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## From the Director

**Hello, SON!**

Welcome to the 2023 edition of the Best Soundin' Band in the Land, the Spirit of Northwestern! I hope you all are having a wonderful summer and are finding some time to enjoy friends and family. I want to extend a very special welcome to our new members joining the SON this year. We look forward to you being part of our band family.

Along with a ton of useful information, season performance dates and special events are all included in this newsletter. I hope that you will take a moment to review these dates with your family and have them plan to come visit you during a performance or two.

The band staff and I are all preparing for a very rewarding season that will be filled with exciting performances. In addition to our home football games, Young Performers Day, and Classic on the Cane, this year we will take our show on the road as we visit Louisiana Tech on September 9. That show will feature a joint halftime performance with the SON and the LA Tech Band of Pride. A few weeks later (September 23) we will travel to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and perform in a brand-new stadium as the feature exhibition band for the first-ever Melissa Marching Showcase. Not only will we perform for a capacity crowd, but we will also perform our show with the world-renowned Boston Brass!

I am very excited about the return of the Fall semester and getting the opportunity to work with some of the hardest working and most-dedicated students on campus. For now, please enjoy the rest of your summer and get prepared to have the time of your life.

Fork 'em!  
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# From the Tower

## Greetings SON 2023!

I'm so excited to welcome you to the 2023 season of the Spirit of Northwestern! This year is going to be amazing, with performances with the Boston Brass, a trip to Louisiana Tech, Young Performer's Day, and the Classic on the Cane.

To our new members, welcome to the SON family! We're thrilled to have you join us. You're part of an incredible group, and we encourage you to get involved and apply your talents. You have the opportunity to impact and influence the future of the SON. Don't hesitate to reach out to your student leaders, upperclassmen, graduate assistants, or directors for help or advice. This is a monumental transition in your life, and we're here for you.

We're still finalizing the details for our shows this year, but we're excited to share that our first show will feature the music of Queen. We'll also be highlighting some of the hits of Broadway in our second show.

We'll continue to use the UDB and Beam app this year, and we've got some phone clips that will attach your phone to your lyre. We may even have a few more surprises in store!

I can't wait to see you all in August and get started on another great season. Have a great summer and see you soon!

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## From the Field

### Hello, Spirit of Northwestern!

If we have not met yet, my name is Dr. Oliver Molina and I am one of the Assistant Director of Bands here at NSU. I am excited for this upcoming season with the Spirit of Northwestern. Although there have been changes in leadership recently, the band leadership has been working hard to find several ways to ensure a successful year. Having worked with college marching bands for several years, I know we will strive for excellence and greatness no matter the conditions we find ourselves in. I hope this season and especially the game day experience will be fun for everyone, from the audience to the football team, and especially for us, the band. There are great things in store for this season and I cannot wait to get started.

The success of the drum line has been due to the drive and commitment of its members but also the leadership from the graduate assistants. The GAs have been instrumental in the day-to-day operations, teaching and rehearsing the group at high levels. The drum line has had two audition clinics in preparation for next season. The attendance for the auditions has been great with a strong mix of returning and new members. We will also have two summer camps to prepare for band camp in the fall. At these summer camps we will start working on the 2023 cadence, the pre-game show, and music to the halftime shows.

Although I will mainly be working with the drumline, I look forward to meeting each and every one of the members of the SoN. I am terrible with names but feel free to come up to me and introduce yourself. I will do my best to learn your name and make myself available to all the members of the band. For me, band is all about family and the lifelong connections we make with each other.

If I have learned anything in our current situation, it is to make the most with what we have. I assure you that myself and the rest of the band staff and leadership will continue to work hard to make a memorable season. I look forward to seeing all of you in August, especially the incoming freshmen class. I hope you will find Natchitoches to be home as I have over the past eight years. Go Demons! Fork 'em!

Dr. Molina



# From the Guard

## Greetings to the 2023–2024 Spirit of Northwestern Demon Heat Colorguard!

We are so excited that you will be joining us for another fun and exciting season with the Demon Heat Colorguard! This year, we are welcoming several new additions to our leadership team, our veterans, and many new members to the program.

To Our New Members: We want to welcome you to a unique colorguard program, where members can collaborate, learn, and work with like-minded individuals towards common colorguard goals. We understand that stepping into a new program can be overwhelming and maybe even a little daunting at first. Rest easy knowing that we are incredibly enthusiastic and excited to welcome you to NSU, to the Spirit of Northwestern, and to the Demon Heat Colorguard Program! Your first-year experience is as important to all of us as it is to you. We encourage you to arrive at camp with an open mind, a willingness to learn new skills and perfect old skills. Be ready to work, adapt, and inspire yourself and others. Our goal at band camp is to push you outside of your comfort zone. We believe that personal growth truly happens outside of the comfort zone. The knowledge and confidence gained in your first year has the potential to set you up for a bright future not only in our program, but in all your colorguard ambitions and goals. Jena and I ask that you seize every opportunity, work hard, and be ready to learn when you arrive in August! Until then, continue working on the fundamentals skills that you learned at your audition (yes... on the left and right side of your body). We look forward to seeing you at camp in August!

To Our Veterans: Welcome back Veterans! Jena and I hope that you have had an opportunity to slow down, reset, and recover from the winter season. Thanks to all of you, last year was a period of development, growth, and achievement in excellence for the Demon Heat Colorguard program. We walked away from the winter season with a renewed sense of purpose, dedication, drive, and GOLD medals around our neck! Congratulations on a fantastic winter season!

