

The **Illinois State University Bands** are made up of people from all walks of life. We have a place for you in the ISU Bands!

The *Wind Symphony* and *Marching Band* have established an international reputation for excellence through performances at the Conferences and events throughout the US and Europe.

If you enjoy playing your instrument and welcome the challenge of advanced literature, the *Wind Symphony*, *Symphonic Winds*, or *Symphonic Band* are for you. These groups require auditions and perform a minimum of two concerts per semester. Through the years we have had many non-music majors perform in ALL of these bands.

If you enjoyed playing in concert band, but are carrying a heavy class load or get nervous about auditions, *University Band* is the place for you. Performers audition for part assignment only and the ensemble meets one evening a week. It's a great way to continue playing with a minimal time commitment.

If you enjoy the excitement of playing at athletic events, *Marching Band* and *Pep Band* are the groups for you. Music and non-music majors alike participate in these ensembles and the musical (and social!) qualities of these groups are very high. There is nothing quite like being a part of the excitement and pageantry of college athletics!

All students interested in playing in one of the **3 Jazz Ensembles** (big bands) or various *jazz combos* must audition during the week prior to the first day of classes. Jazz ensembles are open to any ISU student, and previous experience with jazz improvisation is **NOT** a requirement. Sign-up sheets for auditions will be posted on the bulletin board outside Centennial East 12.

Whatever your motivation, we have a place reserved for you in the **Illinois State University Bands!**

**2009 ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY BANDS  
INFORMATION FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name, First Name

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Home Address                      City      State      Zip

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Home Phone #

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Campus Address                      City                      Zip

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Campus Phone #                      Cell Phone #

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ISU E-mail Address                      Other E-mail address

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Primary Instrument                      Secondary Instrument

\_\_\_\_\_  
Year in School (Fall 2009)

I intend to participate in the following ensembles (check all that apply):

- Marching Band (*BRMM*)
- Wind Symphony, Symphonic Winds, Symphonic Band
- Symphony Orchestra
- University Band
- Pep Band (*The Courtside Players*)
- Chamber Winds
- Jazz Ensemble I, II, or III

Please send in all information no later than  
**July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009!**

**2009 BIG RED MARCHING MACHINE  
INFORMATION FORM**

If you plan on being a member of the "Big Red Marching Machine" during the Fall 2009 season, please fill out the following information.

↑ Primary Marching Instrument ↑  
(or Redline Dance or Guard)



*If you know*, please list the name, room number, and phone number of the dormitory you will be moving into.

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Permanent Dorm Address                      Room #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Campus Phone #

**Marching Band T-shirt size**

- Small     Medium
- Large     X-Large
- XX-L

**! All Marching Band Members !**

*Please bring a pair of brown khaki shorts to band camp!*

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## 2009 BANDS NEWSLETTER



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MAIL OR FAX APPLICATION TO:

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Normal, IL 61790-5660

Phone: (309) 438-2166  
Fax: (309) 438-2477



# 2009 Big Red Marching Machine Camp Schedule, Passages events, Jazz & Concert Band Audition Times

## Wednesday, August 12th

- 8AM **Move in!!** – Veteran members who do not need to move in get fitted for uniforms
- 1:00** **Introductory Meeting – Capen Auditorium**  
*Concert Band Horn. Audition (1:00 – 3:00)*
- 2:30 Part assignment hearings/Instrument check out for winds  
\*Auxiliary groups report to sectionals  
\*\*New Students check in to PASSAGES in the Prairie Room of Bone Student Center after their placement hearing
- 4:15 (at the latest) Sectionals
- 5:00 Dinner on the Quad - *sponsored by ISU Bands*
- 6:00 Full Music Rehearsal – Cook 212
- 7:30 Sectionals – Music and marching fundamentals
- 8:30 Full Band with Percussion
- 7:30 – 8:30 **Passages** - Floor Meeting

## Thursday, August 13th

- 8AM Marching Fundamentals and begin pre-game drill
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 Full Band – Cook 212  
*Con. Band Trumpet Audition (1:00 – 3:00)*
- 3:00 Sectionals  
*Concert Band Percussion Audition (4:00 – 6:00)*
- 4:30 Full Band – Cook 212
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:30 Marching fundamentals and continue pre-game

## Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

### *Morning free for Passages events*

- 9-Noon OPTIONAL Jazz Ensemble Auditions - *UPPERCLASSMEN*
- 2:30-6:00** **All members – Music and Drill Rehearsal**  
*Concert Band Trombone Audition (1:00 – 3:00)*  
*Concert Band Tuba Audition (6:00 – 8:00)*  
*Concert Band Euphonium Audition (8:00 – 10:00)*
- 7:30 All – Music rehearsal – Cook 212

## Saturday, August 15th

- 8:00 All members- Drill and Fundamentals
- 11:00 Lunch  
*Concert Band Saxophone Audition (11:00 – 1:00)*
- 12:00 All members- Drill and Fundamentals
- 2:30 Wind Music Rehearsal, Cook 212  
Drumline, Auxiliaries continue sectionals.  
*Concert Band Bassoon. Audition (4:00 – 6:00)*
- 4:30 Dinner
- 6:00 Red and White Scrimmage – Hancock Stadium**  
*Uniform is khaki shorts and band shirt*

