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Dear Band Member:

Congratulations and Welcome to the 2018-19 edition of “the most exciting band on the planet” ...the world famous ‘OCEAN OF SOUL’ MARCHING BAND” of Texas Southern University. You have made an excellent decision in being apart of one of the best bands there is. I hope you are ready to experience one of the most exciting and rewarding ventures of your college career.

Band Camp will officially begin on Saturday August 4th 2018 for all new members (freshmen, transfers and 1st year members). Returning band members will report to band camp on Saturday August 11th 2018. All **new** and **returning** band members are required to register for band camp online on our website at www.tsuoceanofsoul.com. Be sure to read the information carefully as it contains important information for both **new** and **returning** students. In addition, there are some very import documents on the band website that you must **PRINT** and bring with you “completed” to band camp when you arrive. **All band students must bring photo identification (driver’s license, passport, etc.) to the first day of camp.** First year band members should also be prepared to download music via PDF files from our website to be memorized. We work in conjunction with a number of departments (Housing, Financial Aid, Food Services, etc.) to make our program efficient and well organized, so please submit all documents **before** the advertised due date(s). **Late submissions of documents will cause you some administrative difficulties and in some cases, jeopardize your band scholarship and may cause additional expenses to attend the university. Please be sure to get your physical examination early and use the document(s) we have provided. You will not be able to rehearse or perform without your physician’s approval signature on the required form.**

We have an exciting performance schedule this season, so come prepared to work Have a safe and productive summer and I look forward to seeing you at band camp. “Let’s Go Get Em”!!!!

Musically,

Mr. Clarence K. Gibson
Director of Bands
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Band Camp Instructions

On Saturday August 4th 2018, **all freshmen, transfer and 1st year band students** must report to the band room (in the Rollins-Stewart Music Building) for a general briefing @ 6pm. Returning band students (old heads) will report to the band room on Saturday August 11th 2018. **Please come dressed in the proper practice attire ready to rehearse that evening.**

All band members must be enrolled in the University Band Class (MUSI UB – University Band) in order to participate in the band as well as TRAVEL with the band (insurance purposes). Failure to sign up for the class will lead to dismissal from band program and your band scholarship being revoked. All new band students who are ready to register for classes should contact Mrs. Linda Coach-Riley, band advisor and liaison at 713-313-7336.

On Saturday August 4th, all freshmen band students with university housing assignments will check into Housing (University Towers) between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm. **No band member will be permitted to move in before this date and time.** Please adjust your travel schedule to check in at this time. **ALL BAND MEMBERS WHO WILL BE LIVING IN UNIVERSITY HOUSING MUST HAVE ALREADY HAVE A HOUSING ASSIGNMENT BEFORE YOU ARRIVE ON CAMPUS.** This means you must put in a housing application and pay the housing deposit and application fees in order to get a housing/room assignment. **All freshman and new band members that are residing on campus will be housed in either in the New Dormitory or University Courtyard. You can go to our website, click on the prospective band member tab and scroll down to “TSU Housing” in order to put in an application and pay your deposit. You may also call the Residential Life and Housing Office at 713-313-7206. If you are staying off campus for the semester, you will report at 6:00pm for the general band meeting at the band hall.**

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Please go online and register for band camp ***immediately.*** **We must receive your online registration form by July 10th, 2018 so that we may prepare for your arrival.** The University Band will provide lunch and dinner. **Those students for whom we have not received an Online Band Camp Registration by July 10th, 2018 will experience difficulties with room and board.** Please contact Mrs. Linda Coach Riley, Band Advisor/Liaison at 713-313-7336, if you need additional information concerning band camp.

All freshmen who have a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average, graduating in the top 10% of your class or have a minimum of one thousand three hundred fifty (1150) **SAT** or twenty-three (23) **ACT** scores should contact Mrs. Linda Coach-Riley **(713) 313-7458**. You may be eligible for a substantial academic scholarship.

