

August 7, 2020

Dear Maverick Marching Band Member:

Greetings and welcome to the Maverick Marching Band (MMB)—*the flagship organization of the UNO Athletic Bands!* We have been busy preparing for the 2020 season and are looking forward to working with you! [As you likely read in an earlier communication](#), the in-person component of marching band preseason camp has been canceled. This includes the percussion and color guard camps slated to begin on Aug. 10 and Aug. 12, respectively. In lieu of the traditional in-person activities, the MMB Leadership Team and faculty in the UNO Bands have crafted a unique, and optional, virtual camp experience for students that will take place from **Aug. 17-21**. The virtual camp will contain both asynchronous and synchronous components – meaning that for most of it, you can work on your own time and according to your own schedule. Materials will be shared via email on the evening of Aug. 16 after the Back to Band Meeting (details below).

From 6:00-7:00pm each evening during the virtual camp (Aug. 17-21), students are invited to join the MMB Leadership Team in virtual orientation activities via Zoom – your opportunity to meet your section, ask questions, get tips and tricks, and learn more about the traditional elements that have contributed to MMB performances for nearly 100 years. Probably most importantly, it's a time to connect, socialize, and enjoy the fellowship that comes from participating in one of UNO's oldest and most celebrated organizations.

Back to Band Meeting

On Sunday evening, August 16, the UNO Bands will host the annual "Back to Band" meeting where students will receive a copy of the marching band handbook and learn about the various policies and procedures that have been instituted to create a positive experience for all students. This optional meeting will begin at **6:30pm** and will be held via Zoom. Materials will be made available for those that unable to attend.

- **Meeting URL:** <https://unomaha.zoom.us/j/91432135163?pwd=UkdzQkNXbnN4bmJTUUFMxMm1lM1FvZz09>
- **Meeting ID:** 914 3213 5163
- **Passcode:** GoMavs

Instrument/Lockers Checkout (all instruments have been cleaned according to [CDC/NFHS recommendations](#))

There is no fee to use a school-owned instrument. In the coming week, UNO Band staff will reach out to all students that indicated that they will need use of a school-owned instrument on their MMB Registration form to set up appointments for pick-up (masks/social distancing required). Additionally, instruments will be disbursed at the Strauss Performing Arts Center (UNO School of Music) on Aug. 19-21 during School of Music concert ensemble auditions (masks/social distancing required). *Instruments may not be played during the appointment for instrument checkout.* Information regarding locker use/checkout will be available in the coming weeks.

Medical Form/Personal Image Release

Students may not participate in MMB without completing the Medical and Personal Image Release forms. These forms may be completed electronically at www.UNOBands.com. Students under the age of 19 must have a parent/legal guardian complete these forms.

Materials Fee

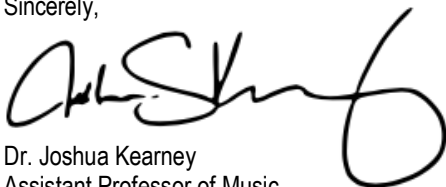
Students in the MMB are assessed a \$15 materials fee that covers applicable material maintenance and disbursement, the licensed 2020 MMB t-shirt, etc. Students may pay this fee online at www.UNOBands.com. Online payments may be made using electronic check and credit/debit cards. Appropriate bell coverings ([as defined by a joint CBDNA/NFHS aerosol study](#)) will be provided to students free of charge.

Required Items Not Covered by the Materials Fee:

- *Students are responsible for procuring their own flipbook/pages to hold sheet music.*
- *Wind players must provide their own surgical style mask with a slit for the mouthpiece which they will wear at all times.*

We are looking forward to your arrival on campus and are excited about your membership in the Maverick Marching Band. Great things are in store for you – I am eager to begin! See you soon. Go Mavs!

Sincerely,



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