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# Grizzly Marching Band

# 2022 HANDBOOK

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# 2022 GMB Leadership Staff

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## Drum Majors

Ben DeBar  
Paige Kerwin

## Piccolo Section Leaders

Emily Fink  
Bethany Rippeon

## Clarinet Section Leaders

Justin Nygard  
Calby VanHollebeke

## Alto Sax Section Leaders

Logan Sanders  
Ashley Warren

## Tenor Sax Section Leader

Adrianna Medina

## Trumpet Section Leaders

Jaden DeRosa  
Alec Shingleton

## Horn Section Leader

Zain Bravo

## Low Brass Section Leader

Sean Stineford  
Anthony Agee

## Sousaphone Section Leader

Jaden Tooke

## Drumline Coordinator

Sam Purvis

## Personnel Manager

BreeAnna Polk  
Blake Mikkola

## Uniform Managers

Jazz Weirsma  
Josie Libby

## Equipment Managers

Clara Hahn  
Daniel Thackeray

## Librarian

Ari Joskow  
Alex Vincent

## Historian

Edy Martin

## Social Media Managers

Lea Miller

## Graduate Assistant

David Stewart  
Skyler Mendell

## Directors

Dr. Kevin Griggs  
Sam McKenzie

# GMB JOB DESCRIPTIONS

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*The UM Grizzly Marching Band is a student-centered organization representing the best in music, school spirit and professionalism. Each year a talented staff of students is selected to assist with the daily and seasonal operations of the band program. Please review the following descriptions for details regarding each leadership position. Use these descriptions to determine which staff member can help with specific situations that may arise.*

**DRUM MAJOR:** The drum major(s) will serve as the student conductor of the *Grizzly* Marching Band. He/She will be responsible for working with the band staff and student leaders, as well as the directors to assist with all aspects of the band's operations. He/She will assist in the teaching of marching and music fundamentals during band camp and during the season as well as helping individuals in the band who are having problems throughout the course of the season. The individual(s) in this position will act as an ambassador for the band, the Department of Music and the University community. He/She is expected to participate in ALL aspects of the band's administration, contributing to recruiting of new members and assisting the directors in promoting the organization at summer orientations and year-round.

**DRUMLINE COORDINATOR:** The Drumline Coordinator will be responsible for ALL aspects for their section. They are not only responsible for music preparation and guidance, but also assisting the director(s) and drum major(s) in the teaching of marching fundamentals which are unique to the drumline. The coordinator will be responsible for managing the daily operations of their individual section as well as organizing sectionals to rehearse and memorize season music. In addition to music and marching instruction, he/she will make sure all music and folios are accounted for, check uniforms before performances, take attendance at each rehearsal/performance and communicate with his/her section during performances/in the stands. Opportunities might exist for the writing of drum parts or grooves.

**SECTION LEADER:** Each section will have at least one student leader who will be responsible for ALL aspects of their section. They are not only responsible for music preparation and guidance, but also assisting the director(s) and drum major(s) in the teaching of marching fundamentals. The section leader(s) will be responsible for managing the daily operations of their individual section as well as organizing sectionals to rehearse and memorize season music. In addition to music and marching instruction, he/she will make sure all music and folios are accounted for, check uniforms before performances, take attendance at each rehearsal/performance and communicate with his/her section during performances/in the stands.

**PERSONNEL MANAGER:** The Personnel Manager is a member of the GMB staff responsible for registration at camp, database/membership, the weekly GMB newsletter, and general organization and decoration for the band banquet. This individual should have working knowledge of spreadsheet and publishing programs like Excel, Word, and Publisher. The GMB member in this position will also be in charge of setup, management, and followup of the registration area of band camp and planning and organization of the annual Band Banquet.

**HISTORIAN:** The *Grizzly* Marching Band historian will work with the personnel manager and webmaster by providing pictures for the website and working primarily on the band banquet slide show. The historian will also take pictures of the band during band camp, rehearsals, and/or performances, or make arrangements for someone else to do so. In addition to the photo responsibilities, the historian will also take the minutes of leadership meetings. This position also assists with the annual awards and other recognition, and any other items of public relations that may arise during the season.

**EQUIPMENT MANAGERS:** This position will assist with ALL logistical operations of the *Grizzly* Marching Band. In addition to pre-season preparation, he/she will be responsible for preparing daily rehearsals by setting up podiums, sound systems, yard line markers, etc., lining and maintaining the practice field on a regular basis, assisting the director(s) and graduate assistant(s) with the planning and logistics of game days and performances, providing water for breaks and maintaining other daily operations of the GMB.

**UNIFORM MANAGERS:** The Uniform Manager will primarily be responsible for maintaining the inventory of ALL GMB uniforms. He/She will assist the director(s) with the pre-season ordering of gloves and shoes; organize uniform distribution/return; coordinate any alterations necessary of pants and/or jackets before the first performance; be responsible for glove and plume distribution. In addition to inventory, he/she will be responsible for all uniform issues during game days and performances. An assistant uniform manager will also be chosen to help with organization, maintenance and checkout of uniforms. The assistant position is intended to train someone to take on the role of uniform manager in future seasons.

**LIBRARIANS:** The librarian will be responsible for maintaining the marching band library and all aspects of the GMB that involve music or folios. The primary responsibility of this position will be to prepare the season music and organize/inventory the music folios before band camp begins. In addition to pre-season work, the librarian will distribute and inventory all folios during camp and collect them at the end of the season. During the season, it will be the librarian's main priority to keep current with any copying of music requested by the director(s) or band members. In addition to marching band music issues, the librarian is also expected to assist with the preparation of pep band repertoire and folders during the season.

**SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER:** This staff position is responsible for updates and content on our Facebook, Instagram and/or Snapchat accounts. They will work closely with the Historian to ensure that current pictures are available and that our performances and events are represented. This individual will also monitor the GMB portion of the UM School of Music website to see that displayed information is current and accurate. Needed changes should be reported to the director to be updated. The content in our social media presence should be appealing to a broad range of viewers but have a particular emphasis on attracting and recruiting new students to the GMB and to the University.

# GMB IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Mailing Address

Grizzly Marching Band  
School of Music  
32 Campus Drive  
Missoula, MT 59812

## Music Office Phone

(406) 243-6880

## Band Website

[Grizzly Marching Band](#)

## GMB Office

Music Building - Room 3

## Band Email

[grizzlymarchingband@gmail.com](mailto:grizzlymarchingband@gmail.com)

## GMB Office Phone

(406) 370-8730 cell

## RESOURCES

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*Please use the following list of resources if you have instrument or music needs or contact information for local media during the course of the season. There are several music stores in Missoula within close proximity to campus, but also several national companies for online ordering and services.*

### **Morgenroth Music Center**

1105 W. Sussex  
Missoula  
549-0013

### **Music Medic**

333 S. Higgins Ave. W  
Missoula  
549-0889

### **Electronic Sound and Percussion**

819 S. Higgins  
Missoula  
728-1117

### **The Woodwind and Brasswind**

4004 Technology Drive  
South Bend, IN 46628  
1-800-346-4448  
[www.wwbw.com](http://www.wwbw.com)

### **JW Pepper**

1-800-345-6296  
[www.jwpepper.com](http://www.jwpepper.com)

### **KECI-TV**

340 E. Main Street  
Missoula  
721-2063

### **KPAX-TV**

2204 Regent Street  
Missoula  
542-4400

### **The Missoulian**

500 S. Higgins Avenue  
Missoula  
721-6200  
[www.missoulian.com](http://www.missoulian.com)

### **The Kaimin UM Newspaper**

UM-Journalism 206  
243-6541  
[letters@kaimin.org](mailto:letters@kaimin.org)

### **UM Athletics**

Athletic Director  
Hoyt Athletic Complex  
243-5331  
[athletics@montanagrizzlies.com](mailto:athletics@montanagrizzlies.com)

# **OTHER BANDS AT UM**

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## **SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE**

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. James Smart, is the premier wind and percussion concert ensemble at UM. The group has been featured at the CBDNA Northwest/Western Regional Convention, Montana Music Educator's State Conference, Northwest MENC Convention and its performances have been acclaimed by many guests artists and conductors. Auditions for all interested individuals – regardless of major or instrument – will be held at the beginning of each semester. Please contact Dr. James Smart in the School of Music for more information.

## **UM CONCERT BAND**

The UM Concert Band, under the direction of Prof. Will Roesch, is open to all interested musicians on campus – regardless of major or instrument. There are no auditions necessary for membership. This ensemble provides an excellent opportunity for all musicians to participate in a concert ensemble and to perform both traditional and contemporary band repertoire. The Concert Band performs two concerts during the fall semester and spring semester.

## **UM JAZZ BANDS**

The Jazz program at UM includes three to four Jazz Bands and several small jazz combos, open to all interested students by audition. In addition to the semester concerts, the internationally recognized Buddy De Franco Jazz Festival features world-renowned guest artists as soloists and clinicians each year. Please contact Professor Rob Tapper in the School of Music for more information.

## **UM PEP BAND**

An integral part of the UM Athletic Band program is the UM Pep Band. With a membership selected from the active members of the Grizzly Marching Band, this exciting group of brass, saxophone and percussion musicians has become a crowd favorite at all UM Basketball games. Auditions for interested members will be held early in the fall semester and rehearsals will be scheduled in preparation for the beginning of the season. Members of the Pep Band will receive a stipend for every game played – amount to be determined by audition and number of games played. With a repertoire ranging from the latest pop tunes to the standard big band and funk charts, this group has become the heart of the excitement and popularity seen at all UM basketball games.

## **CHAMBER ENSEMBLES**

In addition to large ensemble opportunities, musicians can participate in the many specialty wind/percussion ensembles on campus: Flute Choir, Clarinet Choir, Sax Quartets/Ensembles, Trumpet Ensemble, Horn Ensemble, Trombone Choir, Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble and the Islander's Steel Drum Band. For more information, contact the appropriate studio professors in the School of Music.

## OTHER ENSEMBLES

Whether a music major or minor or not, the UM student is invited to participate in performing ensembles offered by the School of Music. Although some groups may not require an audition for membership, those with such criteria offer tryouts at the beginning of each semester. In addition to the band program, the department offers opportunities for instrumentalists and vocalists alike. Vocalists may participate in one of the two choral ensembles: University Choir or Chamber Chorale. The University Orchestra is open through audition to wind, percussion and string musicians. For more information about these opportunities, contact the School of Music.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND SCHEDULING

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*The University of Montana gratefully recognizes the extra demands of time and effort placed upon those students who participate in our Marching Band program. Although only a modest amount of academic credit is granted for membership, students are offered a number of incentives as an indication of both acknowledgement and appreciation.*

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Scholarships are currently available for each member of the marching band:*

*First Year – \$1000*

*Second Year – \$1000*

*Third Year – \$1,250*

*Fourth Year & up – \$1,500*

**Requirements:** *Students MUST be enrolled in Marching Band (MUSI 155A or MUSI 355) in order to receive the scholarship. If you are not enrolled in the class before the registration deadline of fall semester, scholarship money will be forfeited.*

**Distribution:** *Scholarships will be distributed as close to the start of classes as possible. This is a change from previous years and there may be delays as the financial aid office works through a very complicated scholarship process. The scholarship does not represent a per-game payment. Any student who does not fulfill their participation through the end of the season will have the full scholarship charged back to their account. Exceptions may be made in some rare circumstances.*

**Fines:** Fines will be assessed to an individual's student account for the following reasons and amounts.

- Damage to the uniform.....Cost of the repair
- Damage/Loss to the flip folder/music.....\$25.00
- Damage to a school instrument.....Cost of the repair
- Tardies and Absences.....\$50-100 (see Grading Policy)

**Financial Aid:** In some instances, the marching band scholarship amount will change the financial aid package offered to a student. For example, if you have received the maximum amount of financial aid for fall semester, as determined by financial aid office guidelines,



your scholarship payment may be applied to the principal balance of your student loans. This circumstance may be limited with the new, earlier distribution of scholarships. If you feel that this scholarship may cause changes to your financial aid package, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 406-243-5373. They can help with specific questions regarding financial aid at UM.

