

Dear 2023 Bearkat Marching Band (BMB) Experience Participants:

This even is for current high school or college students that are interested in participating in the Bearkat Marching Band in the future.

We are so excited that you will be joining us!

9:45 am - Meet in the Lobby of the Gaertner Performing Arts Center. The best parking for this is in the Sam Houston Parking Garage on Avenue I. At this time, you will pick up any extra family tickets, meet the band directors, meet your BMB guide for the day, grab a light brunch, and pick up some SHSU swag. Once you are paired up with your guide, you will follow them through their game-day prep.

10:55 am - The band will line up outside the school of music, (next door to the Gaertner Performing Arts Building) and get ready to march over to the stadium. Our guests will stay with their guides and march along with them. This is a laid-back parade-style endeavor. Family: feel free to follow along and take pictures! Once we get to the stadium lot, we will all perform in a short "Pep-Rally." After that, you will follow your guides and perform in three large groups for tailgaters.

11:40 am – Watch the BMB perform for Pre-Game.

Noon - Kick-off! You will rejoin your guide and perform alongside them in the stands as we cheer the Bearkats to victory!

Halftime - Did you know the Bearkat Marching Band performs a new show every week? You'll watch as the BMB performs the halftime show.

3rd and 4th Quarters - Grab your snacks and Gatorade and finish out the game with your guide!

About 4 pm - Once the game is over, you may leave with your family from the stands or walk back over to the school of music and meet them in the School of Music Atrium (1751 Avenue I - right next to the Gaertner Performing Arts Center and across the street from the Sam Houston Parking Garage).

If you are driving yourself, walk back with us over to the School of Music to get to your car in the Sam Houston Parking Garage. We ask that you "check-out" with Professor McBryde, Dr. Gibbs, or our Graduate Assistants, Tyler Claycomb, Jose Funes, and Brenden Dolehanty

Notes:

*Wear comfortable clothes and shoes (anything orange, gray, or black is a plus). We will have BMB caps for you. You may also wear sunglasses, sweatshirts, or jackets

*Feel free to bring water with you. We also provide water, Gatorade, and snacks.

*Bring your instrument so that you can play along.

*We will provide all music. If you have a lyre that attaches to your instrument, bring it. Many of our students memorize the music, so we do not always have lyres on hand. . . and we know you are sightreading - just have fun!

*We will have Chick-Fil-A boxed BREAKFASTS (chicken minis, fruit, hashbrowns, milk or juice) and snacks for you. If you have specific dietary needs, email dxm121@shsu.edu

*Parents, if you find that you have extra time, check out our favorite restaurants and shops:

<https://farmhousecafetexas.com/>

<http://fiveloavesdeli.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/sipsycoffeehouse/>

*Discounted parent and family tickets (\$5) can be purchased through the same link that you registered the students. These general admission tickets enable you to sit next to the band on the visitor side.

If parents prefer upgraded seats, reserve them here:

<https://gobearkats.com/sports/2021/6/22/football-ticket-landing-page.aspx>

Questions?

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