## Sunday, August 16th

- 10:40 *Passages* - Tech Training- All BRMM students new to ISU  
*Concert Band Flute Audition (1:00 – 3:00)*
- 2:00 – 6:00 Music and Drill Rehearsal – Hancock Stadium**  
*Concert Band Oboe Audition (4:00 – 6:00)*
- 6:30 Leadership students: *Walk of Champions performance*  
*Concert Band Clarinet Audition (7:00 – 9:00)*  
OPTIONAL *Jazz Ensemble Auditions (7:00 – 10:00)*

## Saturday, August 22nd

- 8:00 Rehearsal – stadium
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Rehearsal – stadium
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Rehearsal – stadium

## Sunday, August 23rd

- 1:30 *Big Red* Group and Individual Photos - *Jolesch Photography*
- 3:00 Rehearsal – stadium



**THE BIG RED MARCHING MACHINE**  
**AND PEP BAND**

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS  
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT  
TO THE BAND OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Good news from housing!!! All marching band members will move directly into your *permanent* dorm assignment on Wednesday morning (see schedule). If you are living off campus, please make the necessary arrangements to move in by August 12<sup>th</sup>.

To formally begin pre-season camp, all marching band members will meet in **Capen Auditorium, Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM!** Capen Auditorium is in Edwards Hall, directly North of Cook Hall (The Castle), and parents are *welcome and invited* to attend!

In the meantime, keep updated with tentative *BRMM* performance schedules and other information on the ISU BANDS website. [www.bands.ilstu.edu](http://www.bands.ilstu.edu)

**UPPERCLASSMEN: IF YOU HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED FOR THE MARCHING BAND CLASS, PLEASE DO SO RIGHT AWAY – MUS 181.01 OR 281.01**

**FRESHMEN WILL REGISTER WHEN YOU ARE ON CAMPUS FOR PREVIEW**

**PEP BAND:**

Members of the BRMM will be divided up into pep bands to cover all the Fall volleyball and basketball games. Please be prepared for appx. 6 performances for each group. (Does not apply to colorguard). Any member of the BRMM may register for the fall semester pep band class IF they would like the 1 credit hour (this is optional).

The Spring semester basketball games will be covered by the members of the Spring semester pep band class. Spring semester pep band members must participate in at least one other ISU Band during the academic year.

If you have any questions, call the ISU Band Office:  
(309) 438-2166

**NOTES FROM THE PODIUM**

**Dr. Stephen K. Steele**  
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**Dr. Daniel A. Belongia**  
**dabelon@ilstu.edu**

Greetings to all new and returning band members! We hope that Illinois State University will be, or has been, an important part of your extended family. The entire staff is here to serve YOU, regardless of your performance level or needs. The upcoming year looks to be another year of experience and growth for our all of us. Registration for all aspects of the band program continues to grow, and we are thrilled to meet all of you that are new. Of course, we are also grateful that many of the familiar faces that make this program special will be back. If you are new to ISU, or considering joining a band for the first time - *WELCOME!* We want and need all of you (veteran members and new faces) to be a part of the Illinois State University Bands. In fact, more than any other single factor, it is you that ensures that this great program will continue to grow and flourish.

Visit the website or write us with any questions:  
**[www.bands.ilstu.edu](http://www.bands.ilstu.edu)**

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all in the fall!

**\*COURSE REGISTRATION\***

You will need to enroll for credit in order to participate in a band at ISU. You will receive one credit hour for each of the bands in which you participate. Freshmen and Sophomores enroll in 100 level courses, Juniors and Seniors may enroll in 200 level courses, and Graduate students enroll in 400 level courses. Please contact Connie Bryant should you have any questions/difficulty registering at (309) 438-2166.

**\*AUDITIONED ENSEMBLES\***

For *concert bands* that require auditions (Wind Symphony, Symphonic Winds, and Symphonic Band), all players are asked to perform music from a brief excerpt sheet which is supplied through the band office. Sight-reading, scales or rudiments may also be requested. Audition dates for each instrument are posted on the included schedule and on the bands website. You will be mailed the audition materials on August 1 if you have returned the enclosed form. Please make sure to check the box of all ensembles in which you want to participate. Audition materials may also be picked up at the band office and will be posted on our website after August 1. Applied faculty and ensemble directors administer auditions for ensembles.

*Marching Band* does not have an entrance audition requirement for the winds. Students audition for part assignment only, with the audition occurring the first day of band camp. Auditions for percussion are held at “mini-camps” during the summer (June 12-13, July 10-11, July 31-August 1) and colorguard during the first few days of band camp. Auditions for drum major and dance line are held during the spring, and are filled for this upcoming season.

*Jazz Ensemble* audition requirements are posted on our website right now. For more information please contact Dr. Tom Marko (309) 438-2541 or [tjmarko@ilstu.edu](mailto:tjmarko@ilstu.edu)

**\*BANDS WEBSITE\***

Nearly all of the information that you need throughout the year is located on our website! Bookmark the site and check it regularly!

**[www.bands.ilstu.edu](http://www.bands.ilstu.edu)**