Check out the band performance schedule. This year is going to be a good one! Enjoy the rest of your summer and come prepared to have a lot of fun.



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“OCEAN OF SOUL” BAND CAMP NEEDS (August 4th 2018)

- 1. Medical Forms** - you must have the required completed medical form (**signed by your doctor**) **BEFORE** you will be allowed to attend any rehearsals or perform with the band.
- 2. Band Fees (All Instrumentalist)** – All band members must have their band fees/payment ready on or before the first day of camp. Payments can only be made by check or money order to TSU band. **Band fees are \$250.00 (does not include instrumental rental fee). Band fees cover 2 Band Warm-Up Suit, 3 Band Performance T-Shirts, Band Performance Hat, Band Plume(s), Band Spats and additional performance needs that occur throughout the season.**
- 3. Woodwinds Instrumentalist** – The university will provide clarinets, piccolos, alto and tenor saxophones for a rental fee of \$100.00 per school year. Students are permitted to bring/play personal instrument in lieu of renting an instrument. In addition, all saxophone and clarinet players are required to have your own supply of reeds and cork grease. **We do not sell reeds, cork grease and mouthpieces on campus.** In addition, **all saxophones players must bring and use their own personal “NECK STRAP”.**
- 4. Brass Instrumentalist** – The University will provide sousaphones, marching euphoniums, marching mellophones, marching trumpets and marching tenor trombones to all brass members for a cost of \$100.00 for the school year. **Brass players are permitted to use and perform on your own personal instrument if it’s “Silver”** and in “GREAT” playing and physical condition in lieu of renting an instrument. All brass players should have your own personal mouthpiece. Baritone Players will need a “large shank” mouthpiece to fit a King Marching Euphonium.
- 5. Tuba/Sousaphone players** – **You** must have your own personal set of Conn Sousaphone Neck and Tuning Bits. In addition, you must have your own personal mouthpiece (your choice). Conn Sousaphone Neck and Tuning Bits can be purchased thru TSU bands at an additional cost of \$200.00. You can also go online and order your own online at Woodwinds and Brass winds at www.wbw.com.



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6. **Personal Instruments** – Personal Instruments are permissible. **All personal brass instruments must be “SILVER”**. In addition, the physical appearance of all instruments must be remarkable (i.e. shining, no dents, no rust or faded spots that can make the instrument stick out from the rest). If so, you will need to rent an instrument from the band department. The band director will have the last word in determining if your personal instrument is acceptable
7. **Band Lockers** – All Band Members will be assigned a band locker for instrument storage. Please bring/purchase a “combination lock”. **You will need a lock on the first day of practice to store your instrument. No student will be**
8. **Auxiliary Units (Flags, Majorettes, and Twirlers)** A detail price list for all required items will be emailed to participating squad members. Members of these squads may also elect to purchase an additional uniform(s) for special performances. For more information, please contact, Mrs. Linda Coach-Riley Band Auxiliary Coordinator @ office number (713) 313-7458, Cell # 713-858-6105.
9. **Percussion** – **All Percussionist will be required to try-out for a spot on the percussion line. Your band fees must be paid in order to try-out for the section.** Please remember that while you may try out on a particular instrument, **the percussion instructor may assign you to any instrument.** Below is a list of equipment purchased through the drum line. You may buy extra items on your own but they must be the specified equipment.

If you have any further questions, please contact Prof. Darryl Singleton, percussion coordinator, at singletondm@tsu.edu.



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Item Checklist

(you need to have these items when you arrive!)

