



TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY BOBCAT MARCHING BAND

Leadership Team Information

The leadership team of the Bobcat Marching Band includes the section leaders and drum majors who, along with the instructional staff, work together to aid the entire band in effective rehearsals and performances. Each section of the band will have at least one section leader, and the BMB could have between one to three drum majors.

APPLICATION DETAILS FOR SECTION LEADER & DRUM MAJOR POSITIONS

March 5: drum major & section leader applications available online

April 1: drum major & section leader applications due (closes at 12 noon)

Note: Letter of recommendation should be submitted online to Dr. Glaser by this date

April 5: drum major candidates are informed via email if they will be invited for a live audition, and provided with additional materials to prepare for a final audition/interview.

SUNDAY, April 21 at 4:00 PM: drum major auditions/interview in room 224 of Music Building.

End of April: leadership team announced

Finals week: BMB leadership training

HAVE A CONFLICT WITH THE AUDITION DATE? Talk with Dr. Glaser to see if an adjustment can be made.

SECTION LEADER

DESCRIPTION & DUTIES

- Section leaders must be enthusiastic about music, the Bobcat Band and the university as a whole
- Section leaders will be exemplary in their preparation for rehearsals & performances as well as in their behavior
- Know when to lead and when to follow
- Section leaders should be available to assist any leader or staff member with any logistical duties on a daily basis
- Section leaders must be willing to represent the entire band at performances that do not require the entire band
- Section leaders must be available for leadership team training three days prior to the start of preseason camp

REQUIREMENTS

- At least one year of participation in the Bobcat Marching Band
- Good standing with the university
- Full-time student status in the fall semester
- The ability to effectively teach all marching fundamentals and/or clean marching band music and drill
- A positive, cooperative attitude that places the needs of the section/band over the needs of the individual
- Excellent and impartial leadership skills and ability

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates will submit an online application. See the TXST band website for submission guidelines. In addition, one (1) letter of recommendation is required. This should be submitted online as well. **Please share this link with your recommender:**

<https://www.txst.edu/bands/bands/marchingband/student-leaders-auditions/leadershiplor.html>

SELECTION PROCESS

Section leaders will be selected on the basis of past performance, participation, and application. Your reference might be contacted regarding your candidacy.

START DATE

Two to three days before preseason camp begins. These days are devoted to leadership training, teacher training, review of marching fundamentals, music preparation, and logistical support. Accommodations can be made if there is an overlap with DCI finals schedule.

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DRUM MAJOR

DESCRIPTION & DUTIES (Rehearsals)

- Help set-up and take down the field each day (includes podiums/ladders and yardline markers)
- Coordinate with Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma to make sure practice field is adequately painted for each rehearsal
- Assist with the teaching and cleaning of drill
- Teach and reinforce marching fundamentals
- Assist with sectionals as needed (If a section leader is missing, drum majors will step in and run the music sectional)
- Assist with full band music rehearsals as needed
- Assist with rehearsal discipline; help maintain a productive environment
- Direct playing or marching rehearsals as instructed
- Be willing and available to help individuals or sections as needed outside of regular rehearsal time
- Assist with administration, such as uniform issue and return, music
- Music copying/distribution, drill copying/distribution
- Be the backbone of the spirit of the band!

DESCRIPTION & DUTIES (Performances)

- Lead the band in all parade activities
- Direct small “rally band” gigs as assigned
- Conduct as sideline conductors during pregame
- Conduct on the center podium or as sideline or backfield conductor as instructed
- Provide leadership, including conducting when instructed, while the band is in the stands
- Lead the band in spirit and enthusiasm and monitor the band for order and focus

REQUIREMENTS

- Demonstrate exemplary behavior on and off the field
- Demonstrate exemplary musicianship and marching ability
- Be positive and enthusiastic about music, the Bobcat Band, University Athletics, and the university as a whole
- Someone who can take charge, motivate, think on his/her feet, and knows when to follow & lead
- One year of participation (two preferred) in the BMB and, ideally, experience in a BMB leadership position

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates will submit an online application. See the TXST band website for submission guidelines. In addition, one (1) letter of recommendation is required. This should be submitted directly to the Director of Athletic Bands by the date listed online.

Candidate applications will be pre-screened, with a select group invited to participate in a live audition.

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DRUM MAJOR *(continued)*

PREPARING FOR A LIVE AUDITION

Conducting

Each candidate will conduct a selection chosen by the Director of Athletic Bands, and this piece, along with scores and recordings, will be emailed to candidates if they are selected for a live audition.

Demonstrate an accurate and clean style while conducting to a recording. As a conductor, you are a facilitator and must not simply choreograph the music or conduct the melody. This is an important area, so if you have any questions, please ask the Director of Athletic Bands.

Marching

Demonstration of your marching ability. All marching maneuvers are fair game!

Teaching/Critiquing

Demonstration of your teaching and critiquing in the area of marching fundamentals and drill; You will be judged on your voice command, tempo, poise, efficiency, information relayed, and overall effectiveness.

Each candidate will teach a fundamental marching concept from scratch.

OR

Each candidate will teach a short drill segment to a squad and critique their technique and execution.

Interview

After the conducting/teaching portion of the audition, an interview with the band staff will take place. Each candidate will be judged by the quality of his/her answers as well as poise and effectiveness of communication.

Interested candidates are strongly encouraged to seek help from previous drum majors or qualified personnel to assist with audition preparation!

SELECTION PROCESS

Drum majors will be selected on the basis of past performance, participation, and application, and their live audition. Your reference might be contacted regarding your candidacy.

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