We hope that you arrive at band camp in August with lots of positive energy, good vibes, and enthusiasm for new experiences and new faces. Jena and I have three main goals for the program this next year. First, we want to continue achieving and maintaining the goals and expectations that we set for you in the past at a continued level of excellence. Second, we want to strive for a better sense of unity, understanding, and diversity/inclusion within the program. It's incredibly important to us that you all feel welcome, included, and respected as individuals. Third, we want to develop the program so that it continues to inspire you, our new members, the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band, and our incredible alumni. We can't wait to see all of you again in August!

To Everyone: As we head towards band camp in August, please be mindful of the following: make sure you are a member of our team Facebook page, double check that you are enrolled in the appropriate courses so that your scholarship can be credited appropriately, be ready with the appropriate payments for band camp and supplies, have appropriate guard attire for band camp (shoes, gloves, undergarments, etc.), and that you stay mindful of your summer fitness and cardiovascular goals. It is essential that you are hydrated, physically fit, and capable of giving 100% during band camp.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to reach out to us at [steeled@nsula.edu](mailto:steeled@nsula.edu) and/or [elferj@nsula.edu](mailto:elferj@nsula.edu). Last but certainly not least, know that your directors share the common goal of providing you with a rich and rewarding experience this season where you can learn, grow, and perform at your absolute best! We are looking forward to a successful and exciting season with all of you. Welcome to and welcome back to Northwestern State University and the Spirit of Northwestern!

Loud... Proud... One... Two... Ready... Go... DEMONS!

Jena Elfer and David Steele



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## Demon Dazzlers

### Greetings SoN!

I am very excited to present our new team for the 2023-2024 season. There are 13 outstanding and eager Dazzlers waiting to take the field with you! We are preparing to start our season by attending a home camp in June that will focus on technique, conditioning, and team bonding. And for the first time in a LONG time, we are traveling to UDA Dance Camp at TSU in San Marcos, TX in July alongside NSU Cheer and Purple Pizzaz Pom Line! Then, we will finish out the summer with our last home camp, and who could forget, Band Camp! We hope to make you proud, as it is such a privilege to perform alongside the "Best Sounding Band in the Land!" - Coach Brandi

Being a part of the Spirit of Northwestern means being a part of a family, and I am so grateful and blessed to be a part of this family for another year. I am looking forward to being back with this family and getting to grow closer this upcoming semester. I am also looking forward to having summer camp and getting go to UDA camp this summer with the Demon Dazzlers. We can not wait to continue to grow as dancers, as a team, and as a family this next year! - Captain Makenzie Scroggs

My favorite part of being a Demon Dazzler is working with the band, and this year I am very excited to be taking on a leadership role. The Dazzlers are already in the works to make this season the best one yet! One of my personal goals that I would also like to share with the team is making connections with the SON members. At the end of the day, we are all one big family, and it is important to find opportunities to build each other up. Nothing beats the feeling of performing on the field alongside the SON, and I am honored to be able to play a small part in such a big representation of our university. This is going to be a great year! - Co Captain Jillian Duggan

Hey everyone! I am very excited for this upcoming season, and I am ready to perform with the SON in Turpin Stadium! It will be very exciting to see the growth of this band throughout the season. I am ready to see what this season will bring and what the new shows will be. I am ready to bring my all to every rehearsal and performance. I am also very excited to support and cheer on the Demons at games and events. I hope that with every performance every member is able to have fun and enjoy these moments. - Lieutenant Ariel Theriot

Hey SoN! My name is Madison Simms and I am a Biology major. This is my third year with the SoN and I am so excited for this upcoming year. I am so ready to be back with my dazzler family and practice for our annual field show with the band! Our team has lots in store for this season and we are so excited for everyone to see us in action! - Lieutenant Madison Simms

# From the Arranger

Dear 2023 SoN,

My name is Dr. Adam Hudlow, Assistant Professor of Music Theory here at Northwestern State University. The 2023-2024 school year will mark my eleventh-year teaching at NSU, and I have had the honor to serve as the field show arranger for the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band for the past eight seasons. I always say that my job as wind arranger is a pre-musical job. I do my best when writing a score to lay in front of the other writers and performers a solid path to a musical performance. Your job as band staff, student leadership, and performers is to make the actual music happen. My contribution has little value until you all breathe life into it.

I have been excited every year about the marching shows that we have planned, and this year is no different. Our first show, featuring the music of rock band Queen, will be a collaboration with the amazing brass quintet Boston Brass, and my first arrangement to showcase a feature ensemble on the field. My goal with this show is to showcase the amazing talents of each member of BB, while highlighting the rich, powerful sounds for which the SoN has always been known. I look forward to seeing all of you elevate your performance to a whole new level with this one! The second show, featuring showstopping hits from some of Broadway's biggest shows, is a personally fulfilling endeavor. I wrote my doctoral dissertation on a Broadway topic, and many of the fondest memories listening to music revolve around dramatic vocal music. This show is larger than life, and I cannot wait to hear what you all make of it.

Finally, I want to say that nothing I write for marching band would ever be all that interesting without the percussion, dance, and colorguard writing that turn these shows into interdisciplinary works of art the likes of which only exist on a marching field. I ask that you all join me in thanking each contributor in this massively complex, collaborative project called marching band.

I cannot wait to see what the 2023 SoN has in store for all of us. Thank you all for having me as a small part of your continued success story.

