

June 24, 2009

Greetings New and Returning "Sound of the South" Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new members who will join the "Sound of the South" this fall, and also welcome back all returning members. This fall will be packed full of fun and excitement for all "Sound of the South" members. The "Sound" will be traveling to many events this fall season including football games in Gainesville, Florida to take on the defending National Champions, the Florida Gators, and our SunBelt rivals the Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns, in Lafayette, LA, which will also include an overnight stay in New Orleans, LA. Other away football games, to be made by the Football Pep Band, include trips to Bowling Green, OH, Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, AR, and Florida International University in Miami, FL. Enclosed with this letter you will find a 2009 fall travel schedule and a detailed schedule for the summer band camp. **Each of these schedules is subject to change and you should always check [www.soundofthesouth.org](http://www.soundofthesouth.org) web site for any changes on a regular basis.**

In order to keep band fees from increasing this year, Troy University Bands has changed the fee and uniform policy. First, helmets will no longer be issued as part of your band uniform. You are required to purchase your own helmet. New helmet kits will be sold at band camp for \$75 which includes your helmet, brush, and box. We do have used helmets with brush and box that will be sold for \$35 while they last. As in years past, you are also responsible for purchasing both your marching shoes and gloves. The "Sound" marching shoe is the white Dinkles Vanguard band shoe, and the gloves will be standard black cotton wrist gloves. If you have access to the internet and a credit card, [bandgeek.com](http://bandgeek.com) is the best place to purchase these items. If you would like to order the shoes and/or gloves through the US Postal service there is an order form to The Band Shoppe enclosed with this letter. The correct items have already been filled out for you. There is a shipping cost chart on the back of the order form so you can calculate your shipping costs as well. If you already own a pair of marching band shoes and/or gloves, you may bring these to your section leader during band camp to be approved. Your helmet, shoes and gloves **must be approved** by your section leader or a band council member **before** you will be allowed to march with the "Sound of the South".

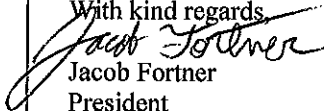
Second, the band uniform fee is \$60. Percussion will have an addition fee of \$50 to cover drum heads, sticks, etc for the entire season. **These fees must be paid by the end of band camp.** Please make checks payable to Troy University Bands. Failure to pay the band fees will result in a hold placed on your university account and you will be unable to travel with the band, register for classes, drop classes, etc.

With the fee schedule stated, every person who marches for the "Sound of the South" marching band will be awarded a \$300.00 band scholarship to be distributed in the 2009-2010 academic year to assist with the expenses involved with marching band. You will receive \$150.00 in Fall 09 and \$150.00 in Spring 2010. However, if you currently receive a band scholarship for \$300.00 or more you will not receive any additional money. You will sign band scholarship contracts during band camp. **Understand that by accepting this award, you are obligating yourself to be at all public performances, including post season bowl appearances.**

Each member of the "Sound of the South" is responsible for keeping his or her uniform, shoes, helmet, gloves and instrument clean and in good working order throughout the year. Uniforms must be dry-cleaned on a regular basis throughout the marching season and before you turn it in at the end of Fall 09 semester. New members will receive their medallions from Chancellor Hawkins at our first home football game, which is against UAB on Saturday, September 19, 2009. Your parents are invited to attend this ceremony in Crosby Theater, approximately four hours prior to kick-off. For members who will use a university owned instrument, you are responsible for supplying your own reeds, mouthpiece, and any maintenance that it may need while the instrument is in your possession. There is no rental fee to use university owned instruments.

As many of you know, we will spend a great deal of time outside in the sun and heat during band camp. You must make sure you take care of **yourself**. Your parent/guardian is not a member of the "South of the South" and will not be here to make sure you sleep, eat properly, or use sun screen, etc. **Tennis shoes (open-toe or open back shoes are not allowed during practice), water bottles, and sun screen are a must**, and you should have these with you at all times. Also, please do not forget your instrument essentials: valve oil, lyre, reeds, etc. I hope everyone has a great summer, and I look forward to seeing each of you at camp. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to e-mail me a [jfortner@troy.edu](mailto:jfortner@troy.edu).