## CLASS CREDIT AND REGISTRATION

All members of the Grizzly Marching Band must register for **MUSI 155A, section 1 (CRN #70576)**, for one academic credit and letter grade. Upper-division credit may be earned by registering for **MUSI 355, section 1 (CRN #70952)**. Students who wish may register for one (1) supplemental credit by signing up for **MUSI 492, Section 1 (CRN #70555)**. This special category allows students to gain an additional credit for their participation and often helps to fill a credit load without adding a new class to their schedule. Permission for this additional credit must be obtained from the director before registering for MUS 492.

## REHEARSALS

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Regular rehearsals will be held **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:00–5:30 PM (3:30pm–5:30pm for Drumline)**, according to the pre-determined schedule that you will find on the final pages of this handbook. Every attempt will be made to follow this plan as closely as possible. **However, unexpected preparation needs and inclement weather conditions may dictate changes.** Any adjustment will be announced as far ahead as possible.

***\*\* Please visit the GMB Facebook page regularly or check the bulletin board near Room 3 in the Music Building for schedule updates. Updates will also be sent using the Remind texting app.\*\****

Scheduled rehearsals will be located on the “River Bowl Field” (located on the north side of Campus Drive, across from the Campus Recreation Center, adjacent to the football practice field). When Washington-Grizzly Stadium is available, rehearsals will be held or moved to that location. Room 1 or the Music Recital Hall of the music building will be used for viewing performance videos, announcements, or other meetings. During poor weather conditions, rehearsals may be held in the Music Recital Hall or other location TBA.

## PREPARATION

In addition to being on time and prepared to begin each rehearsal and performance, the following guidelines must be adhered to in order to ensure effective and efficient rehearsals:

- Have instrument and all necessary parts
- Have your flip folder and drill sheets with you at all times
- Have your music organized in your flip folder for easy access

- Closed-toe shoes must be worn at all times in rehearsal – open sandals, flip-flops, bare feet, etc. are **not permitted**
- Proper attire must be worn. ALL REHEARSALS WILL BE HELD AS SCHEDULED, RAIN or SHINE! Be prepared for all weather conditions.
- Take care of any attendance issues with the graduate assistant prior to the beginning of each meeting or rehearsal
- Have your music and marching positions learned and appropriately prepared for each rehearsal. **ALL PREGAME & HALF TIME SHOW MUSIC MUST BE MEMORIZED!**
- Mark your individual positions on your drill sheets and mark your drill moves/counts in your music. **THIS IS ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY!**

**Flip-folders** may be used for purposes of individual or collective rehearsal and music memorization outside of rehearsal time since the music for our half-time performances will be memorized. Band members are expected to practice challenging passages on their own time in order to make the most efficient use of rehearsal time. Flip folders may be used to perform music in the stands during the game and at other performances where non-memorized tunes are played. YOU MUST USE A LYRE FOR YOUR MUSIC IF PERFORMING NON-MEMORIZED MUSIC. (Some sections, such as cymbals, may be exempted from lyre use)

## SECTIONALS

**All sections are expected to hold regular sectionals outside of class time in order to prepare music for performances.** The appointed section leaders and/or staff members are responsible for scheduling such meetings on a weekly basis. In such instances, cooperation and attendance is required. Members participating in the Drumline are required to attend sectionals prior to each scheduled rehearsal and performance.

# ATTENDANCE POLICY

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The most important aspect behind the success of the *Grizzly Marching Band* is the expectation of 100% attendance by all members. We are aware that problems and emergencies do arise at times which may warrant an excused absence – life happens! Excused absences must be approved by the directors at least 24 hours in advance. An attendance form must be completed to make such a request. Contact the Graduate Assistant in charge of attendance to obtain a form and to address all attendance issues.

The criteria for **excused** absences are:

1. Any problem **previously** cleared with the directors
2. Illness, **verified by a doctor's note**
3. Family emergency
4. All requests for an excused absence MUST be submitted in writing to the Graduate Assistant in charge of attendance. **Failure to turn in an attendance form will result in an unexcused absence.**

## PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE

With the exception of highly unusual circumstances, **NO ABSENCES FROM PERFORMANCES WILL BE ALLOWED.** In such rare instances that an absence becomes absolutely necessary, it shall be the student's responsibility to contact the Director to discuss the absence. All attendance issues **MUST** be addressed in advance. Failure to address an absence from performance will result in an automatic failing grade for the semester .

## TARDIES

**TARDINESS TO REHEARSALS OR PERFORMANCES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!** A tardy shall be defined as any instance in which a person arrives after a designated rehearsal time and whose excuse is deemed unacceptable. **ON TIME does not mean arriving at the appointed time, it means arriving early enough to be in your spot with your instrument ready by the appointed time!**

## COURSE CONFLICTS

If you have a regular schedule conflict that may result in tardiness to rehearsals, you may request permission for a standing excuse from the director(s). Conflicts such as class conflicts, travel time/distance or class location may be considered if it only involves a missing a small amount of rehearsal time. A **COURSE CONFLICT FORM** must be completed within the first two weeks of the fall semester in order for consideration. The director will consider each conflict on an individual basis and determine a solution.