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# From the Ladder

## Greetings Spirit of Northwestern!

We hope that you have had a fun and relaxing summer so far. In just a short time, we will be gathering in Natchitoches to kick off the 2023 season with our SoN Preseason Camp. We, as drum majors, are so excited to continue the successful tradition of this program and build on its legacy with all of you. This year's staff and leadership team have been working hard all summer to prepare for the upcoming season. In order to ensure that everyone has a healthy and safe experience during camp, we wanted to share a few tips:

1. Start hydrating now! Please do not wait until August to start drinking water.
2. Get outside, even if it's only for 20 minutes per day. Your body needs time to acclimate to the heat.
3. Grab your instrument or equipment and practice when you can; this will be so important when camp comes around!
4. If you're a new member, join the Facebook page "Current Members of the Spirit of Northwestern 2023" to keep up with important information all season long.

Last year was a great look at what we can do when we're able to come together, and we expect nothing less this season! We have many exciting performances this year including our annual Classic on the Cane Marching Contest on October 28th. We hope you are as pumped as we are to reunite on Northwestern State's campus and start this season. Enjoy the rest of your summer, get ready to work hard at camp to make this our best season yet, and as always, Fork 'Em Demons!

Your 2023 Drum Majors,  
Piper Dearing  
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Spirit of Northwestern website ([demonband.nsula.edu](http://demonband.nsula.edu)) and social media pages will have frequent updates of important information concerning the beginning of the fall semester.

SON Band members are urged to bookmark the page so that they can easily visit on a regular basis. What will you find at the web page?

- \* Spirit of Northwestern Handbook
- \* Rehearsal and performance schedules for the entire academic year
- \* Recordings of the Northwestern State Bands
- \* Marching Contest information
- \* Daily announcements and much more





# The Five Organizations of the SON and CAPA

## Kappa Kappa Psi – Theta Nu



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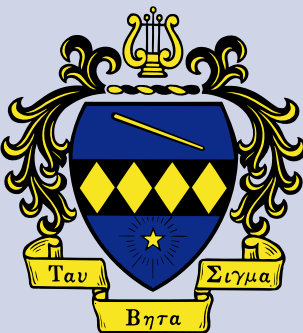
Kappa Kappa Psi, National Honorary Service Fraternity for College Band Members, is an organization operating exclusively in the field of college and university bands. Kappa Kappa Psi is a brotherhood built through service to college and university bands. We strive to present ourselves as role models, excelling in musicianship, leadership, and service.

Brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi are constantly working to make the band experience the best it can possibly be for every band member through organizing social events, fund raising, and serving the band in any way possible. Come join us!

The Theta Nu Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi welcomes interested band members to come and learn more about our organization. To get more information on our fraternity, contact **Angela Gonzales at (832) 612-1431** or speak to an active brother at the SON Convocation on **Sunday, August 6th**.

We look forward to seeing you at band camp!  
Fork 'em Demons!

## Tau Beta Sigma – Eta Pi



Colors: Blue/White (w/Gold)

Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority welcomes you to the Spirit of Northwestern!

We are a co-ed sorority that welcomes all genders and proudly serves the NSU band programs on and off the field. We participate in service projects like CAPA clean-ups, uniforms, band setups/tear downs, assisting with water during camp and practices, and fund raisers to help provide more for the band. Through those activities and many more, we are able to strengthen our bond through sisterhood. We also work in conjunction with our brothers in Kappa Kappa Psi.

Tau Beta Sigma helps members learn valuable life skills, such as time management, communication, and leadership, which helps members be prepared for life after college. It is truly an honor to be selected to serve and Tau Beta Sigma can't wait to serve the Spirit of Northwestern this year.

The sisters of Eta Pi would love to meet you! Come and learn more about our organization at our informationals. To get more information about our sorority, Contact Chileigh, "Chilly", Mitchell at **(337) 780 - 5997** or talk to any active sisters at Convocation!

## Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia – Gamma Rho



Colors: Red/Black/Gold

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia is the world's oldest and largest national social fraternity for musicians. A bid of membership may be extended to any man who, through a love for music, can assist in the fulfillment of the Fraternity's Object and ideals either by adopting music as a profession, or by working to advance the cause of music in America.

The Object of this Fraternity shall be for the development of the best and truest fraternal spirit; the mutual welfare and brotherhood of musical students; the advancement of music in America and a loyalty to the Alma Mater.



Colors: Red and White

## Sigma Alpha Iota

*Beta Iota Chapter*

### WHAT IS SIGMA ALPHA IOTA?

SAI is a fraternity for female, female-presenting, and non-binary musicians.

### INTERESTED IN JOINING?

Follow us on social media to keep up with our informational events!

 @saibetaiota

 SAI Beta Iota



## National Association for Music Education (NAfME)



The National Association for Music Education (NAfME) is the only professional association that addresses all aspects of music education. More than 68,000 active, retired, and collegiate members represent all teaching levels from kindergarten through college.

Through its many programs, initiatives, and resources, NAfME works to promote the importance of music education, foster the best possible school music programs across the nation, and advance music education as a profession.

As you prepare for your career, it's time to become part of your professional association – and to take advantage of the many benefits of membership.

## School Loaned Instruments

University owned instruments will be issued at band registration. Please remember, **if you use a university instrument, you are responsible for any and all repair.**

- **Flute:** All members will march piccolo (provided)
- **Clarinet:** A very limited number of clarinets are available if you do not own one. You are responsible for mouthpiece, reeds, and ligature.
- **Saxophone:** A very limited number of saxophones are available if you do not own one. You are responsible for mouthpiece, reeds, ligature and neckstrap.

