2016 SEASON

PRE-SEASON INFORMATION

August 21-27, 2016
MRD PRE-SEASON INFORMATION 2016

Please review carefully!

All information is also available on the MRD website: www.jmu.edu/mrd

MRD CAMP REGISTRATION
All MRD members must register for camp between 10am and 3pm on SUNDAY, August 21. Registration will take place at the JMU Bookstore (see enclosed map). Parking is available in the lots adjacent to Godwin. At that time, all members will receive a season drill book, water bottle, lanyard, camp meal card (see meal information later in this packet), nametag, and other important information pertaining to camp and our season ahead. NOTE: If you are unable to arrive by 3:00pm, you must make special arrangements to register for camp by calling the Band Office at (540) 568-6656.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT HOUSING: MRD registration and residence hall check-in are TWO SEPARATE PROCESSES. Resident Advisers and Residence Life staff will be available at all residence halls between Noon and 2:45pm to check you into your assigned room (if living on campus). Please see insert.

HOUSING – ON CAMPUS
If you are living in a JMU residence hall during the 2016-17 school year, you will move into your assigned dorm room for the year at band camp. YOU MUST CHECK-IN AT YOUR RESIDENCE HALL BETWEEN NOON AND 2:45pm ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 21. Your Resident Adviser will be available to assist. Any questions about the move-in process should be addressed directly with the Office of Residence Life – make sure to indicate that you are a member of the Marching Royal Dukes: (540) 568-4663.

HOUSING – OFF CAMPUS
If you are living off campus during the 2016-17 school year, there will be no on-campus housing provided for you during band camp. THERE CAN BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS. Memos were sent in June to all apartment complexes indicated on the 2016 MRD RSVP form. Please plan accordingly, and make sure your complex/landlord is anticipating your arrival by Sunday, August 21.

MRD INSTRUMENT DISTRIBUTION
If you play one of the following instruments: Mellophone, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, or Electric Bass, YOU WILL NEED TO SIGN OUT YOUR MRD INSTRUMENT AT OUR INSTRUMENT DISTRIBUTION DURING REGISTRATION 10am-3pm. INSTRUMENT DISTRIBUTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MRD EQUIPMENT STORAGE ROOM IN THE STADIUM (see insert). Equipment for Drumline and Guard is also provided, but specific instructions for those units will be given at the first camp session by the respective instructors.

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN INSTRUMENTS: Flute/Piccolo, Clarinet, Saxophone (Alto/Tenor/Bari), and Trumpet. Woodwind players, be aware that we may be rehearsing in inclement weather and/or varying temperatures/conditions! Please plan accordingly and have a sturdy case available.

INSTRUMENT ACCESSORIES
All MRD members are expected to provide the appropriate accessories for their instruments. Please plan accordingly and make sure you are prepared not just for MRD Camp, but also for the entire season. Please have the proper mouthpieces and/or reeds, valve oil and/or slide grease, cleaning supplies, and appropriate instrument cases.
ALL MRD MEMBERS (except for Flutes/Pics) MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN MUSIC LYRE to be used while playing with flip folders in the stands during game days. FLIP FOLDERS are provided.

OPENING CAMP MEETING – SUNDAY, AUGUST 21
MRD CAMP WILL OFFICIALLY BEGIN AT 3:30pm WITH A MEETING ON THE UPPER QUAD IN FRONT OF WILSON HALL (see enclosed map). All MRDs should plan to meet in front of Wilson Hall by 3:30pm. In case of rain/incipient weather, we will meet inside Wilson Hall. Instruments are NOT required at this meeting, but will be needed after dinner for our first rehearsals.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Please review the enclosed schedule for the first day of MRD Band Camp. With everything that takes place during this start to camp, it is necessary for all members to be informed and responsible for reporting to the assigned locations at the appropriate times. PLEASE PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO SCHEDULE UPDATES DURING BAND CAMP (and the season), AS TIMES AND LOCATIONS MAY BE ADJUSTED DUE TO POTENTIAL INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS AND/OR FACILITY AVAILABILITY.

