



***MARCHING  
ROYAL DUKES***



**2023 SEASON**

**PRE-SEASON INFORMATION**



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# **2023 SEASON** *Welcome!*

**GREETINGS and WELCOME to the 2023 JMU MARCHING ROYAL DUKES!**

*We would like to welcome all of you to "Virginia's Finest," and one of America's favorite college band programs!* For those of you returning, welcome back. And, for those who will be joining us for the first time, we welcome you to one of the largest and most outstanding traditions on our campus, the **JMU Marching Royal Dukes!** We are looking forward to starting our 52<sup>nd</sup> season with another fall filled with exciting performances and events, and we are glad you will be a part of it!

In this packet (and on the MRD website) you will find important details about our pre-season camp and the upcoming season:

- Pre-Season Camp, Housing/Meals
- Campus Move-in
- Instruments, Equipment, and Uniforms
- Music/Marching Auditions (winds only)
- Season required items
- Schedules (camp, rehearsals, season, games, etc.) and Maps

Please take time to review this information carefully – especially our new members and parents – as it will help you best prepare for your participation with the MRDs this fall. **If you have any questions about the information provided, please e-mail [MarchingRoyalDukes@jmu.edu](mailto:MarchingRoyalDukes@jmu.edu) or call the JMU Band Office at (540) 568-6656.**

Again, we hope you share our excitement for the upcoming season. We welcome all of you to the 2023 edition of the **JMU Marching Royal Dukes**, and look forward to seeing you at our **Pre-Season Camp starting on Wednesday, August 16.**

**GO DUKES!**

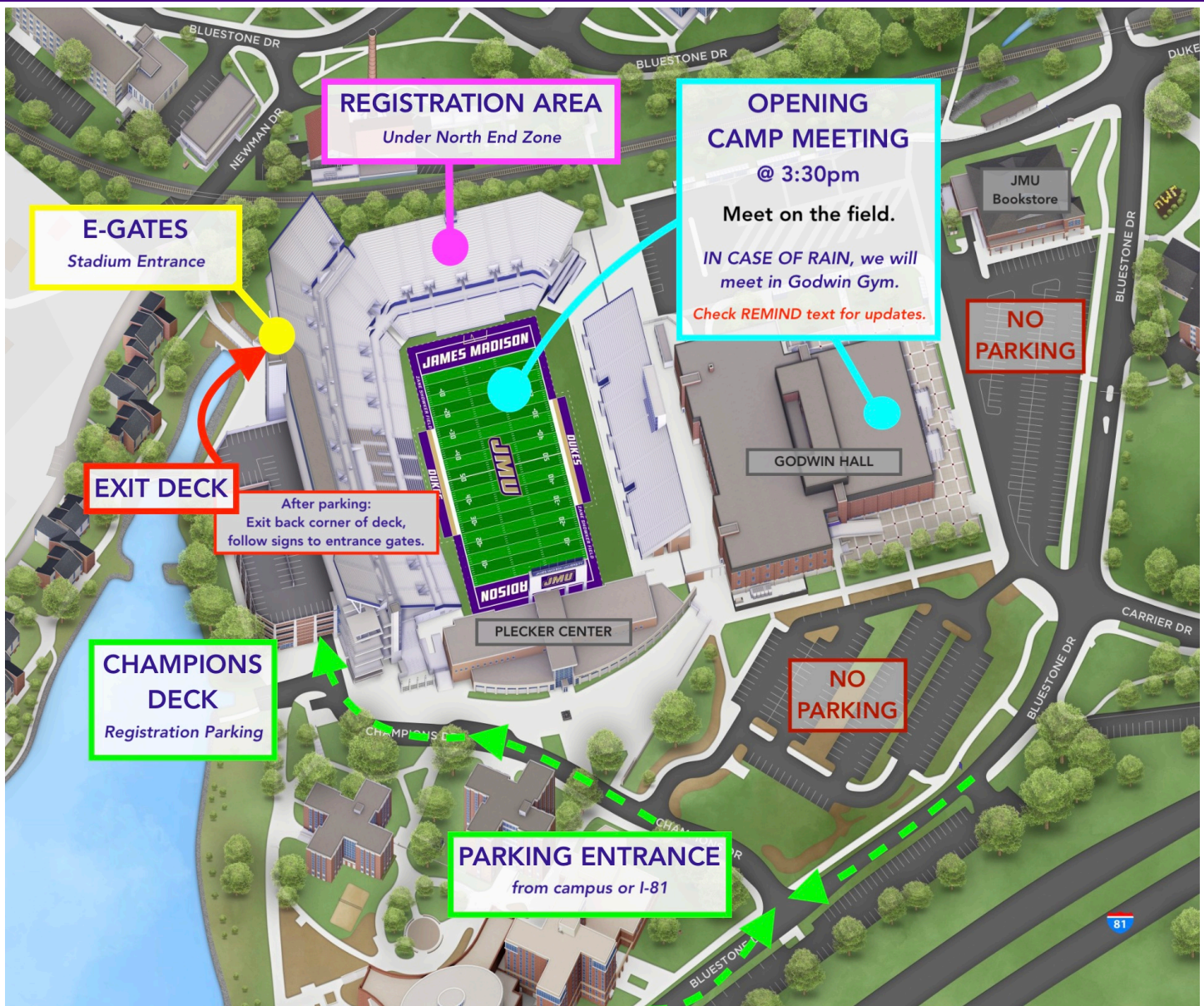
### CAMP REGISTRATION

All MRD members will register for camp between 10:00am and 2pm on WEDNESDAY, August 16. Registration will take place at the JMU Bridgeforth Stadium (see map below). Parking is available in the Champions Parking Deck adjacent to the stadium.

