

Auburn University Alumni Band Participants,

On behalf of the entire Auburn Band staff we are looking forward to having you on campus this weekend for Homecoming and our Annual Alumni Band. The event is just three days away, so I hope you are excited about taking the field again. I am writing to offer a few reminders before Saturday.

Schedule

Please follow the schedule closely. Alumni majorettes, flags, and dancers should report to the band field between 6:15 and 6:45 a.m. to check in. You will have a separate rehearsal from 6:45 to 7:30. Our staff will lead you to the rehearsal location from the Band Practice Field. Woodwind, Brass, and Percussionists should report to the Band Practice Field between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. For those that did not attend last year, we have a new band practice field which is marked on the attached map. It is important that everyone checks in at the tables at the band field so that we have accurate records of participants. Immediately following the check-in, we will have a short presentation about the new Auburn Band Facility. We will have a hearty breakfast from one of our great local restaurants, Pannie Georges, as well as guest speakers and an audio visual presentation. You don't want to miss it!!!

After practice, Alumni Band members will meet again at 10:15 on Heisman Drive between the Coliseum and the New Auburn Arena. This report location is marked on the attached map.

Parking

Parking is, perhaps, the greatest challenge we face with this event each year, and we sincerely apologize that it is not more convenient. It is very important that you only park in the lots that are designated on the attached alumni band map or in general public parking for the game. If you park in the lot immediately next to the band field, it is very likely that you will be blocked in and not able to move your car until hours after the game. That is the only lot available to the members of the AUMB, and they double park in order to fit all of the cars. The best place to park for access to the Band Field, is the Facilities Lot located across Samford Drive from the field. Those with limited mobility can be dropped off on Linden Drive that runs parallel to the field, but cars must be moved to an appropriate parking area after dropping off. For parking closer to the stadium, participants can park in the Comer Lot or Library Parking Deck (both indicated on the attached map).

Personal Belongings

Please try to leave personal belongings (including instrument cases) in the car. For rehearsal and the game, you will only need your instrument and music. Thanks for your cooperation with this; we simply do not have a place to store personal materials at the band field.

Music

Though we will have some extra music parts at check in, we prefer that you print the music from the website and bring it with you in a flip folder. WITH REGARDS TO THE MUSIC, WE HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE ONE CUT IN *YOU'VE MADE ME SO VERY HAPPY* FROM THE ORIGINAL VERSION POSTED ONLINE. PLEASE GO AHEAD AND MARK THE CUT IN YOUR MUSIC BEFORE REPORTING TO THE EVENT. WE WILL SKIP FROM THE END OF MEASURE 18 TO THE BEGINNING OF MEASURE 35. BASED ON THE RECORDINGS WE HAVE, THIS IS HOW THE TUNE WAS ORIGINALLY PERFORMED IN 1969. THERE IS ONE OTHER CORRECTION IN THAT TUNE: IN THE FIRST TRUMPET PART, THE NOTE ON BEAT 1 OF MEASURES 5 AND 7 SHOULD NOT BE PLAYED.

Once again, we greatly look forward to having you back on campus this week. Please call our band office (334-844-4166) if you have questions about the event. Once again, we look forward to seeing you on Saturday.