. GA State (<i>Pep Trip – Day Trip</i>)</p>
Dec. 1	<p>Dead Day</p>
Dec. 2-4	<p>Middle School SEUS / SB Concert</p>
Dec. 4	<p>Football: Sunbelt Championship (<i>tentative—TBD</i>)</p>
Dec. 7-8	<p>Symphony Band Auditions</p> <p>Crosby Theatre</p>
Dec. 8-Jan. 11	<p>Bowl game obligation (<i>tentative—TBD</i>)</p> <p>(Full Band)</p>



Campus Map



**Hamil, Gardner, and the Natatorium are currently under construction.*

****The new location of the University Police is at the eTroy building, next to CGI. If you need to contact University Police, their number is 334-670-3215.**



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“Sound of the South” Equipment Checklist

Please make sure you have ordered what you need PRIOR to arriving to campus for band camp.

REQUIRED ITEMS THAT CAN BE ORDERED ONLINE	
Visit https://www.southernperformances.com/troy-university/	
And order BEFORE AUGUST 5!	
ITEM	✓
Official SOTS black band shoes (required)	
Official SOTS Trojan Helmet (required)	
Black gloves (required)	
Black socks (required)	
<i>(Note other OPTIONAL items are also available online – including bags, masks, etc.)</i>	
REQUIRED ITEMS THAT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU	
Official SOTS Cardinal T-Shirt (provided)	
Personal Folio with music (provided) [^]	
REQUIRED ITEMS THAT YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE FOR CAMP	
Marching Instrument*	
Mouthpiece+	
Lyre for your instrument	
Instrument-specific needs (reeds, valve oil)	
Lightweight athletic clothing for practices	
Sunscreen	
Sneakers/tennis shoes (<i>NO OPEN-TOED SHOES/CROCS</i>)	
Water jug	
ITEMS THAT YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE FOR FOOTBALL GAMES	
Black gloves (required, long or short)	
Black socks (required, tall socks)	
Bibbers and Jacket (required, assigned during camp)	
Medallion (required, given out at first game)	
Black sunglasses (optional, sold by TBS)	
ITEMS YOU WILL NEED (IF CHOSEN FOR FOOTBALL PEP BAND)	
Black/brown belt (required)	
Khaki shorts (required)	
OTHER PERSONAL ITEMS	

[^] (Folios will be distributed during band camp and returned at the end of the season. Failure to return results in a \$25 replacement cost)

* (Percussion, piccolos, mellophones, baritones, and sousaphones are provided by the university. You will check these out at registration.)

+ (Everyone must provide their own mouthpiece – we have majority large bore marching baritones. Mellophones are recommended to use mellophone mouthpieces over trumpet mouthpieces.)



Southern Performances Information

ORDERING – Go to <https://www.southernperformances.com/troy-university/>

The bulk order will be delivered after the deadline. All new orders – **after August 5** – will need to be shipped to your home address.

CHECK OUT PROCEDURE – Proceed to CHECK OUT and select GUEST or add account. Follow the steps below to check out:

1. Bill To: MUST BE THE CARDHOLDER’S INFORMATION, including the address of the cardholder.
 - a. BILLING: NAME = NAME ON CARD
 - b. ADDRESS: ADDRESS THAT THE BILL FOR THE CARD WILL BE SENT – usually your permanent address
2. Under **COMPANY NAME**, put the student’s name (this will assure that the STUDENT will receive the products at distribution).
3. Select “BILL AND SHIP TO” this address – it will NOT go to this address, even if you pay for shipping.
4. Select SHIPPING METHOD
5. Select UPS ONLINE (this cost will go away later)
6. Hit CONTINUE
7. Under ORDER CONFIRMATION use Coupon Code “**SOTS2021**” for free shipping
 - a. This is found underneath the pricing for items, below the last line. It is in a different spot depending on the device/search engine. You will see it before you check out completely.
8. Hit APPLY – if the coupon code is correct, it will say “The coupon has been applied...”
9. Hit CONTINUE
10. Put in your credit card information
11. Click PAY FOR ORDER

FAQ:

- Can I have the items sent to my home?
All items will be sent in bulk to TROY UNIVERSITY and distributed at a time designated by your director. Late orders (only) will be shipped directly to the “ship to” address and will be charged regular shipping rates. We do not ship to Post Office boxes. If your apartment building accepts packages, be sure to offer a PHYSICAL address.
- When will I receive my order?
Orders will arrive together a few weeks prior to the first band performance, regardless of when the order is placed. The band will announce when the orders will be arriving, or you can check back on the website.
- I did not receive a confirmation of my order, what do I do?
If you do not receive a confirmation of your order, please contact **800-342-2022**.
- When is the last day to order?
Orders must be placed before midnight AUGUST 5.



Band & Section Leader Contact Information

Do you have questions about camp? Your Section Leaders are here to help!

We suggest contacting them before band camp – you can also find most of them on Facebook!

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Kevin Robles, Librarian

Drum Major

De'Shun Iverson
Grant Matos

Piccolo

Madelyn Huston, SL
Shelby Kerns, ASL

Clarinet

Trey Bentley, SL
Mykaila Baker, ASL
Gary Chapman, ASL

Saxophone

Wesley Fleischmann, SL
Sara Thunberg, ASL
Avant Wilkerson, ASL

Trumpet

Ricky Treloar, SL
Ben Meade, ASL
Carson Rivers, ASL
Brandon Cobb, ASL

Mellophone

Kevin Wright, SL
Allen Holmes, ASL

Trombone

Jill Hurst, SL
Hayley Groff, ASL

Baritone

Sam McHenry, SL
Sawyer Gage, ASL

Sousaphone

Robin Nieves, SL
Alyssa Stabler, ASL

Drumline

Colin Cureton
JaCorey Benjamin

Majorettes

Allie Maples
Karsyn Blanchard

Dancers

Amber Thrasher

Colorguard

Deveyn Dunegan
Emily Johnston

President – Kayla Lemak

Vice President – Hayley Groff

Secretary – Allen Holmes

Treasurer – Mykaila Baker

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