10am-Noon MEMBERS LIVING OFF CAMPUS Check-In

Noon-2pm MEMBERS LIVING ON CAMPUS Check-In

GPS ADDRESS: 280 Champions Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22807



# INSTRUMENTS – EQUIPMENT – UNIFORMS

**MELLOPHONES, TROMBONES, BARITONES, TUBAS:** After you register, you will check-out your MRD instrument at the MRD Storage Room (located by E-Gates/registration entrance).

*Note: You will leave your instrument at the storage room/ designated area until needed after dinner.*

**THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN INSTRUMENTS:** Flute/Piccolo, Clarinet, Saxophone (Alto/Tenor/Bari), and Trumpet. Woodwind players, be aware that we rehearse outside with varying temperatures/conditions! Please plan accordingly, have a sturdy case available, and consider having a plastic bag to cover your case if/when necessary.

**GUARD:** After you register, you will check-out your MRD equipment and receive your ordered items from the guard staff at the MRD Storage Room (located by E-Gates/registration entrance).

**RETURNING MEMBERS ONLY:** If you requested to receive your uniform (or part thereof) from the previous season, please plan to stop by the Forbes Center Loading Dock to pick this up BEFORE the opening meeting @ 3:30pm.

*NOTE: All other uniforms will be distributed during/after MRD camp – a schedule will be provided.*

**PERCUSSION:** JMU will provide instruments and equipment for the front ensemble and drumline. Distribution will take place at the start of camp. Additional details will be shared by the appropriate staff members.

## OPENING CAMP MEETING

- 3:30pm      **OPENING CAMP MEETING @ Bridgeforth Stadium**
- *ALL MRDs*
  - *WIND PLAYERS: No instruments needed for this meeting. BUT, consider bringing it with you as we will need them immediately after dinner – can leave at stadium.*

*IN CASE OF RAIN: We will meet at Godwin Gym (check REMIND texts for updates)*

- 4:30pm      **Dismiss to sectional locations + Dinner @ D-Hall (swipe w/JACard)**

## FIRST EVENING SESSION

- 6:30pm      **After dinner, members report to SECTIONAL locations with instruments/music.**
- *Winds @ Stadium or other assigned locations*
  - *Percussion @ Stadium*
  - *Guard @ Football Grass Field*
- 9:30pm      **ALL @ stadium – Meeting, Full Music, & Dismissal**

# HOUSING DURING CAMP

**ON-CAMPUS:** If you are living in a JMU residence hall during the 2023-24 school year, you will move into your permanent dorm room for the year. **YOU WILL CHECK-IN AT YOUR RESIDENCE HALL BETWEEN 9am and Noon ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16.** Your Resident Adviser (R.A.) 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.**

**OFF-CAMPUS:** If you are living off campus during the 2023-24 school year, **HOUSING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED** for you during band camp. **THERE CAN BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS.** Please plan accordingly, and make sure your complex/landlord is anticipating your arrival by Wednesday, August 16.

## CAMP MEALS

Meals for all MRDs will begin at DINNER on WEDNESDAY, August 16.

*FOR 2023 – Meals (“swipes”) will be loaded onto individual JACards. You will use your student ID to swipe into meals during camp:*

- *STUDENTS LIVING ON-CAMPUS:* You will begin using your regular meal plan at dinner on Friday.
- *STUDENTS LIVING OFF-CAMPUS* The band office will provide meals on your JACard through dinner on Monday.
- *If family/friends wish to have lunch with you during the first day of camp (between registration and move-in), they are welcome to purchase a meal ticket at D-Hall.*

***NOTE: If you do not have a JMU ID (i.e. BRCC, EMU, staff, etc.), you will be provided a Conference Card to swipe into meals – this will be included in your MRD Camp registration packet.***

### **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 15, 2023, 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 the program directors.***

# PARKING ON CAMPUS

If you are planning to park your vehicle on campus during the school year, it must be registered with JMU Parking Services by the first day of classes (August 23).

- All students who will have a vehicle on campus must have registered their vehicle and purchased the appropriate parking permit.
- If you have a valid permit from last year (2022-23), please double-check the expiration date.
- If you are not planning to purchase a semester permit, but need parking access during camp, please contact Parking Services – they will inform you of your best option(s).
- Commuter/student permits are virtual and can be obtained by visiting:  
<https://www.jmu.edu/parking/index.shtml>
- All STUDENTS should park in COMMUTER lots/spots. For MRD practices: Champions Parking Deck, Warsaw Parking Deck, R-1 (by football grass).

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

# UNIFORMS

All MRDs will be provided with a complete uniform for the season. For WINDS & PERCUSSION this will include: Jacket, Bibbers, Shako, Plume, White Gloves (2-pairs), rain jacket, garment bag

INDIVIDUALS WILL NEED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN: Black Marching Shoes & Black Socks  
*(See additional details below in the "Required Items" section)*

RETURNING MEMBERS who indicated they wanted to receive their uniform from the previous season should plan to pick theirs up at the FORBES CENTER loading dock at some point during MRD registration on Wednesday, August 16 (10am-2pm). **ALL OTHERS will be fitted during our camp week/first week of classes.**

## UNIFORM MEASUREMENTS NEEDED

RETURNING WIND/PERCUSSION MEMBERS who requested a new uniform & ALL NEW WIND & PERCUSSION MEMBERS will need to provide measurements by completing our uniform info form:

<https://forms.gle/9Ezd6er25HDwBStp8>

*A detailed schedule for uniform distribution will be provided in your camp registration packet.*

**GUARD UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION:** ALL MRD guard members will be fitted for uniforms during MRD camp week. Days/times will be announced by the guard staff.