# GRADING POLICY

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Your grade for the semester will be a reflection of your attendance, participation and overall contribution as a member of the **Grizzly Marching Band**. **Everyone starts with an A!** and maintaining your grade requires an acceptable effort at fulfilling the course requirements. In accordance with the Attendance, Uniform and Equipment policies, the following guidelines will apply:

1. Show music must be memorized for performance. Your grade will be lowered for each set of show music not memorized. (We do 3 shows & pre-game)
  2. Two unexcused absences from rehearsal will lower your grade by ½ letter grade
  3. Two unexcused tardies will equal one absence
  4. Unexcused absences or tardies to mandatory sectionals will be treated the same as an unexcused absence/tardy to a regular rehearsal
  5. Each unexcused tardy to a dress rehearsal will lower your grade by ½ letter grade
  6. An unexcused absence from a performance or game day dress rehearsal will result in an automatic grade of an F and loss of scholarship
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# EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

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## MUSIC AND FLIP FOLDERS

Each playing member will be assigned a specific plastic flip–folder and lanyard that will include music to be performed as the season progresses. **It is the responsibility of the individual player to have their music with them at all times. All music should remain in the folder in order received to assist with finding tunes quickly during the fast–paced games.**

During the marching season, additional music will be distributed by the Music Librarian. If you are in need of music, contact this staff member immediately. **Do not throw your flip folder at any time!** All flip folders and music will be returned at the conclusion of the season. There is no charge for replacement of individual parts; however, **the loss of an entire flip–folder will result in a fine of \$25.00.**

## UNIVERSITY–OWNED INSTRUMENTS

The UM *Grizzly Marching Band* provides a variety of school–owned instruments to those musicians in need. The following instruments will be provided by the band: Sousaphones, Baritones, Marching Horns, Piccolos, some Saxophones, and Percussion to the extent that these instruments are available. Other instruments may be available as well. Every effort will be made to provide instruments to every member of these sections. Mouthpieces are provided with brass and woodwind instruments. Additional supplies such as reeds, oil, grease, etc. will be purchased at the expense of the individual.

The Graduate Assistant and Equipment Manager are in charge of checking out all university–owned wind instruments and equipment. The Drumline coordinator will deal with the needs of the percussionists. Go directly to them with all issues regarding instruments and equipment.

## INSTRUMENT CARE AND MAINTENANCE

All members of the UM *Grizzly Marching Band* are expected to take good care of their instruments and equipment, whether they are personal property or owned by the university. Any repairs are expected to be made at the expense of the instrument owner or borrower (this includes university–owned instruments). When possible, staff members will assist in making minor, on–the–spot repairs and adjustments.

In addition, any excessive damage done to university instruments will be assessed to the student account of the member responsible for that instrument – per the Instrument Loan Contract. Instruments should be cleaned before they are checked in.

## WATER BOTTLES AND LANYARDS

Students will be issued a water bottle and lanyard for the season. You should use these items for any subsequent years with the ensemble. You will be responsible for cleaning your water bottle and having it available at rehearsals and games. **The water bottle should be filled with water only.** We will not be using cups for water breaks or in–game. We have been

able to reduce our use and discard of paper cups by several thousand cups per season. Lanyards have been provide to give you a way to carry your music during pregame and have it with you for our performance in the stands.

## STORAGE AND LOCKERS

The University-owned Sousaphones and Percussion equipment are to be stored in their assigned area(s) in Music Building Room #4. Smaller university-owned instruments may be kept in their cases in the designated areas in Music Building Room #2. Storage space in Room #2 may be available to those who request it, by seeing the Graduate Assistant. Depending upon availability, **lockers in the Music Building may be reserved by seeing one of the administrative assistants in the School of Music Office, Room 101, on the main floor.** Music majors may check out a locker for the year during band camp. If non-majors would like a locker for the school year, you may check one out after band camp through the music office according to their schedule and procedures. Privately-owned instruments may be stored in the individual's living quarters, in the storage areas provided in Room #2, or in a student locker in the Music Building (when available). See information above for specific details.

## EQUIPMENT FINES

Fines for the damage to or loss of all university owned equipment (instruments, flip-folders, lyres, uniform, etc.) will be assessed to the student account of the band member responsible for said equipment. All fines will be assessed at the conclusion of the marching season at the time of equipment return. (See fine list above)

# UNIFORMS

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Most Uniform distribution will take place during the pre-season marching band camp. All members of the **Grizzly Marching Band** will be issued a uniform in the appropriate sizes if at all possible. Alterations will be made, if needed, during the time before the first game. The basic GMB uniform to be distributed will include:

### Coat

- Issued to ALL GMB Members.

### Pants (w/suspenders)

- Issued to ALL GMB Members.

### Shako (Hat)

- Issued to ALL GMB Members. (Sousaphones will receive a beret.)

### Overcoat

- Issued to ALL GMB Members to be worn in the event of inclement weather.

### Garment Bag

- Issued to ALL GMB Members for proper storage of Uniform/Parts.

### GMB T-Shirt

- ALL band members are required to wear this shirt underneath their uniform.
- ALL new members will be provided with the shirt – at no cost.

### **Black marching shoes**

- Issued to NEW members – at no cost. Please keep them clean for performance.

### **Black Socks**

- ALL Members of the GMB are responsible for providing their own black socks to be worn with the uniform. PLEASE DO NOT WEAR WHITE SOCKS WITH YOUR UNIFORM.
- Socks should extend above the ankles to prevent seeing your legs while marching

### **Black Gloves**

- Each member will be provided with a pair of black marching gloves – at no cost.
- Additional/replacement gloves can be purchased from the Director for \$2.00/pair.
- Some gloves have manufacturing defects and fall apart. See the Director if this happens.
- All members are encouraged to wash their gloves after each performance.

