

**LYON COLLEGE  
MARCHING BAND HANDBOOK**

**Mission Statement:** The Lyon College Marching Band's primary goal is to provide an outstanding musical experience for every member of the program. Its purpose is to create musical performances that support Lyon College, its athletic events, and the community as a whole.

**Guidelines:** The following guidelines have been set to provide clarity to our function and process. It is an honor and privilege to be part of the Lyon College Marching Band. Each member must uphold the ideals, traditions to come, and the legacy that they leave behind.

**Membership:** The Lyon College Marching Band is open to every eligible student in good standing at Lyon College. Students that are also in good standing at the University of Arkansas Community College Batesville (UACCB) may also participate in the band with no credit or scholarship. Auditions are held strictly for placement and part assignments within the Lyon College Marching Band. The director of bands will conduct these auditions.

**Grading and Attendance Policy:** Attendance, attitude, and performance are the determining factors in earning a grade for the Lyon College Marching Band. Every member is expected to attend all rehearsals.

**Attendance:** Absences (rehearsals)

- 1 unexcused rehearsal = 1 letter grade
- 2 unexcused rehearsals = 2 letter grades
- 3 unexcused rehearsals = 3 letter grades
- 4 unexcused rehearsals = Failure/Dismissal from Band

An unexcused absence from a performance will result in a failing grade and dismissal from the band.

Excused absences will be considered for the following reasons:

- Illness
- Family Illness/Death
- Religious beliefs
- Prior excused school conflict

**NOT ACCEPTED AS EXCUSED:** Medical appointments (unless an emergency—must provide documentation), vacations, work schedules, fraternity/sorority engagements, intramural sports, or homework. The director of bands must approve any and all absences.

**Equipment:** All parts of a member's instrument must be functional at all times. Members must polish and shine their instrument for all performances. Members must have their flip folders and music at all rehearsals and performances. Percussionists must wear ear plugs.

**Emergency Medical Forms:** Members must have a medical form on file with the band office.

### **General Rules and Procedures:**

#### *Daily Operations*

Rehearsals are as follows:

Full band: Tuesday and Thursday at 4-6 p.m.

Percussion and color guard: Monday at 5:30-7 p.m.

Woodwind and brass (alternating weeks): Wednesday at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Monday and Wednesday sectionals last only through the month of October.

Proper preparation for rehearsal includes having a pencil, music, drill charts, and instrument(s) at every rehearsal. Members must wear proper rehearsal attire (including appropriate marching shoes and socks). Members may not wear flip-flops or sandals. If a member needs music or drill, he or she can address the section leader in a timely fashion. Smoking, drinking, or any type of behavior that would bring negative comment on Lyon College are expressly forbidden and will result in dismissal from the Lyon College Marching Band.

**Uniform:** The Lyon College Marching Band uniform consists of the following:

Band polo: \$17

Band T-shirt: Free

Nike baseball cap: \$8

Wind suit (purchased in late September): \$25

Black band shoes (if needed): \$25

Total fees for the Lyon College Marching Band: \$75

*Color guard members will need to purchase all of the above, but the color guard uniform will be provided free of charge.*

**Anti-Hazing Policy:** Hazing means forcing or requiring another person, regardless of his or her consent, to perform an act that

- creates a substantial risk of physical harm,
- substantially or seriously demeans or degrades any person, or
- interferes with a student's scholastic activities.

**The Lyon College Marching Band abides by the official Lyon College Anti-Hazing Policy.**

**THE LYON COLLEGE MARCHING BAND  
2015 HANDBOOK CONTRACT**

I have read all the policies, rules, and obligations set forth in the Lyon College Marching Band Handbook. I understand the commitment and expectations of this semester and accept the responsibilities that come with being a member of the Lyon College Marching Band. I will inform the director of bands if I become unable to fulfill my responsibilities as a member. I also understand that violation of the policies herein will result in the consequences detailed in this handbook. Consequences may include but are not limited to suspension from the program, dismissal from the program, changes in performance status, and/or grade reduction.

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First Name

Last Name

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Signature

## **LYON COLLEGE MARCHING BAND FALL SCHEDULE**

The following schedule lists the required performances of the Lyon College Marching Band. There may be additional performances such as a pep rallies or tail gate functions at games.

### **August**

- 28 Campus Wide Pep-Rally, location TBA
- 29 Scots vs. Tabor College, Pioneer Stadium, 1 p.m.\*

### **September**

- 5 Scots vs. Lindsey Wilson, Pioneer Stadium, 1 p.m.\*
- 12 Scots vs. Hendrix College, Conway, 6 p.m.\*

### **October**

- 3 Scots vs. Bacone College, Pioneer Stadium, 2 p.m.\*
- 24 Scots vs. Austin College, Pioneer Stadium, 1 p.m. (Homecoming)\*
- 31 Scots vs. Langston University, Pioneer Stadium, 2 p.m.\*

### **November**

- 14 Scots vs. Wayland Baptist University, Pioneer Stadium, 1 p.m.\*

\*On games days, the band will conduct a two-hour morning rehearsal from 9-11 a.m. Lunch will be provided prior to the game.

## LYON COLLEGE MARCHING BAND PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

Dear band member,

Below, you will find a complete pre-season band schedule. In order to participate in the band, students must attend all dates and times. Students will need to bring personal instruments if they play the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, or trombone. All other instruments and guard equipment will be provided. Woodwind players are required to have their own supply of reeds. Brass players must provide their own valve oil and slide grease. Marching percussion sticks and mallets will be provided. All band members will need to have a flip folder and a lyre. We can make a group order for any of these items after your arrival if needed. All band members will need to have these items at all pre-season band rehearsals:

1. Appropriate dress for rehearsal, i.e. shorts, T-shirts, and athletic shoes. **No sandals or flip flops.** Be sure to wear sunscreen and bring a personal water container.
2. Pencil
3. Music/folder
4. Instrument in working condition

I am so excited to make traditions together at Lyon College! The Lyon College Marching Band will be of the highest quality and emphasize making music with the finest students in America.

Sincerely,  
Montgomery Hill  
Director of Bands

## August

- 10 Move-in day  
8 a.m.-12 p.m. – Move-in  
12 p.m. - Lunch in Edwards Commons  
1:30-3 p.m. – Move-in and parent farewells  
3:30 p.m. – Registration and instrument check-out  
4:30 p.m. – Dinner in the Temp  
7-9p.m. First rehearsal
- 11 Rehearsal (full band)  
9 a.m.-12 p.m. – Rehearsal  
12-1:30 p.m. – Lunch  
1:30-3:30 p.m. – Sectionals  
3:30-4:30 p.m. – Rehearsal  
4:30 – Break  
6:30 – Cookout
- 12 Rehearsal (full band)  
9 a.m.-12 p.m. – Rehearsal  
12-1:30 p.m. – Lunch  
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4:30 – Break  
6:30 – Cookout
- 14 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Assist with move-in day  
2-4 p.m. Rehearsal