# REQUIRED ITEMS FOR THE 2023 SEASON

ALL MRDs are required to have specific uniform and equipment/accessory items to participate in the 2023 season. Please review this information carefully to make sure you are arriving to camp with the necessary items for your instrument/section.

## ITEMS PROVIDED TO MEMBERS

**ALL MEMBERS** WILL RECEIVE: MRD Water Bottle, Lanyard, Drawstring Backpack, and Ear Plugs.

**ALL WIND PLAYERS** WILL RECEIVE 2 pairs of white gloves (at uniform distribution).

**ALL NEW MEMBERS** WILL RECEIVE:

- MRD UnderArmour T-Shirt
- MRD UnderArmour Long-Sleeve T-Shirt
- MRD Baseball Cap
- **These will be provided @ start of season – NO ORDERING IS NECESSARY**

**RETURNING MEMBERS** are ENCOURAGED to order additional/replacement MRD shirts/caps from the MRD online store (link will be emailed).

## REQUIRED ITEMS FOR MEMBERS TO PROVIDE

ALL WIND/PERCUSSION MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN:

- **BLACK** Warm-up Pants and/or athletic shorts (no stripe): for game days/travel
- **BLACK** Khaki/Cotton Shorts: for non-uniform performances
- **BLACK** marching shoes (see details below)
- **BLACK** socks (mid-calf or knee-high)

GUARD MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE:

- Black dance shoes (details provided by guard staff).
- Black pants/top for game days/travel (details will be provided by guard staff)
- Additional items ordered at auditions/required of all guard members

## **IF YOU ALREADY OWN A PAIR OF BLACK MARCHING SHOES . . .**

1. These must be SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR MARCHING.
2. These must be FLAT BLACK (no patent leather (i.e. not shiny))
3. They must be in GOOD shape – no significant/visible damage. No holes.
4. BLACK ATHLETIC SHOES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

*If you have any questions about your shoes, please feel free to bring them to MRD registration to get a staff member's approval.*

If you need to purchase a new pair, order these ASAP so they can be delivered to you prior to the start of our season. You will need them by the first game.

## **MARCHING SHOE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Drillmasters – [www.drillmaster.com](http://www.drillmaster.com)



Style Plus – “Pinnacle” or “Impact” designs – [www.styleplusband.com](http://www.styleplusband.com)



Dinkles – “Vanguard” or “Glide” designs – [www.dinkles.com](http://www.dinkles.com)



Please note that the above shoes are just recommendations. You should consider purchasing your shoes from the most convenient location and for the best price.

## **MRD ONLINE STORE**

*For members, family, friends, and alumni . . .*

*For members who want to purchase additional REQUIRED items or FAMILY/FRIENDS/ALUMNI who are interested in (non-required) MRD merchandise: hoodies, t-shirts, quarter zips, hats, souvenir items, etc. . . .*

*The MRD ONLINE STORE will be available through AUGUST. Orders can be delivered to the JMU Band Office or shipped directly to home addresses.*

<https://jmumrd2023aug.itemorder.com/shop/home/>



# ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ITEMS FOR WIND PLAYERS

The items below are required for certain sections in the band. Please review this information carefully and make sure to place your order(s) in time to have these items with you for MRD Camp, August 16.

## ALL BRASS – Trumpet, Mellophone, Trombone, & Baritone

**BERP:** Each member of the MRD brass section should own their own Berp to be used during rehearsals for buzzing. They attach universally to any lead pipe. These can be found online and at most music stores.



**TOWELS:** Mellophones, Baritones, and Tubas are **REQUIRED** to provide a towel to use when placing your school instrument on the ground – these will also be useful to keep your horns clean/dry. *It is recommended that Trumpets and Trombones also bring one to use when necessary.*

**VALVE OIL/SLIDE GREASE:** Please make sure to have the necessary valve oil and/or slide grease with you. Consider having enough for the entire season.

**And then . . . remember to use it regularly!!!**

## MOUTHPIECES

All brass players must provide their own mouthpiece(s). For those using university instruments (Mellophone, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba) please see below:

**Mellophone:** Please purchase a Mellophone mouthpiece – **Yamaha MP14F4**. Trumpet mouthpieces or Horn mouthpieces with an adaptor are not acceptable.

**Trombone/Baritone:** Large Bore mouthpiece – **Bach 6 ½ AL** or **Bach 5G** are recommended

**Tuba:** Any tuba mouthpiece will work. The **Conn Helleberg** is recommended – a good, quality mouthpiece that is affordable. Also, the **Bach 24AW** is a quality, affordable mouthpiece to consider.

## LYRES

**LYRES:** ALL WIND PLAYERS . . . well, almost all winds (Flute/Pic, Trombone, and Tuba are excluded) must provide their own lyre for use during stand band with flip folders. **Note: Flip Folders are provided.**

## SAXOPHONES & CLARINETS

**REEDS:** Please make sure you have a selection of appropriate reeds with you. It is recommended, due to the number of rehearsals and performances as well as the changing weather conditions, that you have at least 3 or 4 reeds to choose from at all times. Please have these in some type of reed case in order to protect them in your case during the seasons.