### **Plumes**

- Plumes will be distributed at each Game Day dress rehearsal. Plumes will be returned in the stands after the half-time performance.

### **Griz Caps**

- Issued to ALL GMB Members for cold weather performances and must be turned in at the end of the season with the uniform.

The Uniform Manager will deal with ALL uniform issues including replacement of parts and reasonable repairs/mending. Uniform issues should be addressed **PRIOR** to game weekends or before the Game Day dress rehearsal. In case an emergency need arises, extra buttons, gloves, plumes and other accessories will be available prior to performances. Each band member is personally responsible for the appearance, condition, and safe keeping of his/her own uniform during the season. **Never leave any piece of equipment, uniform item, or instrument (whether it belongs to you or the university) unattended at any time!!!**

## **ALTERATIONS**

Alterations for individual uniforms will be dealt with by the Uniform Manager and uniform staff. Any changes to the uniform (hemming, buttons, zippers, etc.) will be determined at the scheduled uniform distribution times and completed prior to the first performance of the GMB.

## **PROPER WEAR AND ATTIRE**

- Your pride as a member of the *Grizzly Marching Band* is reflected in the way you wear your uniform.
- ALL uniform parts are to be hung/or stored inside the garment bag – AT ALL TIMES!
- Hair – Any person whose hair touches the top of the uniform shoulder must wear their hair up while in uniform – this includes when the hat is removed. **No exceptions.**
- When in public, you are to wear the uniform **completely**. The coat must be fastened and closed. On occasions when it is unusually hot, the directors may allow you to take off your coat while in the stands, provided that you wear your marching band

t-shirt underneath. If you are not wearing your marching band shirt, you will not be allowed to remove your coat. Pants should be worn with the suspenders over the shoulders at all times to prevent damage to the pant hem.

- At the onset of inclement weather, the GMB overcoats will be worn. Additional clothing may be permitted depending on weather conditions and pursuant to director permission.
- There is absolutely **NO SMOKING WHILE IN UNIFORM!**
- Sunglasses may be worn in the stands but **never** on the field. Prescription glasses that have automatic sun-tinting are allowed.
- Non-uniform hats are not to be worn with the uniform with the exception of warm (Griz caps) headgear in cold weather.

## UPKEEP AND FINES

*There is no deposit or rental fee required for the use of any uniform items. However, each member is personally responsible for the safe-keeping and proper storage (on hanger) of their own uniform for the duration of the marching season. The cost of any items(s) not returned **or** returned in unreasonably poor condition will be charged directly to the student to whom the uniform was issued at the time.*

- Uniforms are to be hung in garment bags at all times when not in use
- Gloves are to be washed prior to each performance or when they become dirty. Replacement gloves can be and are encouraged to be replaced from the Uniform Manager for \$2.00/pair.
- Shoes are to be cleaned and/or polished prior to **EACH** performance
- Individual students wishing to have his/her uniform cleaned during the season, will need to take care of it themselves and **MUST** take the uniform to the approved cleaner (Missoula Textiles 111 E. Spruce (406) 543-5171)
- Upon return of the uniform, damage will be assessed and the cost of repair/replacement will be assessed to your student account.
- If you miss the uniform turn-in day, you will be required to clean the uniform at your own expense prior to returning it.

## GAME DAYS

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*All Game Day details are outlined in the season schedule, located at the end of this handbook. Remember to consult this information shown for specific times and locations of all activities taking place during Game Days. **Any changes will be announced as far in advance as possible, but your understanding and cooperation will be appreciated.***

## DRESS REHEARSALS

Dress rehearsals will be held each Saturday morning of game days, or at a designated time prior to a **Grizzly Marching Band** performance. All dress rehearsals will be held at Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Times may vary depending on stadium availability and/or game times. These rehearsals require the SHAKO & COAT & GLOVES, with all parts of the uniform worn properly. Uniform inspections will be conducted by the drum major(s) and

section leaders before each dress rehearsal and during the lunch break. We proceed to our first performance (Griz Walk) immediately after our dress rehearsal. Only bring to rehearsal what you need for performance. Cases, backpacks, and other personal items will end up being left in the stadium.

## POST GAME

At the conclusion of each game, the GMB will perform a Post Game show, including selected show and stand tunes. All members of the band shall remain in the stands and participate until the performance has concluded. Though some performances may be informal by nature, unprofessional behavior is inappropriate when in uniform.

## TENTATIVE GAME DAY SCHEDULE

*Although each Game Day schedule may change depending on game time and/or other activities, the following is a summarized schedule of a sample UM Game Day:*

9:00 AM	A section will be assigned to help the equipment manager with seat covers
9:30 AM	Dress Rehearsal at Washington–Grizzly Stadium
10:45 AM	“Griz Walk” performance in front of the Adams Center
11:00 AM	Lunch at Music Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Music Building will be open for our use on game days – <b>DO NOT leave valuables unattended in the music building at ANY time but especially on game day!</b></li></ul>
11:50 AM	Perform at President’s Brunch (on selected games)
12:00 PM	Pre Game Warm–Up at Phyllis Washington Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Warm–up and tune with sections</li><li>• Uniform Inspection</li><li>• Full–Band Warm–up</li></ul>
12:20 PM	Parade to Stadium – Tailgate Performances
12:45 PM	Pre–game Performance
1:00 PM	Kick–off, band moves to stands (South End Zone)
Halftime	The band will leave the stands with 5:00 on the clock in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter to set up on the field for our halftime show
End of Game	Post–game Performance at approx. 4:00 PM (South End Zone)

## PERFORMANCE PROCEDURES

1. All members (both playing and non–playing) must remain seated with their section for the duration of the game. Stand tunes, shorts and school songs will be played throughout the game and directed by the drum majors. **ALWAYS BE READY TO PLAY, FOCUS AND BE ALERT!!!!!!!!!!**
2. **Every** playing member is required to participate in the playing of music from the stands at **all** times – *this includes horn moves and cheers.*



