

WELCOME TO “THE PRIDE OF OKLAHOMA”

2025 BAND DAY



Please read the following information carefully concerning
the University of Oklahoma Band Day!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

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University of Oklahoma | 2025 Band Day

Saturday, August 30, 2025

Thank you for registering for Band Day at the University of Oklahoma. Below you will find rehearsal and game day information for the 2025 OU vs ILLINOIS STATE game.

ITINERARY

- 8:30AM** **Color Guard / Twirlers ONLY Check-in at Pride Field**
- Twirlers and Color Guard will have **Sectionals 9-10:45am**
- 9:30 –10:45 AM** **MAIN CHECK-IN: Woodwind/Brass/Perc. Check-in at Pride Field**
(Where The Pride of Oklahoma rehearses - *see included maps at end of document*).
- Pride Field Address: **2500 S Jenkins Ave Norman, OK 73072**
 - After Check-in, Sousaphones and Percussion will take out instruments and leave cases at box truck. All others: keep instruments in cases. Watch The Pride rehearse until it's time to work with the Band Day performers.
- 11:00 AM** **Band Day Rehearses with The Pride of Oklahoma.**
- Please bring a copy of your music and your own instrument!
 - **Color guard will need to bring your own flag.**
- 12:15 PM** **Rehearsal ends**
- 12:30–1:10 PM** **Lunch provided for BAND DAY STUDENTS ONLY**
- Lunch will be at Pride Field at the large tent where check-in occurred.
- 1:10–1:30 PM** **Walk to Stadium and Drop Off Instruments:**
- Leadership from The Pride and Volunteers will escort students to the stadium (Gate 1 practice field) to drop off instruments IN CASES.
 - (Sousaphone and Percussion cases are the only things that will be transported by box truck. Sousas and Drumline will WALK their actual instruments with everyone else to the stadium).
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- OPTION 3 Students** are released now along Asp Ave (~1:35 PM). This would have been elected in the online Minors Release/acknowledgment form. The next time we'll see you is in the stadium at Gate 1 by the end of the first quarter. You enter the stadium on your own, with your own ticket(s). Only Parent/Guardians from the *Minor Release* can pick up students and must show ID to Band Day Event Staff. Option 1 and 2 students continue with Band Day Staff to Catlett Music Center.
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- 1:45–2:00 PM** **Walk to Sharp Hall at the Catlett Music Center** (for Option 1 and 2 students)
- 2:00–2:45 PM** **“Life at OU” Question and Answer Session in Sharp Hall** (Catlett Music Center) Band Day students will learn about life, learning, and becoming part of the legacy at OU!

OPTION 2 Students are released now along Elm Street outside Catlett Music Center (~2:50 PM). This would have been elected in the online Minors Release/acknowledgment form. The next time we'll see you is in the stadium at Gate 1 by the end of the first quarter. You enter the stadium on your own, with your own ticket(s). Only Parent/Guardians from the *Minor Release* can pick up students and must show ID to Band Day Event Staff.

4:00 PM **Pride Concert at Heisman Park on Jenkins Ave**

OPTION 1 Students are released now along Jenkins Ave at Heisman Park (~4:15 PM). The next time we'll see you is in the stadium at Gate 1 by the end of the first quarter. You enter the stadium on your own, with your own ticket(s). Only Parent/Guardians from the *Minor Release* can pick up students and must show ID to Band Day Event Staff.

- Leave your **seat no later than 5:00 minutes remaining** in the 1st quarter.
- Report to **Gate 1 (SW Corner)** — this is your location for instrument pickup, warm-up, and lineup.
- By the start of the 2nd quarter, all Band Day students must be inside Gate 1 on the OU Football Practice Field.
- If you should come **LATE** to Gate 1, your chance of making it through security into the football practice field to pick up your instrument before halftime is **VERY** limited.

- **If you wish to leave following halftime:**
 - You will be able to take your case with you after packing up at the football practice field.
 - Parents of those wishing to leave may meet you at **GATE 1** after the performance.

- **If you plan to stay until the end of the game:**
 - Return your case to the truck after packing up.
 - **YOU MUST PICK UP YOUR INSTRUMENT FROM GATE 1 WITHIN 30 MINUTES FOLLOWING THE END OF THE POST-GAME PRIDE PERFORMANCE.**
 - Instruments not picked up will be returned to Catlett Music Center for pick-up on Monday.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Complete Minor's Release:

https://ousurvey.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_77HkVHP6pY1kpZI

Due to legal restrictions with minors on campus **all band day students** must complete the "Release for the University of Oklahoma Minor's Release and Acknowledgement of Rules and Guidelines."