## School Loaned Brass Instruments:

In an effort to keep these instruments looking and sounding their best for the next several decades, **you will be required to wear gloves at ALL rehearsals and performances.** There are three options available to you:

1. Purchase the standard gloves that we have used for performances. Tau Beta Sigma will be selling these for a nominal fee – but it will take several pairs to last the entire season.
2. Purchase a band practice glove – also available from Tau Beta Sigma. These are a little thicker and have non-slip “beads” on the palms and fingers. This is probably the best route to take.
3. Purchase your own glove from somewhere else, like a batter’s glove (leather, but that’s OK) for usually around \$20 at a local sporting goods store.

**Student must provide their own mouthpiece (except mellophone), and valve/slide oil.**

**To help protect against scratches and dents, we will have the cases lined up on the sidelines at all rehearsals. Whenever the horn is not in your hands, it’s in the case!**

**School-owned brass instruments will be pre-assigned during the summer.**

**What you need to know:**

1. All members who borrow an instrument will complete and sign a form. This also serves as an agreement to take responsibility for damage to the instrument beyond normal wear-and-tear.
2. If you need a mouthpiece, please specify this at the instrument check-out table at registration.
3. You are responsible for keeping your instrument oiled, greased, polished, etc.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Move-in and Check-in Dates

This information is also posted on the [SON website home page](#).

Participants	Date	Dorm Check-in		Camp Registration
		Begins	Ends	
Drum Majors, Logistics, Graduate Assistants, Drumline Section Leaders, Dazzlers, Librarians	July 31	10 AM	1 PM	1 PM
Section Leaders, Colorguard, Percussion, Media, Uniforms	August 3	10 AM	1 PM	1 PM
Hornline New Members (Freshmen/Transfer students/New to SON)	August 5	10 AM	1 PM	1 PM*
Hornline Returning Members (Upper Classmen)	August 6	10 AM	1 PM	1 PM

\*Registration may take 1-2 hours. Thank you for your patience.

## Band Camp Activity Schedule

These events are *open to all members of the SON*. All are welcome!

Sunday	August 6	SON Convocation in Magale
Monday	August 7	Zumba with ΣAI and TBΣ
Tuesday	August 8	SoaKked with Psi (Water Day)
Wednesday	August 9	SON Field Day sponsored jointly by TBΣ and KKΨ
Thursday	August 10	SON Preseason Evening Session, followed by Four-Org Cookout sponsored by KKΨ, TBΣ, ΦMA, and ΣAI
Saturday	August 12	Potential Pool Party at Rec. Center sponsored by ΦMA

### What are the times of the summer band rehearsals?

A complete schedule of rehearsals is posted on the SON website home page. However, from the time you report, you will be busy from approximately 7:00 a.m. each day until 8:30 p.m. Excuses from rehearsals are granted on an individual basis and must be related to a problem with academic scheduling or a health issue. Regardless, all requests for excuses must be done by email to Mr. McDonald at [mcdonaldd@nsula.edu](mailto:mcdonaldd@nsula.edu).

### When will I be allowed to move into my housing unit?

When you report for summer band rehearsals at the time listed above, a representative from housing will be present to check you into your housing unit. You will have time that afternoon, prior to the beginning of rehearsal, to go to your dorm and move your items into the space.

### How much does it cost to be in band?

There is a \$50 "Activity Fee" that is due on the first day of summer rehearsals. This fee covers your Band Ball cap, Son T-shirt, and SON marching shorts plus some other incidentals.

### When does the SON rehearse during the fall semester?

The SON rehearses on MWF from 3:30 p.m. until 5:20 p.m. We will always have a rehearsal on the morning of a home football game as well.

### What are the policies of tardies and absences from rehearsals or performances?

Please read carefully the section on "Attendance Requirements" in the Handbook of Policies and Procedures posted on the SON website. It clearly defines attendance expectations. Basically, don't ever miss and always be on time and you'll be fine when the grades are issued at the end of the semester. **Attendance is taken via the UDB app and it is the student's responsibility to be within that geofence.**

### What is the attire for summer rehearsals?

It will be extremely hot outside and, sometimes, cold in the band room. For outside rehearsals you should wear shorts, t-shirts, a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and tennis shoes with socks. Flip flops, sandals and boots, etc., are not acceptable at marching rehearsals. You **MUST** wear tennis shoes or you will be told to leave the field and change shoes. The temperature in the band room and Student Union can sometimes be "cool," so if you are "cold-natured," it is recommended that you bring a pull-over or light sweater.

### Are meals provided during summer rehearsals?

Meals are not provided during the week. However, the four orgs plan to feed the band on a couple of occasions. The Iberville Cafeteria will be open and you can purchase meals there for a nominal cost. There are also a few eating establishments across the street from campus.