*USING THE SAME REED ALL SEASON IS NOT ACCEPTABLE (unless you have a quality synthetic reed): A good sound, even on a "marching" horn, can only be created with good equipment, a quality mouthpiece, ligature, and reed.*

## MUSIC STANDS

The Marching Royal Dukes will provide music stands for every member to be used during rehearsals. Individuals are welcome to bring their own if preferred. It is the responsibility of each member to make sure to have this stand with them at all rehearsals. *The replacement cost of lost/missing music stands will be charged to student accounts if not returned at the end of the season.*

## REMIND TEXTING

All members of the JMU Marching Royal Dukes will use the REMIND group text system to receive important daily messages/announcements.

Please expect to receive an invitation (via TEXT and E-MAIL) to join the "class" during the week prior to MRD camp. Please accept this ASAP. We will begin texting the system and sending important text messages texts during the week prior to our pre-season camp.

## ULTIMATE DRILL BOOK APP

The Marching Royal Dukes use the Ultimate Drill Book Pro app for a convenient, reliable, and informative drill-learning experience. All members – with the exception of Front Ensemble – should have this app installed on their phone prior to the start of MRD camp. This app is FREE.

More specific information, including registration/log-in details is provided in the pre-season camp packet and on the MRD camp website.

## PROTECTING YOUR PERSONAL ITEMS!

Because the MRDs will rehearse rain-or-shine and we use our cell phones for learning drill and music, please plan for how you will PROTECT YOUR INSTRUMENT/PHONE from the elements. Please consider:

- Bring clear plastic/Ziploc bags for your phone, have extra in your case/backpack.
- Put a few kitchen trash bags in your instrument case to use if it starts raining at rehearsal. Larger 33-gallon trash bags also double as convenient rain ponchos in a pinch (hint-hint).

## SCHEDULES

*Please review the information below, specific to our season schedules. Also, please note that ALL SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.*

### BASIC CAMP SCHEDULE

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

WEDNESDAY, August 16 – Opening Day

10am-2pm Camp Check-In  
3:30pm Opening Meeting  
6:30pm First Evening Rehearsal  
Music Auditions (winds only)

**THURSDAY, August 17 – SATURDAY, August 19**

*Approximate schedule – subject to change:*

7-8:15am Breakfast  
8:30am Morning Sessions  
11:30am Lunch  
1:00pm Afternoon Sessions  
5:00pm Dinner Break  
6:30pm Evening Sessions  
9:30pm(est.) Camp Closing

**SUNDAY, August 20 – MONDAY, August 21**

*Morning/Afternoon Off (Orientation Conflicts)*

*Evening Rehearsal/Performances (TBA)*

## IMPORTANT CAMP EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY, August 16:** Uniform Distribution for all returning members (2022 uniform) @ Forbes Center

**SUNDAY, August 20:**

*“Weeks Of Welcome” Orientation programming begins for all new members (schedule provided)*

*Performance @ Opening Convocation (4pm)*

*Returning Member Uniform Fitting*

**TUESDAY, August 22:** MRD Performance @ Pep Rally (8pm)

**WEDNESDAY, August 23: FALL CLASSES BEGIN!**

*First REGULAR full MRD rehearsal @ stadium (6-7:30pm)*

*Uniform Fitting/Distribution for NEW Members (all week – schedule will be provided)*

**SATURDAY, August 26: BLOCK PARTY PERFORMANCE (2-4pm) – Downtown Harrisonburg**

## FIRST YEAR “Weeks of Welcome” SCHEDULE

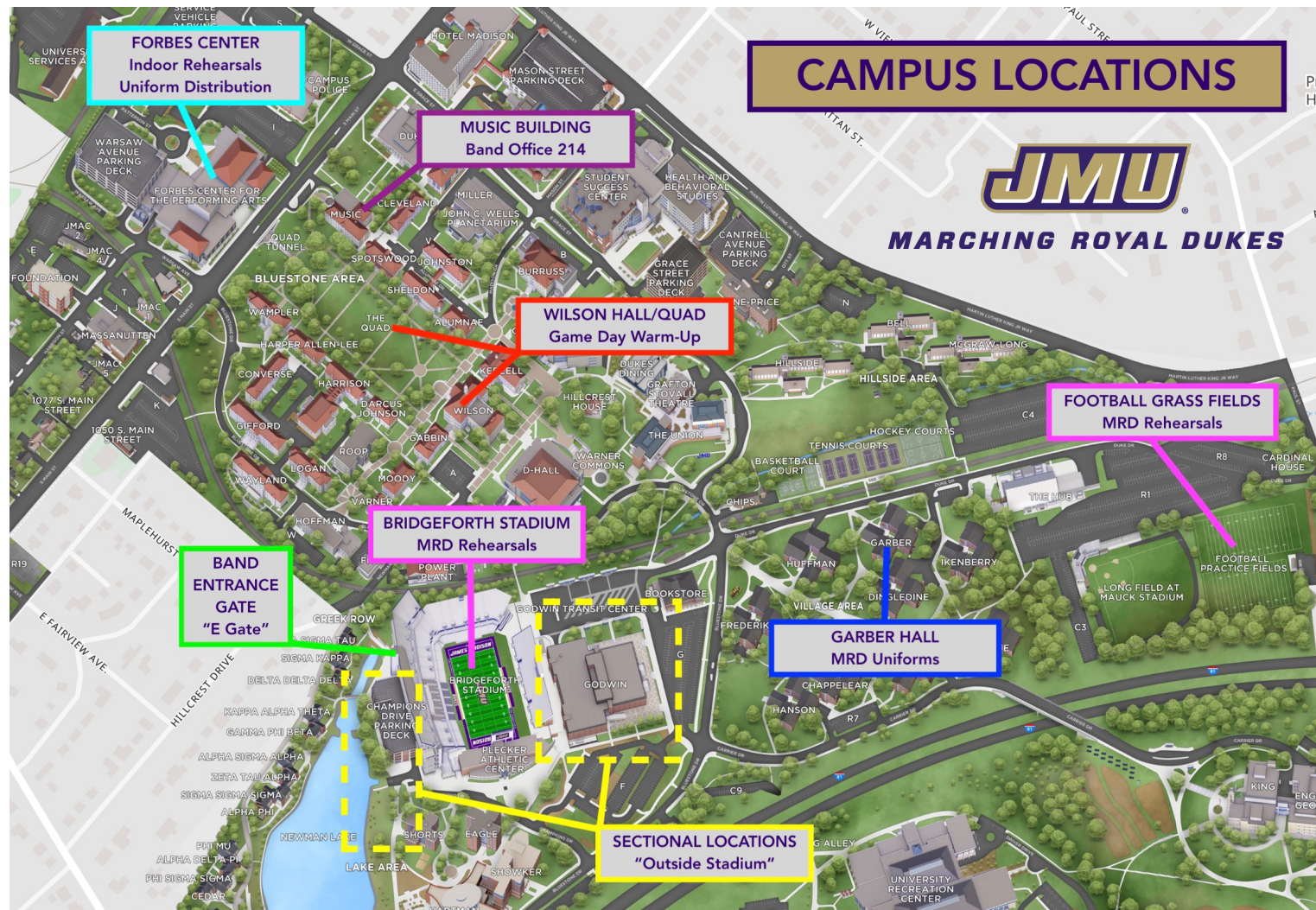
The JMU Band Office works with the Office of Orientation to accommodate the needs of all incoming students.

