

WELCOME TO “THE PRIDE OF OKLAHOMA”

2026 BAND DAY



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

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

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University of Oklahoma | 2026 Band Day

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Thank you for registering for Band Day at the University of Oklahoma. Below you will find rehearsal and game day information for the 2026 HOME vs NEW MEXICO game.

Please read the information carefully as many questions will be answered below.

ITINERARY

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| 10:00 AM | Color Guard & Twirler Check-in at Pride Field <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guard & Twirlers will have a sectional from 10:30 AM to 12:00 NOON.• Color guard will need to bring your own flag. |
| 11:00 AM–12:00 NOON | Winds and Percussion Check-in at Pride Field
(Where The Pride of Oklahoma rehearses - <i>see included maps at end of document</i>). <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pride Field Address: 2500 S Jenkins Ave Norman, OK 73072• Change for this year – Tubas and Drums: Leave all cases in vehicles or on bus / don't bring day-of. We WON'T utilize a box truck to the stadium this year. Bring a trash bad to cover instrument if threat of rain. |
| 12:30 PM | Band Day Rehearses with The Pride of Oklahoma. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please bring a copy of your music and your own instrument! |
| 1:40 PM | Rehearsal ends |
| 1:45–2:25 PM | Lunch provided for BAND DAY STUDENTS ONLY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch will be at Pride Field at the large tent where check-in occurred. |
| 2:30 PM | Walk instruments to the STADIUM (GATE 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immediately following lunch:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Escort students to the stadium to drop off Instruments (<i>see included map</i>).○ Woodwinds and hand-held Brass will be in cases.○ Tuba and Drums will NOT have cases this year. |
| 2:45 PM | OPTION 2 Students Depart Here – Parents or approved persons meet students on West side of Asp Avenue next to the stadium after they put their instruments in the stadium. |
| 3:00 PM | OPTION 1 Students Stay with Band Day, Walk on to Catlett Music Center. Attend Q&A Session in Sharp Concert Hall. |
| 3:15–4:15 PM | “Life at OU” Q&A Session in Sharp Hall. Come learn about life, learning, and becoming part of the legacy at OU! |

(Itinerary continued on next page...)

4:30 PM

Depart Catlett for Pride Re-Warm then Pre-Game Performance Site (*see included map*).

- Travel with Band GAs and Volunteers to The Pride's pregame concert area (Heisman Park).

5:30 PM

BAND DAY Supervision Ends Until after 1st Quarter of Game

- Following The Pride's pre-game concert, you will enter the stadium **with your ticket on your own.**

6:30 PM CST

KICK-OFF: GO SOONERS!!!

Before Half Time

GO TO STAGING AREA – NEAR GATE 1

- 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.

After Half Time

We will return to **GATE 1**, to the practice field, to put your instrument in the case. You may then return to your seat in the stadium.

- **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 and any found items will be returned to Catlett Music Center for pick-up on Monday.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Complete Minor's Release:

https://qualtrics.ou.edu/jfe/form/SV_cG6cKKijvzHF30

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

Click the link above, or copy it into your browser.

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 2026 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: (Guard routine will be available closer to the event date).
 - <https://shorturl.at/Q8zmJ>
- **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, September 15, 2026 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.
- You may not get them until Friday, Sept. 18. If you don't have them by 9/18, then contact Kyler.
- 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/sports/2020/9/10/football-game-day-parking>

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>
- **BAND DAY T-SHIRT + Wear Black Shorts** – Students will be given a Band Day T-Shirt at registration as their uniform to wear for the day and at halftime. Please have them wear black shorts (or black pants) and athletic shoes when you come to the rehearsal.
- 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 + Black Athletic Shoes and Tennis/Athletic Shoes
 - (We will issue you a Band Day T-shirt when you register. 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 if 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:

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 be 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 Friday 9/19, please contact Kyler Albert at the OU Athletics Ticket Office at 405-325-8329 to double check your email address.

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

- **Gate 1 (where we meet for 2nd quarter) until just after the post-game Pride performance. Please be there within 30 minutes after post-game concert ends.**
- 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/Q8zmJ>

Q9: Is the “Tuesday sectional” opportunity for Guard also for full band? And is it required?

- The sectional opportunity is just for the GUARD students.
- It is optional, NOT REQUIRED.
- This will be TUESDAY, September 15 at Pride Field. The time will be 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- There will also be a scheduled sectional for Guard Day-of: Saturday, 9/19, 10:30am – 12:00 NOON

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.
- 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.
- **DO NOT BRING STANDS.**

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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.
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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.

- **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**