# How do I sign up for the “Remind” texts?

## CODES

### Brass

Text @son23brass to 81010

### Demon Dazzlers

Text @son23dazz to 81010

### Demon Heat Colorguard

Text @son23dhcg to 81010

### Drumline

Text @son23dl to 81010

### Woodwinds

Text @son23ww to 81010

### Leadership

Text @son23lead to 81010

### Logistics Team

Text @son23log to 81010

### Media Team

Text @son23media to 81010

### Uniform Coordinators

Text @son23uni to 81010

Opt-in for important text updates from DMac:

Text the code for *your group* (shown at left) to the number **81010**



# BAND WEEK CHECKLIST

- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$50 Activity Fee.** This is due the first day you arrive. Please make checks payable to the NSU Band. Cash is fine, too!
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Completed Online Insurance Form** See instructions on page 20. If you have any questions about HealthyRoster or the document requirements, please contact Brittany Goldberg via email at [goldberg@nsula.edu](mailto:goldberg@nsula.edu).
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Complete and Return Page 21 to Landon Olivier** at [olivierl@nsula.edu](mailto:olivierl@nsula.edu).
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$6.50 per meal** (sold in blocks of 10 meals) from dining hall (optional, but we do not provide most meals).
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Money** for meals during summer rehearsals (optional).
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Black Marching Shoes** - \$50/pair (You may bring your own if in good condition or they can be purchased and fitted at registration).
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Band Gloves** - \$4/pair



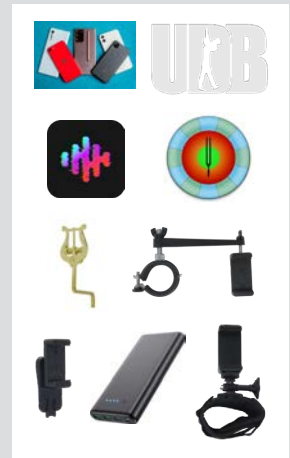
*You can now pay for your activity fee, meal card, and marching shoes online!*

Go to: <https://www.northwesternstatealumni.com/donations/son-student/> and simplify your Move-In Day registration. Plus, you get to pay it all in one place. **PLEASE SHOW YOUR RECEIPT AT CHECK IN!**

# REHEARSAL CHECKLIST

**Members should have the following items at every rehearsal, unless directed otherwise by a director.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Rehearsal Gloves** - \$4/pair (mellophone, baritone, sousaphone)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Lyre** - \$7-\$14 (mandatory for all winds except piccolo, trombone, sousaphone)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Instrument/Equipment in good condition.** University owned instruments/equipment will be issued at band registration. Please remember that if you use a university instrument, you are responsible for any and all repair.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Comfortable and cool clothing**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Tennis shoes and socks**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Hat/sunglasses/sunscreen**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Water bottle** – Fill **BEFORE** rehearsal and keep near your area of practice field
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Deodorant** (please 🤩)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Instrument supplies** - Reeds, tape, valve oil, cork grease, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Smartphone (charged)** – many of the apps we use will be downloaded and/or use Bluetooth, hopefully saving much of your battery power.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **UDB Pro** app
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Beam Music** app
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Tempo** or similar metronome app
- \_\_\_\_\_ **TE Tuner** or similar high quality tuner app
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone clip** for lyre
- \_\_\_\_\_ **USB Battery Pack** – Amazon has some for as little as \$9.99
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Bluetooth turned on**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **The newest drill on UDB app** – downloaded prior to rehearsal/performance
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Leaders/Logistics/Select Others** - You will be provided with iPads with protective covers, hand grip, and sling. Please make sure that the appropriate apps are downloaded, and your iPad is charged. iPads will be returned at the end of the season.



## -NOTICE-

Members marching in Drum Corps this summer must notify Dr. Pursell at [pursella@nsula.edu](mailto:pursella@nsula.edu) if they will miss any part of SON Preseason Camp this August.

*Approximate Total: \$100-200*

## Maintenance/ Necessity Items

ITEM	PRICE
Trombone Slide Oil	\$6.00
Disinfectant Spray	\$4.00
Cork Grease	\$3.00
Rotor Oil	\$4.00
Valve Oil	\$3.00
Tuning Slide Grease	\$3.00
Chapstick	\$1.00
<b>Long Black Socks</b>	\$4.00
<b>Practice Gloves</b> (Beaded)	\$4.00
<b>Performance</b> Gloves (Non)	\$4.00
Percussion Wristbands	\$1.50
Piccolo Lyre	\$12.00
Clarinet Lyre	\$7.00
Saxophone Lyre	\$7.00
Mellophone Lyre	\$14.00
Trumpet Lyre	\$8.00
Trombone Lyre	\$8.00
Trombone Clip Lyre	\$13.00
Baritone Lyre	\$13.00
Sousaphone Lyre	\$4.00
Black Electrical Tape	\$3.00
Clarinet Rico Reed 2.0	\$3.00
Clarinet Rico Reed 2.5	\$3.00
Clarinet Vandoren Reed 2.5	\$4.00
Clarinet Vandoren Reed 3.0	\$4.00
Clarinet Vandoren Reed 3.5	\$4.00
Clarinet Rue Lepic Reed 4.0	\$4.00
Bass Clarinet Vandoren 2.5	\$4.00

Bass Clarinet Vandoren 3.0	\$4.00
Bass Clarinet Vandoren 3.5	\$4.00
Alto Sax Rico Reed 2.5	\$3.00
Alto Sax Rico Reed 3.0	\$3.00
Alto Sax Vandoren 3.0	\$4.00
Alto Sax Vandoren 3.5	\$4.00
Tenor Sax Rico Reed 2.5	\$3.00
Tenor Sax Rico Royal 3.0	\$3.00
Tenor Sax Vandoren 3.5	\$4.00
Bari Sax Vandoren 2.5	\$4.00
Flip Folder	\$5.00
Flip Folder Sheets	\$1.00 for 4 Sheets

## SON Merchandise

SON Sling Bag	\$3.00
SON Tank Top	\$12.00
SON Family Shirt	\$12.00
SON Clear Bag	\$8.00
SON Spirit Socks	\$8.00
SON Water Bottle	\$3.00
SON Keychain	\$2.00
SON Button	\$1.00
SON Spirit Wristband	\$1.00

**PAY  
ONLINE**



*\*ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\**

## Gloves-Socks-Shoes

ALL winds and percussion will need to have **black marching shoes**, and **black athletic crew-length socks** (with no logo on upper section).