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

## 2023 MRD SEASON SCHEDULE

Please review the MRD 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**. *The full schedule is located at the end of this document.*

## REGULAR REHEARSALS: Locations & Times



**ALL MRD REHEARSALS** are held at Bridgeforth Stadium and/or Football Grass Fields

- **Mondays:** Sectionals (*locations outside stadium/TBD*) 6-7:30pm
- **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays:** Full Rehearsals 6-7:30pm.
- **Fridays:** We will only have Friday rehearsal (6-7:30pm) if we have a game or performance scheduled on Saturday.
- Make sure to consult the MRD Schedule when making weekend plans.

## REGISTERING FOR MUAP 237

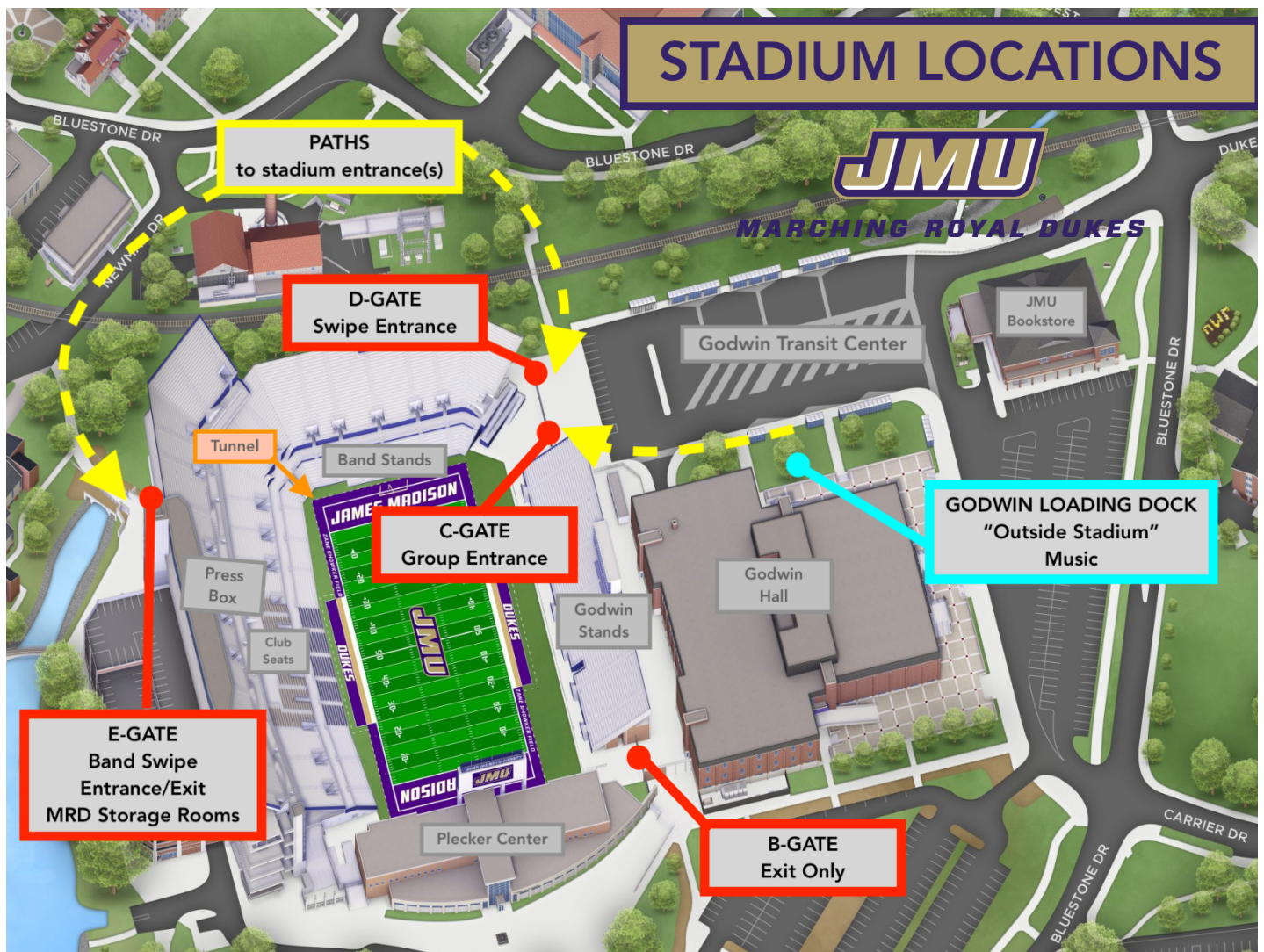
ALL WIND/PERCUSSION/GUARD MEMBERS OF THE JMU MARCHING ROYAL DUKES MUST BE REGISTERED FOR MUAP 237 BY THE FIRST REGULAR REHEARSAL on TUESDAY, August 27:

