

2009-2010 Drumline Audition Information for

...THAT WYLIE BAND

and

The Pride of the East

Please read this sheet carefully. If there is anything you don't understand, please ask your director or Mr. Ratterree.

Audition Camp May 4-6, 4:30-6:30

Audition Day May 8, 4:30

Wylie High School

Audition Process:

Everyone auditioning for drumline at Wylie High School or Wylie East High School will attend a mandatory 3-day audition camp held at Wylie High School on May 4 – 6 from 4:30 – 6:30. On Friday, May 8 students will perform their formal audition individually for the band directors. In the event that a part of your audition is not completed in a reasonable time frame due to lack of preparation, you will be asked to move on to the next portion. The audition on Friday will start promptly at 4:30 and you will sign up for a specific time with the monitor when you arrive. Please bring your practice pad, homework or a book to pass the time because audition time are not predetermined. Bring your completed Band Information Sheet with you. You will not be able to audition without a completed form. A phone will be available if you need to call for a ride.

Audition Material:

- Designated exercises for your instrument
- Metronome Audition
- Band Audition Etude

You can print the exercise packets and etudes from the drumline page of our Band website,

www.thatwylieband.net.

Exercises

Perform the exercises for your instrument that are listed in this packet. These exercises must be played by memory at a consistent tempo with good sound quality and technique. Battery instruments must mark time while playing.

Metronome Etude

For those auditioning for a battery instrument, the metronome audition is to be played while marking time. Students auditioning for the front ensemble will perform the etude on a concert snare drum without marking time. A metronome will be provided for this portion of the audition. You will get your Metronome Etude on the first day of Drumline Audition Camp.

Band Audition Etude

You will perform the Band Audition Etude specific to the instrument you are auditioning for. Play it at whatever tempo you are capable of playing it well and most comfortably. Pay close attention to accuracy with your best sound quality and musicianship.

Battery Exercises:

Chugada-chugada

Pat's

16th Accent

16th Timing

Front Ensemble Exercises:

Green in C Major and B Major

16th Timing

Double Verticals

13-24

Important Dates to Remember

May 4-6 Drumline Audition Camp

May 8 Auditions

June 5 Drumline Camp (WHS)

July 27-31 Drumline Camp (WHS)

Aug 1 Band Registration

Aug 3-14 Band Camp

HIGH SCHOOL BAND AUDITIONS 2009-2010

Band Tryouts? You mean we have to try-out for High School Band?

Well, not really. Everyone will be participating in band. Anyone who signs up for any band class at Wylie East High School or Wylie High school is automatically in "Pride of the East" or "...that Wylie Band." The drumline consists of two units: the battery or field percussion and the front ensemble. The auditions will help us to (1) assign you to the proper instrument for marching band, and (2) place you in battery or front ensemble class during the fall semester.

But I'm going to be in athletics? Does that mean I can't take band?

No!!! There shouldn't be any scheduling conflicts with other classes during the day. Those students in athletics and other electives will be able to participate fully in both activities. If you have specific questions about how it will work, **talk to Mr. Lambert or Mr. Dixon** before you believe what someone else tells you. Each year we have a number of students involved in various activities including football, baseball, track, drill team, tennis, golf, theatre, etc.

What is the Audition Camp?

Everyone auditioning for the drumline at WHS or WEHS will attend a mandatory FREE 3-day audition camp held at Wylie High School to get a more in-depth study of the instrument(s) you are auditioning for. At this camp, there will be a percussion tech for designate for each instrument: snare, quad, bass and keyboards that will help to facilitate learning the techniques outlined in your Technique Packet and the fundamental exercises in your Drumline Packet. The camp will count 50% of your audition score.

What do I have to play for tryouts?

Percussion players will play some fundamental exercises to demonstrate their level of ability and proficiency. You may play the exercises and audition etude whatever tempo you need in order to play them well. The "metronome audition" will be performed at the tempo marked. The "Band Audition Etude" can be performed at any tempo you feel is appropriate and that shows us your ability.

Sounds great! When do we try-out?

Friday, May 8, 4:30, Wylie High School Band Hall

All students will try-out in the ensemble room at Wylie High School beginning at 4:30pm. Specific audition times are not predetermined so you may want to bring your pad, homework or a book. A phone will be available, if needed, for your ride home.

Questions?

Don't hesitate to contact Mr. Ratterree if you have any further questions regarding the auditions. russell.ratterree@wylieisd.net or 972.429.3119

Wylie East Band Information

Complete this form and bring it with you to the audition

Student Name _____

Instrument (Concert) _____ Instrument (Marching) _____

Home Phone _____ Parent Cell _____

Student Cell _____

Mailing Address _____

City, Zip _____ T-Shirt Size _____ JH School _____

Your email address _____

Parent email address _____

Parent/Guardian Names _____

Father Occupation _____ Father Work Phone _____

Mother Occupation _____ Mother Work Phone _____

Does either parent have special skills to share? (ie. Sewing, building, electrical, welding, mechanical)
Please list:

Are your parents involved in a business that would be interested in donating a service or material
goods? (ie. Carpentry, metal work, catering, painting, etc.?) Please list:

The above information may be included in Band Directories, with will be distributed only to the Booster Club, Band Members, and their Families.

Placement Points Already Earned

Judging is based on points earned in your audition+participation points from this year. You may have already earned participation points. Place a check next to each which applies.(We'll verify this information with your band director.)

Member of Top Band at my school this year _____ Performed an ensemble at Solo and Ensemble this year _____

Auditioned for All Region Band this year _____ Earned a first division on a solo this year _____

Earned a position in the All Region Band this year _____ Missed ZERO performances this year _____

Performed a solo at Solo and Ensemble this year _____ Were eligible every six weeks of the year _____

Thanks, and Good Luck!!!

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