All winds also need **long black gloves**. The preferred shoes are **Black Pinnacle shoes by Style Plus**. Members will have the opportunity to be fitted and purchase the correct shoes online and at Preseason Camp registration.



## Additional Items for Specific Sections:

### DAZZLERS

Northwestern State University will provide each Dazzler with the following items. These items are considered property of Northwestern State University and must be returned to Northwestern State University at the completion of each academic year or if at any time a Dazzler is no longer a member of the Line:

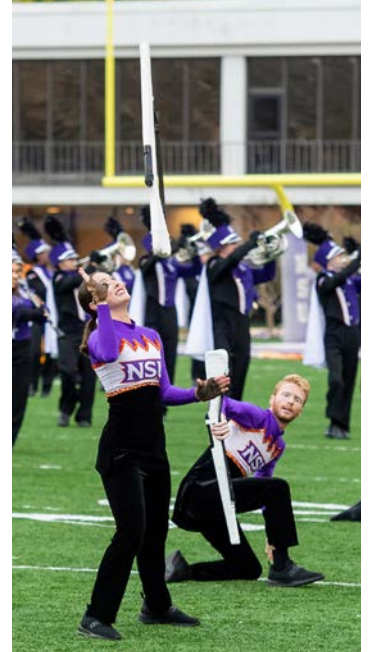
1. Field Uniform (pep-dress)
2. Performance Uniforms (tops, skirts, pants)
3. Warmups
4. Backpack (*can keep*)

Each member must personally provide the following items (but not limited to) for personal use:

1. Appropriate fitting plain black racerback sports bra
2. Appropriate fitting plain black hot shorts
3. Shoes- Tennis shoes & Jazz shoes for practicing
4. Makeup & Hair styling products (Dazzlers will match eye palette and lip color)

The \$400 fee paid at the beginning of the year will cover the following for 2023-2024:

1. Tan jazz shoes
2. Black jazz shoes
3. Team tennis shoes
4. Skin colored tights (2), black tights (2)
5. Team earrings
6. Team practice uniform (top & shorts/leggings)
7. Team t-shirt
8. Team Warm-Up



### DEMON HEAT COLORGUARD

Demon Heat Band Camp Fee- \$130

**The recommended deadline to pay this fee is July 1st, 2023. The final deadline is August 1st, 2023.**

The Demon Heat Band Camp Fee includes shorts, shirt, backpack, water bottle and miscellaneous supplies (tape, drill book, name tags for bag, etc.)

You can pay these fees using Venmo or Cashapp:

Venmo: @Jena-Elfer

Cashapp: \$JenaElfer

**\*Please include the following with your payment: "Full name- Demon Heat Fall 2023"**

### DRUM LINE (battery and front ensemble)

Wristbands -\$3/pair

**Items that you need to get on your own:**

Binder (to keep all music organized)

Sheet protectors

Stick tape/white electrical tape (battery members)





## PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2023

# “SPIRIT OF NORTHWESTERN”

## MARCHING BAND

Saturday, September 9	Football Game – In Ruston	Louisiana Tech
Friday, September 15	Demons Come Out at Night Pep Rally	
Saturday, September 16	Football Game	SFA (Young Performers Day)
Saturday, September 23	Exhibition Performance	Melissa (TX) Marching Showcase
Saturday, September 30	Football Game	Eastern Illinois University
Saturday, October 21	Football Game	Southeastern
Saturday, October 28	NSU Marching Contest	Classic on the Cane
Friday, November 3	Homecoming Pep Rally	
Saturday, November 4	Football Game (Homecoming)	Houston Christian University
Saturday, November 18	Football Game	Texas A&M Commerce
Saturday, December 2	Natchitoches Christmas Festival Parade	
Sunday, January 21	SON Awards Banquet	

## Ticket Sales

Band parents and fans can purchase single home game tickets (general admission only) at a discounted rate through our band sorority, Tau Beta Sigma. Tickets are \$10 and you can purchase them at the TBΣ Ticket Table at CAPA. The table will open three hours prior to kickoff and remain open until the band marches down to Turpin Stadium. You may pay with either cash or credit card. **Questions? Email: [tbsetapi@gmail.com](mailto:tbsetapi@gmail.com)**

### *Interested in away games, season tickets or upgraded seating?*

Season Tickets are \$115 for a chairback ticket to all 5 home games. The Louisiana Lagniappe package, includes all home games plus both away football games at UL-Lafayette and LA Tech for \$150. Purchase season tickets at [nsutickets.com](http://nsutickets.com) or call 318-357-4268. Season Tickets will also be sold at Freshmen Connection this summer.