- *Returning Members: Section 0001*
- *Dukettes Only: Section 0002 (permission needed)*
- *All New Members: Section 0003*
- *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 e-mail it to [registrar@jmu.edu](mailto:registrar@jmu.edu).*

## STADIUM ACCESS

**ALL MRD MEMBERS will have swipe access to the E- and D-Gates** to enter/exit the stadium. *This will be programmed on your JACard by the first day of classes.*

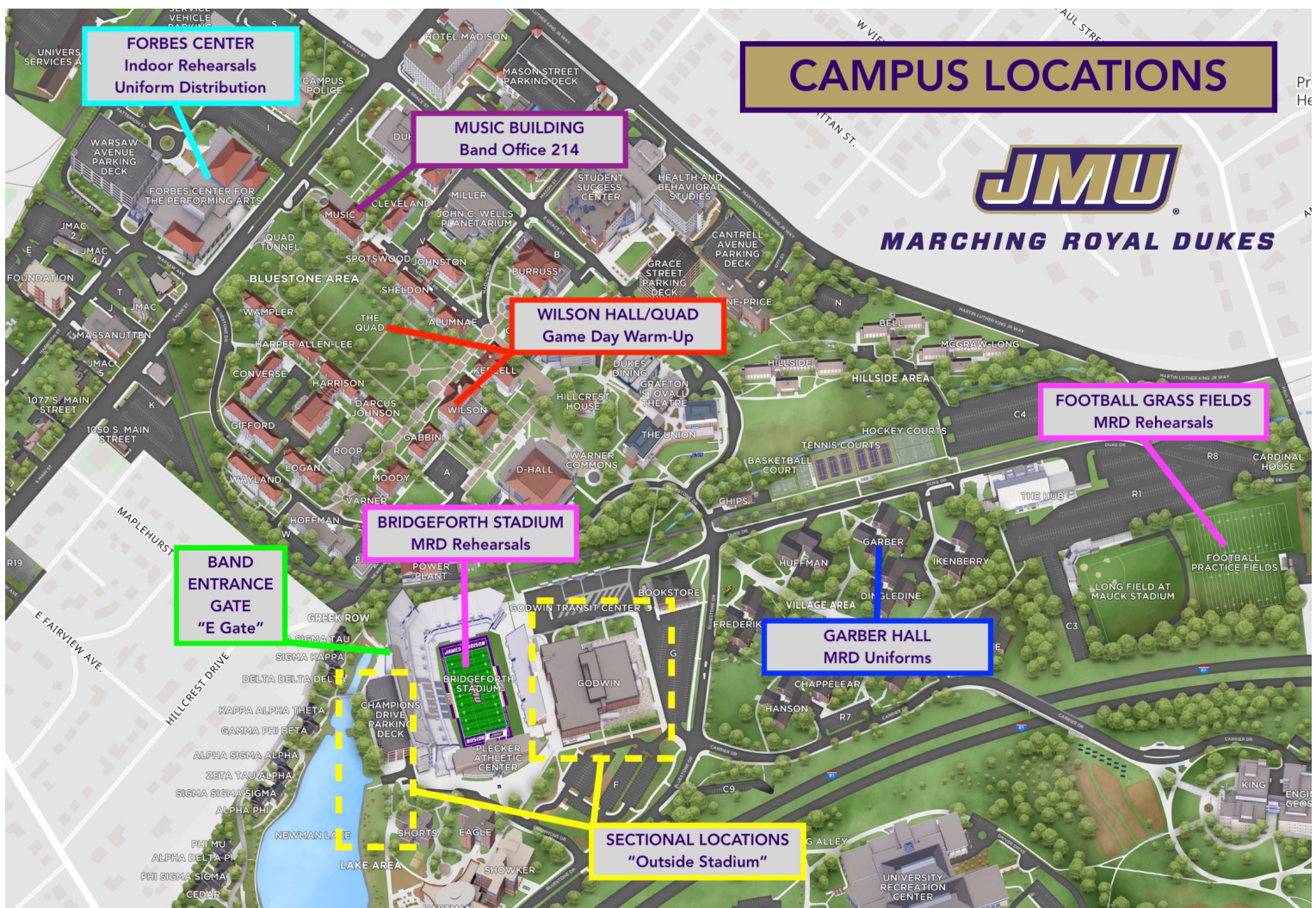
- Entrance should be limited to those two gates only.
- If you need access to the MRD storage rooms (or coming from main campus), please use E-Gate.
- If you need access from D-Hall/Godwin/The Village area/Eagle/Showker (or are coming from East Campus), please use D-Gate.
- Please exit from those same gates – and make sure they close behind you.
- DO NOT prop or leave any gate open (*even if you know members will be entering/exiting after you*).



