

August 1, 2011

Dear Band Director,

On behalf of The Troy University "Sound of the South," in conjunction with Trojan Athletics, it is my privilege to invite you to the **Trojan Band Day 2011**. Band Day will take place on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at the Troy University Veterans Memorial Stadium. For those of you who have attended Band Day in the past, we welcome you to return to Troy University. If you are considering participation for the first time, we welcome you and your students to this great event that will prove to be memorable, and inspiring to all your staff and band students. This year, your band, staff, and chaperones will be our distinguished guests for an exciting competition on the gridiron between our Troy University Trojans and the Warhawks from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Your band will participate in the Trojan Victory March Parade before kick-off and also participate in a mass-band performance led by the "Sound of the South" on the football field during half-time!

If you are interested in participating, please complete and mail or fax the Intent to Participate form on or before Friday, October 1st. You can find this form and other information regarding the Band Day event online at <http://soundofthesouth.org>. *Please note*, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you provide a correct email address that you check regularly. **All information and correspondence, including music, will be sent via email and also posted on our web site.** This method of communication should be beneficial to everyone and provide a fast turnaround time for all materials related to your Band Day performance. It is common for last-minute changes to take place, due to a variety of reasons (television, ESPN, the opposing school's needs, etc.).

Game kick-off time is 6:00 pm; however, that time is subject to change. Specific details regarding the time of the rehearsal, parade line up, half-time show and stadium seating will be emailed to you following our receipt of your **Intent to Participate** form. The rehearsal will take place in the morning and will last approximately 30 minutes. This rehearsal allows us to make any final adjustments that may be necessary due to last minute band changes. The "Trojan Victory March" parade will line-up in front of Smith Hall and step off 2 hours before kick-off. During the break between the rehearsal and parade line-up you will have the opportunity to visit our beautiful Troy University campus. Also many band boosters may plan lunch for their bands by organizing picnics and grilling out. You are welcome to come and set up small tents and tables. Please keep in mind, space is limited, first come first serve. All band members must wear their band uniforms to be admitted to the game. Please limit chaperones to 1 chaperone per 10 band students. Group tickets prices are available, but they must be purchased before game day. For more information regarding group tickets and prices contact Mrs. Monique Crawley at mpcrawley@troy.edu.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at tblackstock@troy.edu or 334-670-3281. I look forward to seeing you at **Trojan Band Day 2011!**

Best wishes,

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