BASIC CAMP SCHEDULE
The MRD Camp Schedule will follow this basic outline each day, with a few exceptions (listed below):

8:30am  Morning Sessions
11:30am Lunch Break
1:00pm  Afternoon Sessions
5:00pm  Dinner Break
6:30pm  Evening Sessions
9:30pm  Camp Closing

SOME IMPORTANT EVENTS DURING THE WEEK:
Sunday, August 21 – Uniform Distribution for all returning members (2015 uniform) @ Forbes Center
Thursday, August 25 – NO morning or afternoon rehearsals (1787 Orientation), 5pm evening rehearsal
Friday, August 26 – MRD Performance @ Pep Rally
Saturday, August 27 – Final Camp Rehearsal & Harrisonburg Block Party parade & performance
Monday, August 29 – FALL CLASSES BEGIN! MRD Sectionals – 6-7:15pm
Tuesday, August 30 – FIRST REGULAR FULL MRD REHEARSAL at Bridgeforth Stadium – 6-7:30pm

1787 ORIENTATION
The JMU Band Office works with the Office of Orientation to accommodate the needs of all incoming students.

AN ORIENTATION SCHEDULE FOR ALL MRD FRESHMEN IS INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET. PLEASE REVIEW THIS CAREFULLY. You can also visit www.jmu.edu/orientation for more information, or contact us with any questions. TRANSFER STUDENTS should speak with their transfer adviser about the Transfer Orientation schedule.

MRD CAMPUS MAP
Please see the enclosed campus map for designated MRD locations during band camp and the regular season. A full campus parking map is also available on the JMU website at www.jmu.edu/map.
CAMP MEALS – READ CAREFULLY!!
Meals for all MRDs will begin at dinner on Sunday, August 21.

• FRESHMEN with a JMU meal plan: The band office will provide a meal card to be used through lunch on Tuesday, August 23 – your regular meal plan begins at dinner (you will then begin using your JAC card).
• ALL OTHERS: The band office will provide a meal card for all meals through dinner on Friday, August 26. Regular meal plans begin with Saturday brunch – if you do not have a JMU meal plan, a dining voucher will be provided for brunch on Saturday.
• If family/friends wish to dine with you on the first day of camp, they can purchase a meal ticket at D-Hub upon arrival.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP MEALS

• Once we submit our camp roster to dining services in July, we are committed to pay for all of your meals during camp week.
• If you register for the MRDs (either via the online form or by registering for MUAP237), but do not show up for camp or decide to drop the MRDs for any reason before the end of the semester, you will be charged for all meals provided during camp week.
• If you audition into an alternate position, you are considered a part of the Marching Royal Dukes and will be required to pay for the meals if you decide to drop band.
• The cost of your meals will be charged to your student account if you drop band.
• If this is not paid by December 16, 2016, a hold will be placed on your records.
• If you drop band for a medical reason, you must have a signed medical note from your physician explaining the condition and restrictions.

QUESTIONS about this policy must be addressed with Mr. Rikkers.

BAND CAMP PARKING
Regular JMU Parking Regulations will be in effect during MRD Camp (see insert):
• All students who will have a registered vehicle on campus must have purchased and properly displayed your new parking permit by Monday, August 22.
• If you currently have a valid permit (2015-16), please double-check the expiration date.
• If you plan to have a vehicle on campus but will not be registering it during the semester, you must purchase a temporary permit PRIOR TO BAND CAMP at the JMU Parking Services Office located at the entrance to the stadium parking deck.

THE JMU BAND OFFICE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PARKING TICKETS RECEIVED DURING OUR PRE-SEASON CAMP/DURING THE SEASON . . . sorry! not sorry.

Please visit www.jmu.edu/parking for more information. Parking services will be open 7am-5pm during our pre-season camp.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT CAMPUS: The JMU campus is closed to thru-traffic 7am-7pm during the regular semester (beginning August 29). Please see the insert in this mailing for additional details.

JMU BOOKSTORE
THE JMU BOOKSTORE WILL BE OPEN DURING MRD REGISTRATION, 10am-2pm.
This will be an excellent opportunity to buy your books, purchase JMU attire or other supplies needed for the school year! Please use this time to prepare for the new semester BEFORE we begin the busy camp schedule.
UNIFORMS
ALL RETURNING MEMBERS who indicated they wanted to receive the same uniform they wore during the 2015 season should plan to pick theirs up at the FORBES CENTER loading dock at some point during MRD registration on Sunday. RETURNING MEMBERS WHO WANT A NEW UNIFORM AND ALL NEW MEMBERS WILL NEED TO SUBMIT MEASUREMENTS ONLINE (link on MRD website). A DETAILED SCHEDULE FOR DISTRIBUTION WILL BE PROVIDED DURING CAMP (see insert).