# Northwestern State University Bands

## Schedule of Events 2023-2024

### Fall 2023

Day	Date	Event	Time
Monday	July 31, 2023	SON Drum Majors, Librarian, Graduate Assistants, DL Leaders, Dazzlers Report	TBD
Thursday	August 3, 2023	SON Leadership (Winds), Demon Heat, Drumline, Media, Uniforms Move-In/Rehearsals	1 p.m.-9 p.m.
Friday	August 4, 2023	SON Leadership (Winds), Demon Heat, Demon Dazzlers, Drumline Rehearsals	7 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday	August 5, 2023	New Member Move-In/Rehearsals & DH, DD, DL Rehearsals	7 a.m./1 p.m.-9 p.m.
Sunday	August 6, 2023	Returning Member Move-In/Rehearsals & DH, DD, DL, New Member Rehearsals	7 a.m./1 p.m.-9 p.m.
Monday	August 7, 2023	SON Band Camp/Rehearsals	7 a.m.-9 p.m.
Tuesday	August 8, 2023	SON Band Camp/Rehearsals	7 a.m.-9 p.m.
Wednesday	August 9, 2023	SON Band Camp/Rehearsals	7 a.m.-9 p.m.
Thursday	August 10, 2023	SON Band Camp/Rehearsals	7 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday	August 11, 2023	SON Band Camp/Rehearsals	7 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday	August 12, 2023	Demon Heat Colorguard Rehearsals	7 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sunday	August 13, 2023	Freshman Convocation Pep Band Performance	TBD
Monday	August 14, 2023	First Day of Classes	All Day
Tuesday	August 15, 2023	Wind Symphony Video Auditions Due	3:00 p.m.
Monday	September 4, 2023	Labor Day - No Classes	All Day
Saturday	September 9, 2023	at Louisiana Tech (SON will travel)	All Day
Friday	September 15, 2023	Demons Come Out at Night Pep Rally	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	September 16, 2023	Home Football vs. Stephen F. Austin (Young Performers Day)	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	September 21, 2023	Wind Symphony Concert	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	September 23, 2023	Exhibition Performance, Melissa High School Marching Competition	TBA
Saturday	September 30, 2023	Home Football vs. Eastern Illinois University	6:00 p.m.
Thurs-Fri	October 5-6, 2023	Fall Break	All Day
Saturday	October 21, 2023	Home Football vs. Southeastern Louisiana University	2:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 28, 2023	Classic on the Cane	All Day
Thursday	November 2, 2023	Wind Symphony Concert	7:30 p.m.
Friday	November 3, 2023	Homecoming Pep Rally	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	November 4, 2023	Home Football vs. Houston Christian University (Homecoming)	2:00 p.m.
Monday	November 6, 2023	Wind Symphony & Wind Ensemble & Purple Haze Spring Auditions	
Wednesday	November 8, 2023	Magale & Fredericks Concert Band & Purple Haze Spring Auditions	
Wed-Sat	November 8-11, 2023	PASIC - Percussion Students	All Day
Thursday	November 9, 2023	Chamber Winds Concert	7:30 p.m.
Friday	November 10, 2023	Wind Ensemble Reading Session	3:30 p.m.
Sat-Mon	November 18-20, 2023	LMEA Conference	
Saturday	November 18, 2023	vs. Texas A&M Commerce	2:00 p.m.
Mon-Fri	November 20-25, 2023	Thanksgiving Break	All Day
Monday	November 27, 2023	Parade Rehearsal/Drum Major Auditions	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday	November 29, 2023	Parade Rehearsal/Drum Major Auditions	3:30 p.m.
Friday	December 1, 2023	Last Day of Classes	All Day
Saturday	December 2, 2023	Natchitoches Christmas Festival Parade	9am-4pm
Sat-Thurs	December 2-7, 2023	Final Exams	All Day
Sat-Thurs	December 9-14, 2023	Wind Symphony Tour - Central/South America (TBA)	All Day

### Spring 2024

Day	Date	Event	Time
Monday	January 8, 2024	First Day of Classes	All Day
Monday	January 15, 2024	Martin Luther King Birthday, Observed	All Day
Sunday	January 21, 2024	SON Awards Banquet	5:00 p.m.
Wed-Sat	February 7-10, 2024	TMEA Convention	TBA
Mon-Tues	February 12-13, 2024	Mardi Gras Holiday	All Day
Wednesday	February 21, 2024	Wind Ensemble/Magale Concert Band	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	February 22, 2024	Wind Symphony/Fredericks Concert Band	7:30 p.m.
Thurs-Sat	February 29-March 2, 2024	Invitational Band Festival	TBA
Mon-Tues	March 4-5, 2024	Wind Symphony Spring Tour	TBA
Mon-Fri	March 25-29, 2024	Spring Break/Easter Holiday	All Day
Friday	April 5, 2023	Leadership Applications Due	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	April 17, 2024	Wind Ensemble/Magale Concert Band	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	April 18, 2024	Wind Symphony/Fredericks Concert Band	7:30 p.m.
Sunday	April 21, 2024	Family Weekend Concert (WS/WE/MCB/FCB)	2:00 p.m.
Monday	April 22, 2024	Chamber Winds Concert	7:30 p.m.
Friday	May 3, 2024	Last Day of Classes	All Day
Sat-Thurs	May 4-9, 2024	Final Exams	All Day
Wed-Thurs	May 15-16, 2024	Commencement	TBA

\*Schedule is subject to change

# Scholarship Course Requirements

FALL 2023

## Courses to sign up for to receive your scholarship

FINANCIAL AID RULES AND POLICIES REQUIRE YOU TO BE SIGNED UP FOR THE PROPER COURSES IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP!

