



**THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
2019 MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR BAND FESTIVAL**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019

Dear Honor Band Applicant,

Congratulations on your selection to the 7th Annual University of Alabama Middle School Honor Band Festival! Below you will find information and instructions to complete your registration. We are excited to bring this musical opportunity to your middle school student and look forward to hosting them on our campus. Again, congratulations on being selected for membership in the 2019 Alabama Middle School Honor Band Festival. We look forward to seeing you soon!

RESPONSE

Attendance for the entire event, December 12-13, 2020, is required. If you are unable to accept our invitation to participate in this year's event, please email David Potter immediately at dpotter@ia.ua.edu. Please take care of this today so that an alternate may be contacted.

PARTICIPATION FEES AND ACCEPTANCE

An \$85.00 non-refundable Participation Fee is required of all participants. By submitting this fee, you are accepting our invitation to participate. This fee includes admission to clinics and concerts as well as the Honor Band t-shirt. Participants can submit payment online using a credit card. Payments can be made using the link below:

[Honor Band Participation Link](#)

Participation fees must be paid by Sunday, November 24, 2019 to hold your spot. If we do not receive payment by this date, students will be replaced with alternate members. The emailed receipt of your online payment will be your registration confirmation.

HOUSING AND CHAPERONES

The University of Alabama Middle School Honor Band does not provide housing or chaperones for the festival. Participants, parents and/or directors are responsible for making housing and chaperone arrangements. **All students must be chaperoned by an adult to attend the festival. Chaperones are needed to transport students to and from campus including mealtimes; they do not have to stay with the students during rehearsals, classes, etc.**

Hotel Capstone is the official Honor Band hotel. This is located directly across from Moody Music Building on the University of Alabama campus. Participants can walk to Moody Music Building from Hotel Capstone.

Official Honor Band Hotel

Hotel Capstone

Booking Code: UAH1211Z19

320 Paul W. Bryant Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL

(205) 952-3200

Booking Link:

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=21565&Chain=8579&arrive=12/11/2019&depart=12/14/2019&adult=1&child=0&group=UAH1211Z19>

Other Nearby Hotels

Hampton Inn – University

600 Harper Lee Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL
(205) 553-9800

Holiday Inn Express

1120 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Tuscaloosa, AL
(800) 465-4329

CHECK-IN and AUDITIONS

Check-in will take place in the new addition of the Moody Music Building, Room 1000. Those students who reside within a 60-mile radius of Tuscaloosa are encouraged to check-in at 9:00 AM

CHAIR PLACEMENT AUDITIONS

At check in each participant will be assigned an audition time for chair placement in one of the two Honor Bands.

- Etudes may be downloaded from the Middle School web page:
bands.ua.edu/programs/mshb.

- Auditions will be held between 9:30 AM and 12:00 PM.

- The audition will consist of the prepared audition etude and sight-reading.

Percussion: In addition to the etudes and sight-reading on all three areas (snare, timpani and keyboards), percussionists will also perform a tuning exercise on timpani.

WHAT TO BRING

- Your band's normal concert or performance uniform/attire
- Appropriate clothing for attendance at concerts and rehearsals
- Reed players: bring plenty of extra reeds
- Brass players: bring any available mutes (except euphonium and tuba) – Not Required
- Flutists: bring a piccolo if interested in auditioning for those parts
- Percussionists: bring all mallets and sticks – instruments will be provided

MEDICAL NEEDS/HEALTH CARE

- Completed Honor Band Festival Medical and Release Forms must be submitted at check-in to be allowed to participate. Please do not staple these forms; they must be submitted separately.
- In the event of severe illness or injury to a student, the staff will escort the participant to either a clinic or DCH Hospital (depending on the time of day). Any and all expenses are the responsibility of the parents. Parents will be notified immediately if health care becomes necessary.

FESTIVAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES:

- Parents should sit down with their child and go over the rules, regulations and policies before camp. All student participants are guests of The University of Alabama and as such, are subject to all of its rules, regulations and policies while on campus.
 - Attendance at ALL classes, rehearsals, meals and social functions are mandatory. Tardiness or unexcused absences will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from the festival. Any problem resulting in absence or tardiness must be reported to a staff member before each class or function.
 - Any use of alcohol, tobacco products, drugs, vaping, or any intoxicating substances will result in immediate dismissal from the festival with no refund and could potentially cause severe punishment with the University Police and/or Tuscaloosa Police Department.
 - Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from the festival with no refund of camp fees.
 - Transportation is provided by the participant parent/legal guardian. **No transportation is provided by The University of Alabama.**
 - All cell phones must be **turned off** during all rehearsals and classes. Students may use their phones during free time. Phones will be taken from the student and held until the camp is over if this policy is violated.
- **Failure to abide by these rules, regulations and policies will result in dismissal from the camp at the discretion of the camp director.**

OTHER IMPORTANT HONOR BAND FESTIVAL INFORMATION:

- The **University Bands Office** is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until the Honor Band Festival daily events have concluded. Should parents need to get in touch with their child for **Emergencies Only**, and they are not able to reach them on their personal cell phone, please call the office at (205) 348-6068. This is not a number to be used to call and check on student participants.
- Staff will have a name badge on them at all times during the festival
- Students will be picked up and dropped off at Moody Music Building on the campus of The University of Alabama.

FINALE CONCERT

The Finale Concert will be held on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 4:00 PM in the Concert Hall of the Moody Music Building. The concert is open to the public, free of charge and should conclude by 5:00 PM.

2019 ALABAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR BAND FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 12, 2019

- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM Check in and seating auditions: Marching Band Rehearsal Room (Room 1000; new addition in the Moody Music Building)
Location of auditions will be posted; Lunch is on your own during this period.
- 1:30 PM Opening Meeting for all students
Concert Hall: Moody Music Building
- 2:00- 5:00 PM Honor Band Rehearsals
Crimson Band (Matt Koperniak, clinician) in Concert Band Rehearsal Room (Room 1003)
White Band (Susan Waters, clinician) in Concert Hall
- 5:00 -7:30 PM Dinner (on your own)
- 7:30 – 9:30 PM Honor Band Rehearsals
Crimson Band in CBRR (1003)
White Band in Marching Band Rehearsal Room (Room 1000)

Friday, December 13, 2019

- 9:00 AM -11:30 PM Rehearsals in NEW locations
Crimson Band (Koperniak) in Concert Hall
White Band (Waters) in Marching Band Rehearsal Room
- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 PM-2:00 PM FEATURE CONCERTS
Concert Hall: Moody Music Building

Simmons Middle School Honor Band, Hoover, AL
Matthew Chambless, conductor

Discovery Middle School Symphonic Band, Madison, AL
Jenny Merritt, conductor
- 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM Final rehearsals in same locations
- 4:00 PM FINALE CONCERT
Crimson Band
White Band

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CONCERTS, CLASSES AND EVENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING THE FESTIVAL!