3. All instrumentalists must keep their instrument in an accessible position at all times. You should be ready to play at a moment's notice. Instruments are easily damaged when left sitting on or under the stands! Sousaphones should be kept in a ready position.
4. Cheering in the stands shall remain **positive** and **constructive**. Offensive and/or abusive language is prohibited. If a problem occurs involving other disruptive fans, immediately report the incident to the directors or local campus public safety. DO NOT attempt to deal with these situations on your own.
5. FULL Uniforms are to be worn at all times. The director(s) will decide when changes will be made – determined by weather conditions.
6. **No smoking or consumption of alcoholic beverages will be permitted at official band functions or when in uniform.** Violators will face immediate dismissal from the GMB, receive a failing grade and loss of scholarship.
7. Permission must be obtained from a staff member **prior** to leaving the band seating area for any reason whatsoever, in order to ensure a reasonable representation at all times.
8. **No guests** may be seated within the reserved band section at games without permission from the directors.
9. **CELL PHONES are not permitted during performances and must be turned off during daily rehearsals.** In case of emergency or if you need to get in touch with another individual, please see the directors or band staff for assistance.

## **HAZING, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, BULLYING, RACISM**

The Grizzly Marching Band will not tolerate any form of hazing, sexual harassment, bullying, discrimination or other unacceptable and damaging behavior. If you feel that a situation falls under one of these categories you should report it to Prof. Roesch immediately. Your concern will be taken seriously and acted upon in a timely manner and with sensitivity. We fully follow this statement made by the University of Montana:

“The University of Montana will not tolerate hazing or harassment. Such incidents are serious violations of the Student Conduct Code. You may report incidents of hazing or sexual harassment, malicious verbal intimidation, racial or sexual orientation harassment, or other forms of malicious intimidation by calling 243-6555. At the tone please leave a detailed message describing the incident, and it will be forwarded to the appropriate authority. If you want the University to follow up on the incident please leave your name and telephone number. You may leave an anonymous message if you choose, but our ability to investigate the incident and take appropriate action is severely limited without identifying evidence and/or witnesses. We hope you will help us stop hazing and harassing behavior at The University of Montana. You may also contact the Dean of Students, at 243-6413.”

## **OTHER PROCEDURES**

Members of the Grizzly Marching Band represent The University of Montana, The School of Music and the Athletic Department. It is essential that our behavior reflects upon the University in a positive manner. Any behavior not specifically discussed in this handbook will be governed by the University Student Conduct Code.

### **Academic Misconduct and the Student Conduct Code**

All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or disciplinary sanction by the University. All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code. The Code is available for review online at [Student Conduct Code](#).

### **Disabilities**

Students with disabilities may request reasonable modifications by contacting me. I believe that there is always a way to help a student to participate in the ensemble and enjoy their experience. The University of Montana assures equal access to instruction through collaboration between students with disabilities, instructors, and Disability Services for Students (DSS). "Reasonable" means the University permits no fundamental alterations of academic standards or retroactive modifications. For more information, please consult <https://www.umt.edu/dss/>.

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# **Up With Montana**

*UM Grizzly Fight Song by Richard Howell*

*Up with Montana, boys, down with the foe.*

*Old Montana's out for a victory;*

*She'll shoot her backs around the foe-men's line;*

*A hot time is coming now, oh, brother mine.*

*Up with Montana, boys, down with the foe.*

*Good old Grizzly'll triumph today;*

*And the squeal of the pig will float on the air,*

*From the tummy of the Grizzly Bear!*

## **MONTANA**

*Official State Song of Montana*

*Montana, Montana, Glory of the West;*

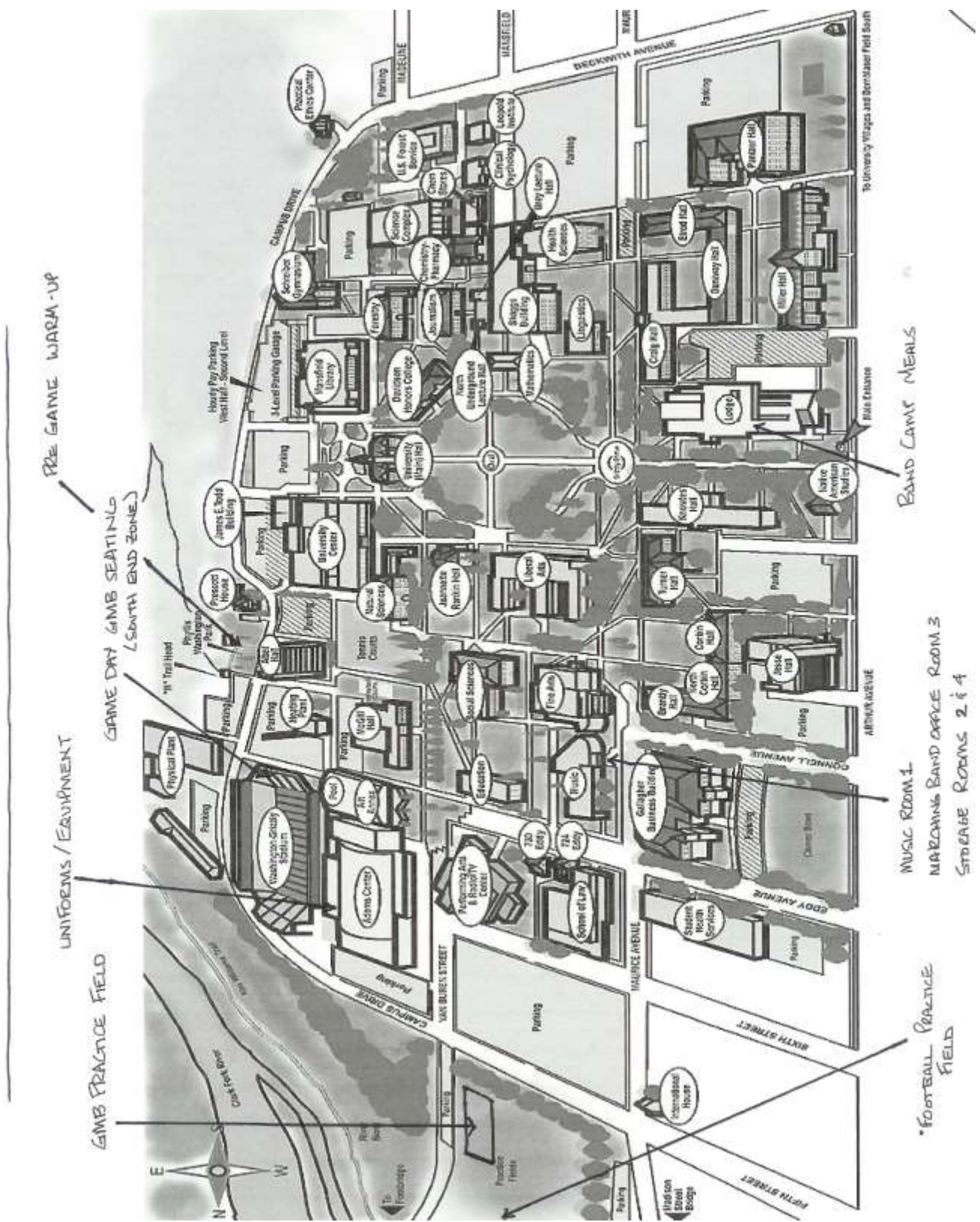
*Of all the states from coast to coast,*