### **Winds/Logistics/Uniforms/Media Team (Must Be Registered for the following TWO classes)**

MUS 1310 01N/10375 (Marching Band)  
MUS 1300 45N/10371 (Pep Band/Band Camp Credit)

### **Percussion/Drum Majors (Must be registered for the following THREE Classes)**

MUS 1310 01N/10375 (Marching Band)  
MUS 1300 45N/10371 (Pep Band/Band Camp Credit)  
MUS 1400 45N/11324 (All Percussion & Drum Major)

### **Demon Heat Colorguard (Must be registered for the following THREE classes)**

MUS 1310 01N/10375 (Marching Band)  
MUS 1300 45N/10371 (Pep Band/Band Camp Credit)  
MUS 1300 01N/10369 (Pep Band/Colorguard)

### **Demon Dazzlers Danceline (Must be registered for the following THREE classes)**

MUS 1310 01N/10375 (Marching Band)  
MUS 1300 48N/10374 (Pep Band/Band Camp Credit)  
DAN 1180 01N/10133 (Dance Line)

### **Graduate Students**

MUS 5280 01N/10546

If you have difficulty registering for a band course, please request a permit by emailing the following to [band@nsula.edu](mailto:band@nsula.edu):

Full Name:  
Student ID:  
CRN for the band course:  
Reason for Permit:

*Please remember that in order to receive a band scholarship you must maintain a 2.0 GPA in your NSU classes, complete at least 12 hours of credit per semester, and enroll in the appropriate band classes. Failure to do any of these will result in loss of scholarship.*

## PROCESS FOR OUR SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE (MANDATORY)!

As a student participating in band at Northwestern State University (NSU) you are insured under a secondary insurance policy for injuries sustained while participating in intercollegiate athletics for NSU. NSU has partnered with Natchitoches Regional Medical Center (NRMC) to be the official provider of Sports Medicine. Secondary insurance coverage pays the remaining portions of medical bills after the student-athlete's Primary Insurance carrier has made its payment.

Here at NSU Sports Medicine we utilize HealthyRoster for our injury tracking software and medical documentation. In a few weeks, you will receive an email from HealthyRoster to your NSU or personal email about creating your own personal account. If you have not received this email by July 15th, please contact [band@nsula.edu](mailto:band@nsula.edu), so that can be corrected. A how-to video is found at this website in case you have any questions on how to create your account: (<https://healthyroster.helpdocs.io/article/tj1xavvkj5-parent-athlete-walkthrough>).

Once you have created your HealthyRoster account, you will be able to complete all NSU Sports Medicine required documents. These can be found under the document tab of your account. A how-to video on signing documents can be found at this website: (<https://healthyroster.helpdocs.io/article/ws2ylbx3d6-signing-a-document>).

### **There are 9 documents that will need to be completed before you arrive on campus.**

They are as follows:

1. Student Athlete Registration Information.
2. Detailed Student Athlete Medical History Questionnaire.
3. Hospital Emergency Information.
4. Medical Records Privacy.
5. Participation Consent.
6. Student Athlete Insurance Information. Please fill out this form with your parent/guardian. You will both need to sign this document.
  - a. Please upload a copy of front and back of your insurance card to the document Insurance Card Copy.
7. Acknowledgement of Insurance Policy. Please read the insurance policy with your parent/guardian. You will both need to sign this document.
8. Student Athlete Prescription Disclosure Form.
9. Student Athlete COVID-19 History.
  - a. Please upload a copy of your COVID19 vaccine card to the document COVID19 Vaccine Card if applicable.

***If you have any questions about HealthyRoster or the document requirements, please contact Brittany Goldberg via email at [goldbergb@nsula.edu](mailto:goldbergb@nsula.edu).***

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GOVERNOR



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COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

(To be executed by drivers of/passengers in state vehicles)

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I will be operating, or will be a passenger in, a state-owned vehicle or a vehicle rented to the State of Louisiana (or to a Department, Agency, Board, Commission, other entity or official thereof). I acknowledge that operating, or being transported in, a vehicle is a potentially dangerous activity. I fully realize the physical risks involved, and further acknowledge that this risk, and the danger associated with this activity, is obvious to all persons. I nevertheless willingly and voluntarily elect to operate, or be transported in, said vehicle and expressly accept the risks inherent therein.

For purposes of operating said vehicle, I declare and certify that I have received training regarding the operation of motor vehicles, and that I currently possess a valid driver's license. Moreover, I certify that I am physically and mentally capable of operating, or being transported in, said vehicle, and suffer from no physical or mental condition that would prevent my safe and responsible operation of said vehicle. I affirmatively declare that the vehicle may be safely entrusted to me. Further, I certify that the State of Louisiana may rely on the representations made herein, which are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby agree to indemnify and hold the State of Louisiana harmless from any injury or damage to myself that is sustained as a result of the fault of any third person or entity.

**Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_



## *Fight Song*

Go ye Demons take the field,  
Northwestern Demons never yield.  
So, fight Demons win tonight,  
Victory is on our side!

**Go! Fight! Win!**

Purple and white shall ever reign,  
Filling the air with battle strain.  
So, Demons forever stand  
And fight for dear old Demonland.

## *Alma Mater*

Oh, Alma Mater here today,  
We for thy lasting blessings pray,  
We know not where our paths may go,  
But, thou'll uphold us still we know,  
Unchanging thou, 'mid changes vast,  
Unswerved from ideals of the past,  
Steadfast and true, our watchword e're shall be  
To thee, our Alma Mater, Loyalty!