With kind regards,



Jacob Fortner  
President

"Sound of the South"



### Shipping and Handling Chart for Band Shoppe

Order Total	Standard Service School	Standard Service Residential
\$0.00-\$15.00	\$5.95	\$8.95
\$16.00-\$30.00	\$8.95	\$11.95
\$31.00-\$75.00	\$11.95	\$14.95
\$76.00-\$100.00	\$16.95	\$18.95
\$101.00-\$150.00	\$18.95	\$20.95
\$151.00-\$200.00	\$20.95	\$23.95
\$201.00-\$300.00	\$24.95	\$27.95
\$301.00-\$400.00	\$29.95	\$32.95
\$401.00-\$500.00	\$35.95	\$38.95

2009 "Sound of the South" Marching Band Band Camp Schedule (updated: 2/22/09)

**Friday, July 31, 2009**

9:00-11:30 a.m. **Percussion and Auxiliaries Room Check-in and registration**  
(Housing Office and Band Office) - Lunch on your own  
1:00 p.m. Meeting - Long Hall  
1:30-4:45 p.m. Rehearsal - Assigned locations  
5:00-6:00 p.m. Supper - Dining Hall  
6:30-10:00 p.m. Rehearsal - Assigned locations

**Saturday-Monday, August 1-3, 2009 (Percussion/Auxiliaries)**

6:30-7:30 a.m. Breakfast - Dining Hall  
8:00-11:45 a.m. Rehearsal - Assigned locations  
12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch - Dining Hall  
1:30-5:00 p.m. Rehearsal - Assigned locations  
5:00-6:00 p.m. Supper - Dining Hall  
6:30-10:00 p.m. Rehearsal - Assigned locations

**Sunday, 7:00 p.m. Band Council Meeting (HAL Hall)**

**Monday, August 3, 2009 (new members)**

8:30-11:45 a.m. **Room Check-in and registration**  
(Housing Office and Band Office) - Lunch on your own  
1:00 p.m. Meeting - Long Hall  
1:30-5:00 p.m. Part auditions/assignments/section rehearsal  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Marching rehearsal - Band Field  
9:00-11:00 p.m. Music Reading session

**Tuesday, August 4, 2009**

**new members:**

6:30-7:30 a.m. Breakfast - Dining Hall  
8:00-9:30 a.m. Marching rehearsal - Band Field  
10:00-11:50 a.m. Section rehearsal

**returning members:**

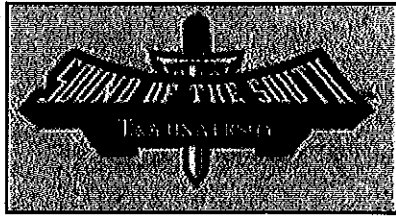
8:30-11:30 a.m. **Room Check-in and registration**  
**everyone:**  
12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch - Dining Hall  
1:30 p.m. Full Band Meeting - Long Hall  
2:30-4:45 p.m. Music rehearsal @ Chapel/Aux. in sectionals  
5:00-6:00 p.m. Supper - Dining Hall  
6:30-10:00 p.m. Marching rehearsal - Band Field

**Wednesday, August 5, 2009 through Monday, August 10, 2009**

6:30-7:30 a.m. Breakfast - Dining Hall  
8:00-11:30 a.m. Marching rehearsal - Band Field  
12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch - Dining Hall  
1:30-3:00 p.m. Section rehearsal - Assigned locations  
3:30-5:00 p.m. Music rehearsal @ Chapel/Aux. in sectionals  
5:00-6:00 p.m. Supper - Dining Hall  
6:30-10:00 p.m. Marching rehearsal - Band Field

**Wednesday, August 12, 2009:** First day of fall semester

\*Completed registration includes payment of band fees and equipment responsibilities.



**2009 "SOUND OF THE SOUTH" TRAVEL (Full band and FB pep band)**

Sept. 03	Bowling Green St.	Bowling Green, OH	FB Pep Band/Cheerleaders
Sept. 12	Florida	Gainesville, FL	Full Band/Cheerleaders
<b>Sept. 19</b>	<b>UAB</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>Full Band</b>
Sept. 26	Arkansas State	Jonesboro, AK	FB Pep Band/Cheerleaders
Oct. 03	SEUS Festival	HOME	Full Band
<b>Oct. 06 (Tues)</b>	<b>MTSU</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>Full Band</b>
Oct. 10	Dothan Contest	Dothan, AL	Full Band
Oct. 17	FIU	Miami, FL	FB Pep Band/Cheerleaders
<b>Oct. 24</b>	<b>North Texas</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>Full Band/HOMECOMING</b>
<b>Oct. 31</b>	<b>La-Monroe</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>Full Band/BAND DAY</b>
Nov. 07	Western Kentucky	Bowling Green, KY	FB Pep Band/Cheerleaders
Nov. 14	Arkansas	Fayetteville, AK	(TBA-FB Pep Band/Cheerleaders)
<b>Nov. 21</b>	<b>FAU</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>Full Band/V-DAY SALUTE</b>
Nov. 28	La-Lafayette	Lafayette, LA	Full Band/Cheerleaders

**NOTES:**

The University of Arkansas trip to Fayetteville, AK is pending at this time.