## MRD CAMPUS MAP

Please see the MRD 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](http://www.jmu.edu/map)



## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Please see below for information specific to the following:

1. FOR ALL MRDs: 2023 Season Schedule (7.30.23)
2. FOR ALL MRDs: Ultimate Drill Book Information
3. FOR WIND PLAYERS: Music & Audition Information
4. FOR MEMBERS LIVING ON-CAMPUS : Early Arrival/Campus Move-In Details
5. FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS: "Weeks of Welcome" Summary Schedule



# MARCHING ROYAL DUKES

## 2023 SCHEDULE

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DATE/TIME	EVENT
August 16-22	MRD Pre-Season Camp
	<i>Daily schedule Available on MRD Camp Website</i>
August 26	Harrisonburg Block Party Performance
	<i>Downtown Harrisonburg</i>
September 2	JMU vs. Bucknell
<i>Game Time 6pm</i>	<i>FBS Season Home Opener!</i>
September 9	JMU @ UVA
<i>Game Time Noon</i>	<i>Pep Band Road Trip</i>
September 29	JMU Family Weekend Pops Concert
<i>8:00pm</i>	<i>@ AUBC: Featuring the MRDs, Wind Symphony, Brass Band &amp; JMU Chorale</i>
September 30	JMU vs. South Alabama
<i>Game Time TBD</i>	<i>Family Weekend</i>
October 7	JMU Parade of Champions
<i>ALL DAY</i>	<i>MRD Performances @ Noon &amp; 10:30pm</i>
October 14	JMU vs. Georgia Southern
<i>Game Time TBD</i>	<i>Possible JMU Band Day</i>
October 18-22	JMU Fall Break – No Classes/Rehearsals/Performances
October 27	Homecoming "Quadfest" Performance
October 28	JMU vs. Old Dominion
<i>Game Time TBD</i>	<i>JMU Homecoming</i>
November 4	MRD Travel – Exhibition Performance
<i>TBD</i>	<i>USBands Open Class National Championships – Met-Life Stadium, Rutherford, NJ</i>
November 11	JMU vs. UConn
<i>Game Time TBD</i>	
November 18	JMU vs. Coastal Carolina*
<i>Game Time TBD</i>	<i>Band Parents' Day + MRD Alumni Band &amp; Senior Recognition</i>
December 2	Harrisonburg Holiday Parade & Concert for the Community
<i>Time TBD</i>	<i>Downtown Harrisonburg / Court Square</i>

FOR THE 2023 SEASON there will be no post-season as JMU will not be bowl eligible until 2024.





PLEASE REVIEW THE INFORMATION BELOW FOR IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT OUR SCHEDULE, BREAK GAMES, AND GAME TIMES.

*\* November 18 – JMU vs. Costal Carolina: This game takes place at the start of the JMU Thanksgiving break and is REQUIRED for all MRD members. Dining and Housing will be available for members living on-campus in order to accommodate our remaining on campus for the game.*

## FBS / SUNBELT GAME TIMES

*The FBS televised game times are set by the networks. Game times will be shared as soon as they are released, this will be approximately 12-days in advance of game days.*

## LINKS

JMU FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (*jmusports.com*)

<https://jmusports.com/sports/football/schedule>

SUN BELT CONFERENCE

<https://sunbeltsports.org/sports/football>



## **- REQUIRED FOR ALL MRD MEMBERS -**

*The Marching Royal Dukes use the Ultimate Drill Book Pro app for a convenient, reliable, and informative drill-learning experience. Please review the details below and make sure you have UDB installed on your phone.*

### **WHAT DOES IT DO?**

With this app, each individual is able to:

1. View the drill sets and access your coordinates
3. Animate each move while your position is highlighted
4. Retrieve updated drill sets/coordinates immediately
5. Upload music PDF and sync with your drill

### **WHY DO WE USE IT?**

**MORE EFFICIENT:** You can have this information available to you at all times, and all new drill or updates to current drill charts will be automatically available.

**MORE INFORMATIVE:** Not only does this app provide you with your coordinates, it also provides instructions and important drill set information. It allows you to view drill sets (big picture) and see your coordinates/instructions for each move/set. It also provides animation for the entire band and each individual member if desired. With the UDB app, we can include Music PDFs as well as interface our season calendar and attendance if desired.

### **HOW DO YOU GET IT?**

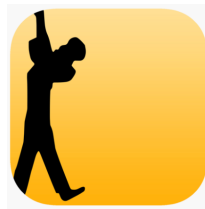


**!!! THE APP IS FREE FOR YOU !!!**

[Instructions for getting started are provided below.](#)

## CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT

1. Download the UDB PRO app from your app store.
2. At the bottom of the sign-in screen, select "SIGN UP"
3. Enter our **ENSEMBLE CODE: jmu23p579**
4. Enter our **ENSEMBLE PASSWORD: jmu23p305e**
5. Customize and Finalize your account



**Please UPLOAD A CLEAR PROFILE PICTURE of yourself so the staff can accurately identify you for effective teaching during rehearsals.**

## TUTORIALS

For more information about the app, please visit the UDB tutorials website and review some of the helpful videos they have posted.

