Congratulations! You have been selected to participate in the Eighteenth Annual Auburn University Marching Honor Band, sponsored by the Auburn University Bands and the Auburn Athletic Department. The football game will be Saturday, November 18, Auburn vs. New Mexico State. This is an exciting opportunity for you to perform with the award-winning Auburn University Marching Band in one of the most energetic stadiums in the country.

Registration:

All participants must complete a waiver form signed by a parent or guardian, and pay a \$50 registration fee. Here are the links for each:

Waiver

Participation Fee

If you would prefer to pay by check or money order, please make it out to Auburn University Bands and mail to:

Auburn University Marching Honor Band 132 Goodwin Music Building Auburn University, AL 36849-5421

The waiver and fee must be received by Friday, November 3, 2023. If your waiver and participation fee are not received by the deadline, your name will be removed as a participant, and a substitute will be put in your place. The registration fee is non-refundable.

If you need to cancel, please let us know asap by emailing auhb@auburn.edu.

Music:

Part placements are assigned by the Auburn Band staff and will be posted online. Music and routines will be posted on the Marching Honor Band page for participants to practice. Select the instrument and part to which you have been assigned and print the pdf file. Though students are not required to memorize music, they should be comfortable with all notes and rhythms when they report to the event. We will notify you when the music is available for download.

Check-in:

Check-in will be held at the Auburn University Marching Band Practice Facility:

312 Beech Street, Auburn, AL 36849

We will not have a schedule for the day until the kickoff time has been announced. Depending on game time, check-in will be anytime from 6:00am – 10:00am.

What you receive:

Upon check in, you will receive an AU Honor Band T-shirt (to be worn at the performance) and a commemorative medal. A box meal will be provided after rehearsal.

What to bring:

- Instrument (no instruments will be provided), baton, or flagpole Instrument changes (i.e. from alto to bari sax) will not be allowed.
- Printed music
- Lyre and flip folder
- Accessories (neck strap, reeds, etc)

All personal items should be clearly labeled with your *name*, *school*, *home address*, *and telephone number*. Auburn University is not liable for any loss, theft, or damage to participants' personal belongings.

Please refrain from bringing backpacks or purses into the stadium unless absolutely necessary. Any items you bring will be left in the stands during the halftime performance.

Card for concessions in stadium (optional)

Jordan Hare Stadium is cashless. If you would like to purchase concessions during the game, you will need to bring a credit or debit card.

Uniform (Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion):

The uniform for the game will include navy shorts or pants (dark jeans are fine), neutral-colored tennis shoes, and white socks. Shorts with neutral-colored trim are fine. An AU Honor Band T-shirt will be provided and must be tucked in for the halftime performance.

The weather might be chilly for this late November game. Marching Honor Band members may choose to wear a long-sleeved white shirt under their uniform T-shirt. Jackets are fine in the stadium, but will need to be removed for the halftime performance. If the forecast calls for rain, participants must provide their own rain gear.

Auxiliary members will find their uniform details in the separate Auxiliary Letter (posted on our website).

Ticket Information:

Student participants in the Marching Honor Band <u>do not</u> need tickets and will sit in a block section designated for the group (sections 35 and 36). Parents, other family members, friends, and/or chaperones will need tickets in order to attend the game.

Tickets may be purchased at seatgeek.com. There are many tickets still available at reasonable prices.

SeatGeek

AU partners with SeatGeek, and tickets purchased from elsewhere (except for the AU Ticket Office) are not guaranteed.

Hotels:

Each participant is responsible for any hotel or travel expenses incurred as part of the event. Local hotels can be found in Auburn, Opelika, Montgomery, Valley, Lanett, Alexander City and LaGrange, GA.

Maps and Parking:

Parking maps and instructions have been posted on our website. PLEASE NOTE, THE WALK TO THE BAND FIELD AND ESPECIALLY THE STADIUM FROM THE DESIGNATED PARKING AREA IS LONG. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY. If you need disability parking, please visit the Auburn Tigers Gameday website.

Drop Off and Pick Up:

Participants should be dropped off at the Auburn University Band Practice Field (312 Beech St) prior to check-in and rehearsal on Saturday morning. They may be dropped off in the car line, or they may park and walk. **Instrument cases should be left in the car – Do not bring cases to the band field.**

Following rehearsal, students are free to spend time with their families/chaperones until it is time to march into the stadium. AU Band staff will not be supervising students between the rehearsal and game time.

There are several options for pickup following the halftime performance:

- 1. Parents/chaperones who are on campus or attending the game and leaving after halftime should meet students for pickup outside of Gate 0 (northeast side of stadium) at the beginning of the 3rd quarter. Please note that after leaving the stadium, you will not be able to re-enter.
- 2. Participants may remain in the Marching Honor Band seats, and wait for parents/chaperones to meet them during or after the game. There will be no staff escorts to the band field after the

game, so we recommend that only those students with parents/chaperones in the stadium stay after halftime.

3. Participants with cars at the band field will be escorted by our staff back to the band practice field following the halftime performance. Parents picking up students in cars should report to the band practice complex for pick-up at this time.

Please make your plan for exiting the game with your parent or chaperone before you arrive. It is very important that both the participant and the chaperone/parent are clear on when and where they will meet following the event. Make a plan ahead of time, and do not rely on your phone.

Medical information:

Parents/guardians will be informed of any emergency medical situation that occurs and will be responsible for all medical expenses incurred. Students with special medical needs or problems should provide the Auburn University Band Staff with a detailed written account. Auburn University is not liable in the event of an accident or personal injury.

Rules and Regulations:

Use of tobacco, alcohol, or "controlled substances" by students while attending the Auburn University Marching Honor Band is prohibited. Prompt attendance at all events is required and proper behavior is expected at all times. Parents of students in violation of any policy will be notified and the student may be expelled from the event without refund.

REMEMBER: Your waiver and payment are due no later than **November 3, 2023.**

Check the website regularly for more updates (<u>band.auburn.edu</u>), and please be sure to check your email in the coming weeks, as we will be sending reminders. Any questions should be emailed to <u>auhb@auburn.edu</u>.

Congratulations and WAR EAGLE!

Dr. Corey Spurlin
Director, Auburn University Marching Band