2016 SEASON SCHEDULE – MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!
Please review the enclosed season schedule carefully and mark ALL PERFORMANCES (including game days, trips, special events, etc.) in your calendars NOW!! The success of the JMU Marching Royal Dukes depends on 100% attendance. Please begin your season preparations by ensuring that there are no schedule conflicts or anticipated attendance issues. Specific details about the MRD Attendance Policy/Process will be provided and reviewed during MRD Camp. If conflicts exist, these must be addressed with Mr. Rikkers (and via the online attendance forms) A.S.A.P. in order to make the necessary arrangements. Please visit the MRD website to view these policies in the 2016 MRD Program Handbook.

REGULAR SEASON REHEARSAL LOCATION & TIMES
ALL MRD REHEARSALS are held at Bridgeforth Stadium, Tuesday-Friday 6-7:30pm. Sectionals are held on Mondays (6-7:15pm). We do not have rehearsals on Fridays unless there is a game or performance that weekend. Please check your class schedule for conflicts.

MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER FOR MARCHING BAND – MUAP 237/537
ALL WIND/PERCUSSION/GUARD MEMBERS OF THE JMU MARCHING ROYAL DUKES MUST BE REGISTERED FOR MUAP 237 – Section 0001 (Section 0002 is for the Dukettes only) BY THE FIRST REGULAR REHEARSAL (TUESDAY, August 30).
• MUAP 537 is reserved for graduate students only.
• If you have a class conflict and are unable to register, you need to download the OVERRIDE FORM (PDF) on the MRD website, complete the form, and submit it to the University Registrar’s Office.
• IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED FOR MUAP 237/537, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE AND WILL loose YOUR MARCHING SPOT – NO EXCEPTIONS.

MRD ORDERS & CHARGES
PLEASE REVIEW THE ENCLOSED ORDER INFORMATION FOR THE 2016 SEASON. ALL MEMBERS WILL PLACE THE REQUIRED ORDERS ONLINE PRIOR TO AUGUST 15. You will find an “MRD ORDERS” link on the MRD Camp page.
ALL NEW MEMBERS (wind/percussion/guard) ARE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE:
• MRD T-shirt
• MRD Long-sleeve T-shirt
• MRD Baseball Cap
• White Gloves (wind players only)
ALL WIND/PERCUSSION MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE:
• Under Armour Warm-Up pants for game day rehearsals, travel, and inclement weather
ALL MRDs MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN BLACK MARCHING SHOES. THESE NEED TO BE PURCHASED BY THE START OF BAND CAMP. Recommended vendors (shoes), descriptions of all items, and prices are provided in an enclosed info sheet.

CHARGES for all MRD Orders, equipment/uniform charges, and/or fines/replacement costs will be billed directly to each member’s JMU student account. Initial charges will be submitted to the University Business Office in September and all others will be applied as they are incurred.
PERCUSSION STICK/MALLET FEE
ALL DRUMLINE & FRONT ENSEMBLE MEMBERS MUST PAY A $50.00 STICK FEE. This fee will be submitted to the University Business Office and applied to student accounts with the other MRD charges.

COLOR GUARD ITEMS
All guard members will have specific equipment and uniform items to purchase. These orders were placed by Carly over the summer (after auditions) and will be filled during band camp. Charges will be submitted to the University Business Office and applied to student accounts.

MUSIC
Enclosed in this packet, you should receive the following music to prepare for our pre-season camp:
- Show 1 Music: Mars/Back to the Future, Fly Me To The Moon, and Clair de Lune
- Pregame Music: JMU Fight Song, Get It On
- MRD Chorale: Salvation is Created
- Some sections may receive an additional packet of “section music”

Please review the MUSIC INSERT for additional information about the enclosed parts – all music will be available for download on the MRD camp website.

REMINDE TEXT MESSAGING
ALL MRDs are required to sign up for “Remind” text messaging. This is a FREE service that is used during the season to efficiently update members with reminders, schedule changes, etc. Please sign up for this system prior to the first day of MRD camp. An instruction sheet is included in this mailing.

Pick a way to receive messages for MRD 2016:

A  If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/mrd16

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You’ll be prompted to download the mobile app.

B  If you don’t have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @mrd16 to the number 81010.

If you’re having trouble with 81010, try texting @mrd16 to (703) 991-1297.