

May 16, 2018

Dear Band Directors,

On behalf of The Troy University "Sound of the South," in conjunction with Trojan Athletics, it is my privilege to invite you to **Trojan Band Day 2018**. Band Day will take place on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at Troy University's Veterans Memorial Stadium. For those of you who have attended Band Day in the past, we welcome you to return to Troy University. If you are considering participation for the first time, we welcome you and your students to this great event that will prove to be memorable, and inspiring to all your staff and band students. This year, your band, staff, and chaperones will be our distinguished guests for an exciting competition on the gridiron between our Troy University Trojans and the Rattlesnakes from Florida A&M University. Your band will participate in the Trojan Victory March Parade before kick-off and also participate in a mass-band performance led by the "Sound of the South" on the football field during half-time!

If you are interested in participating, please complete and mail, or fax, the Intent to Participate form on or before Friday, August 31, 2018. You can find this form and other information regarding the Band Day event online at <http://soundofthesouth.org>. *Please note*, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you provide a correct email address that you check regularly.

All information and correspondence, including music, will be sent via email and also posted on our web site. This method of communication should be beneficial to everyone and provide a fast turnaround time for all materials related to your Band Day performance. It is common for last-minute changes to take place, due to a variety of reasons (television, ESPN, the opposing school's needs, etc.).

Game time is not set, at this time; however, this information will be communicated as soon as it becomes available. The morning rehearsal time will be announced, once we have received time for kick-off. Specific details regarding the time of the parade line up, half-time show, and stadium seating will be emailed to you following our receipt of your Intent to Participate form. The morning rehearsal will last approximately 30 minutes. This rehearsal allows us to make any final adjustments that may be necessary due to last-minute changes. The "Trojan Victory March" parade will line-up in front of Smith Hall, 3 ½ hours before kick-off, and step off 2 hours before kick-off. If there is time available between the rehearsal and parade line-up; I encourage you to tour our beautiful campus, and boosters may plan lunch for their bands by organizing picnics, etc. But, please be aware of the schedule of events. You are welcome to set up small tents and tables. Please keep in mind, space is limited; first come, first serve. All band members must wear their band uniforms to be admitted to the game (due to the weather, we encourage you to use a modified uniform – khaki shorts and band t-shirts, etc.). Please limit chaperones to 1 chaperone per 10 band students (this includes runners, bus drivers, and parents). Group tickets prices are available, but they must be purchased before game day through the ticket office, or online with the "Band Day" promotion code. For more information regarding group tickets and prices contact the ticket office at 1-877-878-WINS (9467).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at tblackstock@troy.edu, or Mrs. Amanda Taylor at troyband@troy.edu (334)-670-3281. I look forward to seeing you at **Trojan Band Day 2018!**

Best wishes,

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