Dear Prospective Blue Thunder Member,

I am excited that you are interested in being a part of the Boise State University Keith Stein Blue Thunder Marching Band! The audition weekend will be held on April 10th and 11th. Please do not be intimidated by the audition process, it is quite simple and is simply meant for the staff to understand your ability prior to entering the band. The music portion of the audition includes the scales provided on the following page and a solo or etude of your choice, that best shows your technical abilities. Scholarships are awarded based on an individual’s talent so we encourage you to prepare to the best of your ability!

The major scales provided should be played at 100 beats per minute. Please tongue each note in a legato style. If you are able to play octaves beyond what is provided, please show us your talent, but play only full octaves, no half octaves please. You will not be asked to play all the major scales, but please be prepared with all of them. If you are sending in an audition recording, please play any 4 scales. Everyone will be asked to play the chromatic scale at the bottom of the page. Please use the appropriate articulations as marked and play the two-octave scale as fast as possible. Again, if you are able to play beyond the notes provided, I would enjoy hearing your extended range.

The solo or etude does not need to be terribly long, but should be approximately one to three minutes in length. When sending in a recording, please state the title of the work and composer. If it is an etude, please provide similar information if available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Blue Thunder Band Office, 208-426-1846. All recordings should be sent to the address below by April 11th. Those auditions received after April 11th will be reviewed, but scholarships will only be awarded if funds are still available. We ask that all students residing close to Boise, within 100 miles, please call to schedule an audition for our audition weekend, Friday and Saturday April 4th and 5th. Those individuals that visit Boise State University for music major auditions in January and February can use that audition as entry into the Blue Thunder, but can also re-audition by sending in a recording or coming on April 10th and 11th.

Thank you again for your interest in the Blue Thunder and I eagerly await your arrival to Boise State University in August!

Warm Regards,

Joe Tornello

Please Mail Auditions to:

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1910 University Drive
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Blue Thunder Mellophone Audition: Scales

Major Scales