

July 24, 2009

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of The Troy University "Sound of the South," in conjunction with Trojan Athletics, it is my privilege to invite you to the **2009 Trojan Band/Spirit Day** that will take place on Saturday, October 31, 2009 at the Movie Gallery Memorial Stadium. For those of you who have attended Band Day in the past, we welcome you to return to Troy University, and 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. This Halloween, your band, staff, and chaperones will be our distinguished guests for an exciting competition on the gridiron between our Troy University Trojans and the Warhawks from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. As part of the pre-game activities, we would like to invite your band to join the "Sound of the South", and numerous other high school bands, in our traditional pre-game parade that will move from Long Hall to Movie Gallery Memorial Stadium. At halftime, we would like to invite your band to participate in a mass-band performance, which will be led by our own "Sound of the South"!

If you are interested in participating, please contact my office no later than Friday, **October 9, 2009** by completing the Intent to Participate form online at (<http://soundofthesouth.org>). Please return this form via mail (postmarked by Oct. 9, 2009) or fax (334-670-5664). *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 through email and posted at our web site, www.soundofthesouth.org. This method of communication should be beneficial to everyone and provide a quicker turnaround time for information. It is common for last-minute changes to take place, due to a variety of reasons (television, ESPN, the opposing school's needs, etc.).

The kick-off time is slated for 6:00 pm; however, the time is subject to change. Specific details regarding the time of the rehearsal will be emailed to you following our receipt of your Intent to Participate form. This rehearsal will last approximately 30 minutes and will allow us to make any final adjustments that may be necessary. You will receive a diagram via email that will outline your position on the field, as well as your placement in the pre-game parade. The "Trojan Victory March" (the pre-game parade) will line-up in front of Long Hall and proceed south on University Boulevard to The Movie Gallery Memorial Stadium. Regarding dress, it is customary for participating bands to wear their uniforms.

Again, specific information will be sent after you have mailed your intent to participate form confirmation. Additional Intent forms will be posted at www.soundofthesouth.org.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at tblackstock@troy.edu or 334-670-3281. I look forward to seeing you at **Trojan Band Day 2009!**

Best wishes,

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