

# JMU MRD TUBAS



## WELCOME TO THE 2022-23 MRD TUBA SECTION!

Hello! We are incredibly excited to welcome you to the section for this upcoming season. We have a great selection of music prepared and cannot wait to meet you. Please contact us (call, text, email, Facebook, carrier pigeon) with any questions or concerns.

## Welcome to JMU and GO DUKES!



### ***MRD Fun Facts***

- We will be in our 50th official season of band and our first season as an FBS band!
- The MRDs have consistently had 400+ members since 2008, making us JMU's largest student body organization
- The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade has featured the MRDs four times: 2001, 2008, 2013, and 2018
- We are the 1994 recipient band of the Sudler Trophy



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# SECTION LEADERSHIP



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**Two Truths & One Lie:**

1. I teach percussion
2. My favorite snack is cashew nuts
3. I have my forklift and beekeeping certifications



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**Two Truths & One Lie:**

1. My favorite place to be is in the outdoors
2. I'm from the state of New Jersey
3. I think cats are far superior to dogs



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**Two Truths & One Lie:**

1. My girlfriend knows Bill Murray personally
2. I have stood on Isaac Newton's grave
3. My family actually does make shoes

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# SEASON NECESSITIES

**NEW! - Must haves** for the fall 2022 season:

- Valve oil
- Slide grease
- Pencil
- Mouthpiece
- Towel/rag to rest tuba on
- Booty shorts (*yes, you read that right*)
- Facebook Account

**Recommended items** - Not required, but super helpful:

- Small bag/backpack/fanny
- Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, water bottle (large jug/bottle/camelback)
- Athletic, free moving/flexible wear (t-shirts, shorts, footwear or marching shoes)
- Rain gear, waterproof phone cover/bag (ziplock)

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. **Do I really need booty shorts?**
  - a. **YES!** Preferably before arriving to band camp.
2. **Do I need to have my music memorized?**
  - a. **No!** Everything in your packet will eventually have to be memorized, but that is something we will spend time on during band camp. It is recommended that you review the music and try to learn at least some of it so we can progress quickly.
3. **Do I need to buy a lyre? How about a mouthpiece? Tuba?**
  - a. We do not use lyres. We recommend you purchase/use your own mouthpiece (it is better to have your own), but we do have only a few extras if you need to borrow one for the season. Additionally, plastic ones are both cheap and fantastic for the colder months! Lastly, JMU provides the sousaphone for you to use for the duration of the season.
4. **Any recommendations for band camp?**
  - a. Always eat breakfast, drink lots of water, and wear sunscreen. Additionally, stay physically active during the summer to make band camp easier.
5. **How hard is band camp?**
  - a. You will be tired! The days start early, and we go until after dinner, so make sure you are physically and mentally prepared.
6. **What else do I need to do to be prepared?**
  - a. The best thing you can do is to show up every day focused and ready to work. Any preparation you do before band camp is a bonus. We appreciate hard work + dedication!
7. **Help! I still have questions!**
  - a. **CONTACT US!** We are not that scary, and we are more than happy to help. Feel free to text, call, or email us at any time. We will get back to you as soon as possible!

