Welcome to a new year with the Keith Stein Blue Thunder Marching Band! Below is information you will need to be prepared and successful at Band Camp and into the 2018 season. Please complete the Personal Information Form found at thunder.boisestate.edu/documents for BTMB records and read through this letter thoroughly to be sure you do not miss any important information! (If you are receiving this correspondence and do not plan to participate in the Blue Thunder in the fall, please contact us as soon as possible to be removed from our roster and mailing list.)

As soon as you receive this correspondence, please fill out this online form for BTMB records;

Some information you will need for camp:
• The Camp Schedule has been included in this newsletter.
• The Keith & Catherine Stein Band Hall is located northwest of Bronco Stadium. It is connected to the east side of the Caven-Williams Sports Complex, and is west of the football complex. You can also find a map on our website: http://thunder.boisestate.edu/contact-us
• Make the necessary arrangements with your workplace. Attendance and punctuality for the entire camp are mandatory!
• Lunch & dinner will be provided for BTMB members on the days of camp where there are morning rehearsals, all other meals and snacks are the student’s responsibility.
• Tennis shoes are required! NO SANDALS OR FLIP FLOPS!
• BRING A WATER BOTTLE! It is mandatory to have a water bottle for your own personal use.
• Please make sure that you bring all necessary equipment (sunscreen, hat, appropriate clothing, instrument/equipment, etc.) for a successful week.
• We will be sending email links beginning in June that will include a password to download music that needs to be prepared for camp.
• Bring khaki pants to be used in our first performance Friday, August 17.

Schedule

We have included a copy of the schedule in this packet, but please also visit our website to download the most up-to-date schedule (thunder.boisestate.edu/schedule). Be sure to put all dates on your calendar now. Check the online calendar periodically throughout the summer for updates. Students are often required to travel for bowl games or basketball tournaments, please make sure that any and all plane tickets purchased throughout the academic year provide you the flexibility to change your flight.

Early Dorm Check-In

IF you will be staying in the dorms for the academic year, please:
• apply for Housing
• Fill out the online Personal Information Form for BTMB records; BTMB office will confirm your BTMB membership with Housing
• DL & CG move in Aug 9
• Leadership move in Aug 10
• Full band move in Aug 12
Enrollment in Marching Band Class

In order to participate in the Blue Thunder you must be officially enrolled in the course.

• You can find information on how to enroll at: thunder.boisestate.edu/register
• The deadline to enroll is August 8 5:00pm, prior to the start of camp.
• We will not allow you to participate in camp until you are enrolled. You must make arrangements to resolve any issues that may prevent you from registering by this date in advance.
• You must have a PERMISSION NUMBER to register for the class; if you do not already have it, you may obtain one by calling the band office at (208)426-1846.

Packing List:

1. Water Bottle
2. Sunscreen
3. Hat
4. Tennis Shoes
5. Instrument (if you wish to have your own to practice)
6. All equipment to keep the instrument you play (ours or yours) working (i.e. reed, valve oil, etc)
7. Appropriate clothing
   • NO bikini tops
   • Sports bras OK if provide appropriate coverage
   • All members must be fully covered again when entering the building
8. $38 if purchasing Black MTX shoes
10. Black Socks for performances

Instrument Check-out:
Instruments and equipment will be checked out on Sunday evening at registration. The Blue Thunder provides piccolos, clarinets, alto saxophones, tenor saxophones, trumpets, mellophones, trombones, baritones, sousaphones, percussion, and flags. Yes, Blue Thunder is able to provide all instruments!!

Uniform Check Out:
All instrumentalists will receive their uniforms during the band camp week. Uniform checkout takes place in the late afternoon each day of band camp. We have arranged the checkout schedule by section. Please check the schedule below and make sure that you are available during your time.
If you believe you will need special arrangements for sizing reasons during uniform checkout, please contact the Blue Thunder office, or tell a staff member when you register for band camp.

Monday, August 13 @ 4:30PM: Piccolo, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax
Tuesday, August 14 @ 4:30PM: Sousaphones & Drumline
Wednesday, August 15 @ 4:30PM: Clarinets & Trumpet
Thursday, August 16 @ 4:30PM: Mellophone, Trombones & Euphonium

Color Guard: uniforms will be issued at a time determined by the instructor.

Student Leaders:
Those of you who are leaders this year will be expected to attend an in-service and training on Saturday, August 11th. You can find the list of Drum Majors, Section Leaders, and Band Council members here: https://thunder.boisestate.edu/studentleaders/