Click the link above, or scan this QR Code:

Additionally, this is where you will select your students Schedule Option.
(Option 1, 2, or 3)



Important Note: No one can participate in Band Day without the completed form.

2. Sign-Up in the BAND APP

All Game Day Communication will be done on the **BAND APP**. Please use this link to join the 2025 Band Day Group: <https://band.us/n/a4a4b9E4Fdb5I>

3. Download Your Music / Guard Routine Video

- **Music AND Guard Routine Video(s)** can be found at this link:
 - <https://shorturl.at/865qb>
- **Guard Performers:** are invited (but not required!) to attend the first hour of the Tuesday OU Guard Sectional if they would like in-person assistance.
 - The sectional will be Tuesday, August 26, 2025 from 4:30-5:30 at Pride Field.
 - Pride Field Address: **2500 S Jenkins Ave Norman, OK 73072**

4. Make Sure You Have Your TICKETS:

- **Your ticket(s) will be emailed to the address you provided at registration.**
- Everyone must have a ticket to enter the stadium.
- For ticket questions please contact Kyler Albert at the OU Athletics Ticket Office at 405-325-8329 or email at kyler.albert-1@ou.edu.

5. Use the Linked Maps and Find Parking Ahead of Time

Parking is not covered by your ticket or registration. Please check the University of Oklahoma website for street closing and game day information.

<https://www.ou.edu/parking> OR

https://soonersports.com/documents/2021/8/25/21fb_parking_map.pdf

IMPORTANT INFO / FAQ

- **CLEAR BAG POLICY** – OU Athletics has instituted a **clear bag policy** for all athletic and stadium events. All clear plastic tote size bags have a **maximum** of 12 inches x 6 inches x 12 inches, or a one-gallon clear plastic freezer bag. Bags that are necessary for medical equipment will be searched at gate medical lanes. Limit is one bag per person. See University Policy here:
<https://soonersports.com/sports/2023/7/25/clear-bag-policy-gameday-page>
- **CASHLESS IN THE STADIUM** – The OU Football Stadium is now “cashless” – meaning only credit/debit card or digital forms of currency (like Apple Pay, etc.) can be used to purchase concessions / water / drinks.
- **BAND DAY T-SHIRT** – Students will be given a Band Day T-Shirt at registration as their uniform to wear for the day and at halftime. Students should be wearing black shorts (or black pants) and athletic shoes when they arrive for check-in.
- Mark all instrument cases or flags polls with: **FIRST and LAST NAME, CELL PHONE NUMBER, and HIGH SCHOOL NAME.**
- **PERFORMER CHECK LIST OF WHAT TO BRING:**
(We will be outside, and the Oklahoma sun is more fun when you prepared to be out in it!)
 - Instrument, Mallets (for front ensemble performers), or Flag
 - Your Music / flip folder / lyre
 - Wear Black Shorts or Pants + Dark Athletic Shoes
 - (We will give you a Band Day T-shirt when you check-in. Be able to change into this at Pride Field. You must wear it.)
 - **Drink Water** the night before and morning of – and if you’d like to bring a Water Jug, please do! BUT it will need to stay with your case OUTSIDE the stadium once we drop our instruments off at the OU Football Practice Field near Gate 1.
 - Wear Sunscreen!
 - Sunglasses and a Hat
 - Bags must comply with OU Athletics “Clear Bag Policy” – but try not to need one.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1: Should I fill out the Minor Release if my student just turned 18?

- Yes, please! It helps us with safety and ensures event integrity from our Event Management Compliance Office.
- You can find the survey here:
https://ousurvey.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_77HkVHP6pY1kpZI

Q2: Does the student need an instrument?

- Yes! Please bring the instrument that they indicated when signing up for Band Day (except pit).

Q3: Does “The Pride” provide Instruments?

- No. The students will need to bring their own personal instrument or the instrument that their school has assigned to them for the marching season.
- If the student is a guard member, they will also need their own flag.

- **The only exception** is the Pit/Front Ensemble. Those students will only need to bring mallets and music.

Q4: Does the music have to be memorized?

- No! The students are encouraged to bring the music in flip folders or on their devices to play during the rehearsal and performance.
- Students should also bring a lyre to attach to their instruments if they wish to attach them in that way.

Q5: What do the students wear?