*You're easily the best.*

*Montana, Montana, Where skies are always blue;*

*M-O-N-T-A-N-A*

*Montana, we love you!*



PRE GAME WARM-UP

UNIFORMS / EQUIPMENT

GMB PRACTICE FIELD

GAME DAY GMB SEATING  
(SOUTH END ZONE)

BAND CAMP MEALS

MUSIC ROOM 1  
MARKING BAND OFFICE ROOM 3  
STORAGE ROOMS 2 & 4

\*FOOTBALL PRACTICE  
FIELD

# Famous Quotes from the UM Grizzly Marching Band

“Welcome to the greatest show in Montana!”

“In Marching Band, if you're early, you're on time. If you're on time, you're late. And if you're late... You're in a lot of trouble.”

“Your success in Marching Band depends on two things: how much work you do by yourself and how well you can work with others.”

"Failure isn't funny"

“Always play the music from your heart, not from your folder.”

“Don't ever second-guess what you're capable of doing, because once you do you will never find out.”

“It may seem hectic and stressful right now, but it will only get easier!!”

"Marching band can be the place where you let the rest of life's problems go."

"If you are struggling, speak up, chances are someone else is struggling too."

“If you've got a question, don't be afraid to ask the leadership. Sure, we may look intimidating, but we're really big puppy dogs at heart.”

“You will never feel as hot or as cold as when you are in marching band!”

“ALWAYS bring your overcoat to games. It's Montana; you never know when the weather is going to change.”

“My first day of band camp, I knew absolutely no one, but by the end of the week, I had a group of close friends, I knew my way around campus, AND I was already moved into my dorm room before the rush of people.”

“Being in the Grizzly Marching Band is an all or nothing kind of thing. You have to give it your all or you will gain nothing from being part of it.”

“Above all, remember to have fun. You'd be surprised just how much better you get at something when you have a good time doing it.”

# Memorization Tips

Over the course of the season, you will be memorizing a large amount of music, but please do not be overwhelmed. The band rehearses thoroughly and your time in sectionals will be beneficial. Should you require some outside word to memorize your music, here are some helpful tips compiled by past GMB leaders.



**Patience and Repetition.** Staying calm and maintaining a clear mind while going through an excerpt over and over helps develop strong mental connections that you can count on when the pressures of performance are on.

**Practice slowly!** Your mind can't form muscle memory if you try to go too fast.

**Memorize in chunks.** 4 or 5 bars at a time, and keep adding to it.

**Mix it up!** Consider memorizing from the end or the middle.

**Look at the big picture.** (i.e. the form.) How many bars are there in the verse? Chorus? Is the verse the exact same when it comes back? Don't memorize something again if you don't have to.

**"Repetition is the mother of perfection"...**or in this case, memorizing music. Take it in sections. Play a section with music then again without. Move on to the next section with music and play the two sections without music and so forth.

**EARS first.** Download the music off Moodle once Dr. Griggs posts it, and listen to it frequently. Learn how your part fits in with the ensemble. Anything you can do so you know "how the tune goes" will ease the memorization process. Listening to and singing along with recordings works well, as does playing through excerpts slowly and softly in order to focus on the melody and rhythms rather than the physical technique.

**Write the moves into the music,** when the phrase changes, we're probably also changing moves.

**Remember to memorize the rests, dynamics, and articulation,** not just the notes.

**You can't cram for music memorization the night before the game.** Memorize it early and review it every day at practice.

# REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

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## 2 0 2 2 S E A S O N

*Remember, it is YOUR responsibility to be **ON TIME** for all scheduled activities! \*\* All scheduled dates and times are subject to change.*

### BAND CAMP 2022

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Sat., Aug. 20	Camp Preparation (Section Leaders/Staff only) New UM student move in day
Sun., Aug. 21 (1:00pm)	New GMB member registration (Music bldg Lobby)
(2:00pm)	Opening Meeting for all new members
(3:00pm)	Drumline Audition (Drumline Returning Members)
(4:00pm)	Drumline Audition (Drumline New Members)
(3:00pm)	Marching Fundamentals Rehearsal (New GMB members)
Mon.–Fri., Aug. 22–26	ALL GMB Members and Drumline Report for Band Camp

### REGULAR SEASON

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Monday, August 29 4:00–5:30pm	Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field
Monday, August 29 6:15pm	Opening Convocation Performance – UM Oval
Wednesday, August 31 4:00–5:30pm	Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field
Friday, September 2 4:00–5:30pm	Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field/Stadium (All 1 <sup>st</sup> show and pregame music passed off)
Saturday, September 3 9:00am–5:00pm	<b>GRIZ vs. Northwestern State</b> 1:00pm Kickoff
Monday, September 5	<b>NO REHEARSAL – LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday, September 7 4:00–5:30pm	Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field
Friday, September 9 4:00–5:30pm	Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field/Stadium
Saturday, September 10 9:00am–5:00pm	<b>GRIZ vs. South Dakota</b> 1:00pm Kickoff
Monday, September 12 4:00–5:30pm	Full Band Rehearsal –MRH/Practice Field
Wednesday, September 14 4:00–5:30pm	Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field

**Friday, September 16**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Stadium

**Saturday, September 17**

*11:00am kickoff*

**GRIZ @ Indiana State**

**Monday, September 19**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field

**Wednesday, September 21**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field

**Friday, September 23**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field/Stadium

*4:00–5:00 with Alumni Band Members*

**Friday, September 23**

*7:30pm*

*8:00pm*

*8:45pm*

*9:15pm*

**HOMECOMING WEEKEND BEGINS!**

Assemble in Full Uniform in front of the Music Bldg.

Perform for University “Pep Rally” at Main Hall

Travel to Holiday Inn for performance

Perform at the Holiday Inn for Alumni Band

**Saturday, September 24**

*8:00am*

*9:15am*

*10:00am*

**HOMECOMING – GRIZ vs. Portland State**

Dress Rehearsal – Stadium

Board buses for parade site

“Homecoming Parade” begins

**Sunday, September 25**

*1:00–3:00pm*

Buddy Walk Performance

*(Volunteer group to perform at Silver Park)*

**Monday, September 26**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – MRH/Practice Field

*(Begin learning GMB Music Day Show)*

**Wednesday, September 28**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field

**Friday, September 30**

*4:00–10:00pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Stadium

**Saturday, October 1**

*1:00pm kickoff*

**GRIZ @ Idaho State**

**Monday, October 3**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field

**Wednesday, October 5**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field

**Friday, October 7**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Stadium

**Monday, October 10**

No Rehearsal

*(All GMB Music Day music passed off)*



**Wednesday, October 12**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field

**Friday, October 14**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field/Stadium

**Saturday, October 15**

*9:00am–5:00pm*

**GRIZ vs. Idaho (GMB Music Day)**

1:00pm kickoff

**Monday, October 17**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – MRH/Practice Field  
*(Begin learning 2<sup>nd</sup> show)*

**Wednesday, October 19**

**No Rehearsal – MMEA Convention (Bozeman)**

**Friday, October 21**

**No Rehearsal – MMEA Convention (Bozeman)**

**Saturday, October 22**

*9:00pm kickoff*

**GRIZ @ Sacramento State**

**Monday, October 24**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field

**Wednesday, October 26**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field

**Friday, October 28**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Stadium

**Saturday, October 29**

1:00pm kickoff

**GRIZ @ Weber State**

**Monday, October 31**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field  
*(All 2<sup>nd</sup> show music passed off)*

**Wednesday, November 2**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field

**Friday, November 4**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field/Stadium

**Saturday, November 5**

*2:00–11:00pm*

**GRIZ @ Cal Poly**

*6:00pm kickoff*

**Monday, November 7**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – MRH/Practice Field

**Wednesday, November 9**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field

**Friday, November 11**

*4:00–5:30pm*

Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field/Stadium

**Saturday, November 12**

*9:00am–5:00pm*

**GRIZ vs. Eastern Washington**

1:00pm kickoff

Monday, November 14 4:00–5:30pm	Full Band Rehearsal – MRH/Practice Field
Wednesday, November 16 4:00–5:30pm	Full Band Rehearsal – Practice Field
Friday, November 18 4:00–5:30pm	Full Band Rehearsal – Stadium
Saturday, November 19 6:00am–11:00pm	<b>GRIZ @ MONTANA STATE (121<sup>st</sup> Meeting)</b> 12:00pm kickoff (Road Trip)
Monday, November 21 4:00–5:30pm	Full Band Rehearsal – MRH
Saturday, November 26	<b>FIRST PLAYOFF GAME</b> (See schedule below)
TBA 4:00 – 7:00pm	<b>ANNUAL BAND BANQUET</b> UC North Ballroom

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**\* \* \* PLAYOFFS BEGIN \* \* \***

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*\* ALL home playoff games are a part of the regular season performance schedule and ARE REQUIRED FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE BAND.*

*This might include the first-round game during Thanksgiving Break. November 26<sup>th</sup> will be a playoff game for those teams seeded 9–24 in the playoff rankings. Teams 1–8 will have a bye that week. If our team is seeded in the top 8 we will not have a game on Thanksgiving weekend and our first game will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If we are seeded in the bottom 16 we could have a home game on November 26<sup>th</sup>. We only perform at home playoff games and the National Championship game if the team advances that far.*

**\*\* MAKE YOUR TRAVEL PLANS ACCORDINGLY! \*\***

Saturday, November 26	First round playoff game
Saturday, December 3	Second round playoff game
Saturday, December 10	Quarter-Final playoff game
Friday, December 17	Semi-Final playoff game
Saturday, January 7, 2023	National Championship in Frisco, TX

***\*\*\*All University-owned instruments, uniforms and music must be turned in at the end of the season in order to receive your grade – Instrument and uniform return will be scheduled as determined by the football season.***

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