This list does NOT include shoes/boots needed by dancer/color guard/twirler squads:

| ITEM | WHO NEEDS IT | COMMENTS |
|--|----------------------------------|--|
| White T-Shirt | All 1 st Year Members | Solid white, no logo or trim, crew neck, pack of 5 suggested |
| Maroon Band T-Shirt | All Returning Band Members | |
| Black Shorts | All Members | Solid black, no stripe or trim, 1" white logo ok |
| White Athletic Shoes | All Members | Solid white, no trim. Some all-white models are: Nike – Air Force 1, Air Max 90, Jordan AJ 1; Adidas Original – Samoa (models listed available at eastbay.com) |
| White Socks | All Members | Solid white, not trim, no stripes, no logo (6-12 pair suggested) |
| Hat with a brim or visor | All Members | Baseball hat, "safari" hat or anything that will protect from the sun. |
| Backpack | All Members | Should be sturdy. No "drawstring" bags/packs. You will need to carry at least 2 liters of water in your pack. |
| Blue Jeans | All Members | Should be blue, no holes, no rips, no paint, no ink, NO SAGGING. |
| Black Combat Boots | All Instrumentalists | ***Combat boots ONLY for instrumentalists*** |
| Black Dress Or Black Skirt/Pants And Black Blouse | All Female instrumentalists | No cleavage, shoulders, or knees should be exposed when seated |
| Black Long Sleeve Dress Shirt | All Male instrumentalists | |
| Black Dress Suit (Jacket And Pants) | All Male instrumentalists | |
| White Dress Shirt | All Male instrumentalists | |
| Long Black Neck Tie | All Male instrumentalists | |
| Black Bow Tie | All Male instrumentalists | |
| Khaki Cargo Shorts | All Percussion Section | |

*****The Head Band Director has FINAL SAY on all apparel and decides if it is in compliance*****



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Boots for Band



These are "Jungle Boots. This is the type of boot you should get for band! They are available on Amazon and also at some sports and surplus stores.

YES!



These are "Tactical Boots. You should NOT buy boots like this. Spats will not fit and will tear up. The biggest difference is the padding that these boots have.

NO!



NO!



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Additional Percussion Needs

| WHO NEEDS IT (REMEMBER, THIS IS PENDING FINAL INSTRUMENT ASSIGNMENT!) | ITEM | ESTIMATED PRICE |
|--|--|----------------------------|
| SNARE DRUM | Snare Drum Strap | \$30.00 |
| | Pro-Mark DC50 Sticks | \$8.50 |
| | Pearl MH-50 Level Bar | \$20.00 |
| | Pearl LR-60 Leg Rest | \$50.00 |
| QUINTS (CHEST) TENOR DRUM | Pro-Mark ATH-1 mallets | \$25.00 |
| | Ludwig Bass Sling 350B (Black) | \$30.00 |
| BASS DRUM | Ludwig L2333 Tenor Drum Mallets | \$45.00 |
| | Ludwig Bass Sling 350B (Black) | \$30.00 |
| | American Drum BJ3 Large Black Jack Mallets | \$56.00 |
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Tentative Performance Calendar 2018

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| 8/24 & 25 | Steel City Battle of the Bands | Battle of the Bands | Gary, Indiana |
| 9/1 | UT-Permian Basin | Football Game(H) | Houston, TX |
| 9/8 | Texas State | Football Game | San Marcos, TX |
| 9/15 | Alcorn State | Football Game | Lorman, MS |
| 9/22 | Univ. of Houston | Football Game(H) | Houston, TX @ UH |
| 9/29 | Dallas Texas | Battle of the Bands | Lancaster, TX |
| 10/6 | Alabama A&M | Football Game(H) | Houston, TX |
| 10/13 | Grambling State | Football Game(H) | Houston, TX |
| 10/20 | Southern | Football Game | Dallas, Texas |
| 10/27 | Mississippi Valley | Football Game(H) (Homecoming) | Houston, TX |
| 11/3 | Alabama State | Football Game | Montgomery, AL |
| 11/17 | University of Arkansas @ PB | Football Game(H) | Houston, TX |
| 11/24 | Prairie View A&M | Football Game | Prairie View, Texas |
| 12/15 | Commencement | Graduation | Houston, Texas |