- The students should wear black shorts (athletic preferably due to weather possibilities) and athletic style shoes.
- The shoes do not have to be black, but dark shoes will help us look more uniform.
- The students will receive a band day t-shirt at rehearsal that they will wear at the game and during the performance.

Q6: Where do I get my ticket?

- Tickets should be emailed to the email address you provided when you registered for band day.
- If you have not received the email by Wednesday, August 27, please contact Kyler Albert at the OU Athletics Ticket Office at 405-325-8329 and double check your email address.

Q7: Where do I pick up my instrument after the game?

- **The truck will remain at Gate 1 (where we meet for 2nd quarter) until just after the post-game Pride performance. Please be there within 30 minutes.**
- Any instrument not picked up will be returned to Catlett for pickup *on Monday*.

Q8: Where can I find the music or routines?

- *Those folders can be found here:* <https://shorturl.at/865qb>

Q9: COLOR GUARD: “Tuesday sectional” opportunity? And is it required?

- The sectional opportunity is just for the GUARD students.
- It is optional, NOT REQUIRED.
- This will be TUESDAY, August 26 at Pride Field. The time will be 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- **Reminder:** The main sectional for Guard will be the day-of the event, from 9:00-10:45 AM.

Q10: Where can I find the Itinerary?

- The itinerary is in a couple of places:
 - Page 2 of this packet AND
 - in the **Band App** – in the Folder/Attachments Section.

Q11: When and where are rehearsals?

- There is only ONE rehearsal prior to the game, the day of the game. Check-in window is between 9:30am and 10:45am.
- The rehearsal will be at Pride Field. Address is: **2500 S. Jenkins Ave Norman, OK 73072**

Q12: Do percussion students need stands?

- No. Percussion will need carriers for the movement onto and around the field, but will not need stands due to limited time and space.
- PLEASE, DO NOT BRING STANDS.

Q13: Can we bring in a bag?

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- All clear plastic tote size bags have a **maximum** of 12 inches x 6 inches x 12 inches, or a one-gallon clear plastic freezer bag.
- Bags that are necessary for medical equipment will be searched at gate medical lanes.
- Limit is one bag per person.
- See University Policy here: <https://soonersports.com/sports/2023/7/25/clear-bag-policy-gameday-page>

Q14: Do we need to label our instrument case or stick bag or water jug?

- Yes! Please clearly mark anything you bring with your **FIRST AND LAST NAME, CELL PHONE NUMBER, and HIGH SCHOOL NAME.**

Q15: How is the best way to get information the day of?

- We will utilize the **Band App** to communicate information.
- You can download it and sign in to our group here:
- <https://band.us/n/a4a4b9E4Fdb5I>
- Please allow notifications.

Q16: What are the “Schedule Options” again?

We know Game Day can be a busy time for families, so we’ve designed the Band Day schedule to be as flexible as possible. That said, to help us with planning and keeping track of students, each student needs to follow one of three plans. **These were selected when you completed the *Minor Acknowledgment Form* online via Qualtrics.**

Option 1: Students will attend the required rehearsal and lunch, then walk to the stadium to drop off their instruments (~1:35pm). From there, they’ll walk with Band Day supervisors to Sharp Hall in Catlett Music Center for the optional “Life at OU” Q&A session (2:00pm-2:45pm). After the Q&A, they’ll walk with supervisors to the North Oval to see The Pride sections warm-up (~3:00pm), then on to Heisman Park (on the east side of the stadium along Jenkins Avenue) to watch The Pride’s pregame concert. Students will be released to their parents or guardians at Heisman Park following the concert (~4:15pm).

Option 2: Students will attend the required rehearsal and lunch, then walk to the stadium to drop off their instruments (~1:35pm). Afterward, they will walk with Band Day supervisors to Sharp Hall in Catlett Music Center for the optional “Life at OU” Q&A session (2:00pm-2:45pm). Following the session, students will be released to their parents or guardians outside the main entrance of Catlett Music Center (~2:50pm).

Option 3: Students will attend the required rehearsal and lunch, then walk to the stadium to drop off their instruments. After dropping off instruments, they will be released to their parents or guardians at the southwest corner of the stadium along Asp Avenue (~1:35pm).

- **Questions?** Email the Band Day Coordinator, Dr. Eric Shannon, at es@ou.edu.

BAND DAY MAPS

1. **Pride Field – Rehearsal Location**
2. **Catlett Music Center (500 W. Boyd Street)**
3. **Game Day Pre-Game Concert Location (Heisman Park)**
4. **Oklahoma Memorial Stadium**



GATE 1