**<http://ultimatedrillbook.com/udbapp-tutorials/>**

## NOW THAT YOU HAVE THE APP . . .

Because we will be using your phone during all rehearsals, and we rehearse outside **RAIN (or snow) OR SHINE . . .**

**Please make sure to have clear plastic Ziploc bags with you AT ALL TIMES in order to protect your device from potential weather conditions. Consider keeping extras in your case/bag.**



## MUSIC & AUDITION INFORMATION

### *For WIND Players Only*

WIND PLAYERS should become familiar with the music included in your section's pre-season packets PRIOR to arriving to campus:

*JMU Fight Song*

*JMU School Song*

*Get It On*

*Start Wearing Purple*

*MRD Chorale: Salvation is Created*

#### **WHEN REVIEWING YOUR MUSIC PACKET:**

- 1. You should have all of the music listed above.*
- 2. Some tunes may have multiple pages. While this should be clearly marked, please be aware if you are printing the parts, making sure the pages stay in the correct order.*
- 3. If there are divided parts for your instrument/section, all parts will be included in the packet.*

**Please chose to prepare the part you feel is most appropriate for your range/ability. MEMORIZATION IS NOT REQUIRED.**

# AUDITION INFORMATION – FOR WIND PLAYERS

ALL MRD WIND PLAYERS will participate in a MUSIC and VISUAL screening process during pre-season camp. The results will be used to determine part division for music in each section, as well as marching assignments for our halftime shows drill.

*At JMU, ALL MRD members will have a charted spot in our Pregame Show. For our Halftime Shows, a specific instrumentation is determined prior to camp. Each section will be assigned a number of Alternate Pairs for the season to create a balanced instrumentation and drill presentation. (see below)*

## **MUSIC AUDITIONS**

Music auditions for all wind players will be held on **WEDNESDAY, August 16**.

This screening will consist of selected music from the camp packet.

*MUSIC AUDITIONS will include:*

- *Excerpts from the JMU Fight Song and the School Song*
- *Section Leaders may also choose short passages from Get It On or Start Wearing Purple*
- *A scale for range*
- *Music does NOT have to be memorized*

## **MARCHING AUDITIONS**

Marching Auditions will take place during the first few full days of camp (August 17, 18, 19).

*MARCHING AUDITIONS will include:*

- *Basic marching technique: horn/body posture, forward/backward marching*
- *Box Drill (will be reviewed prior to auditions)*
- *Marching and playing (B-flat scale and/or fight song)*
- *NOTE: All marching techniques will be taught/reviewed with your section and the full band prior to beginning auditions – please don't stress about this process.*

## **ALTERNATE PAIRS**

This system has been created to allow all wind players the opportunity to perform in our Halftime Shows and continue to improve their marching and music skills.

- Each section will be assigned a specific number of Alternate Pairs (based on instrumentation).
- Each Alternate Pair will share one charted marching spot during the season and will alternate Halftime and Postgame performances.
- During rehearsals the pairs will shadow each other, alternating reps, or (depending upon the written drill) possibly alternate on/off the field if space and intervals becomes an issue.
- Section Leadership and/or staff may choose to re-audition sections during the season depending on spots available, progress of individuals, attendance, etc.



## EARLY ARRIVAL INFORMATION 2023

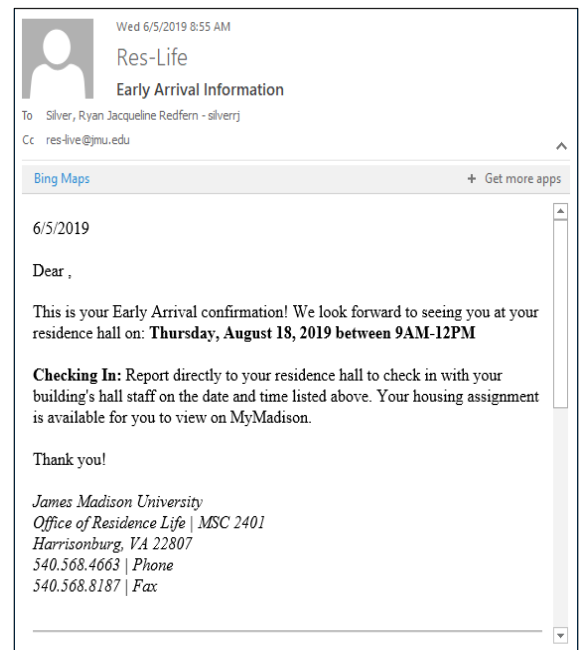
Below is information for all MRD members living ON CAMPUS. Please review these details carefully to prepare for your move on August 16.

### IMPORTANT

**THIS IS NOT A CONFIRMATION OF YOUR ARRIVAL**  
**Move-in Authorizations will be e-mailed by August 11.**

**If you are living on-campus and completed the MRD Membership Form by August 1:**

- Your name was submitted to the Office of Residence Life (ORL) to be scheduled for early move-in.
- You will be moving into your assigned dorm/room for the school year.
- You should receive your official move-in confirmation via e-mail from the ORL by August 11.
- Please check your @dukes e-mail for this notification and make sure it indicates WEDNESDAY, August 16 as your assigned move-in date.



**If you don't receive confirmation by August 11 or your move-in date is not August 16, please contact ORL directly.**

All MRD members should be moving into their permanent residence hall on **WEDNESDAY, August 16, 9am-Noon.**

*NOTE: Moving into your residence hall and registering for MRD camp are TWO SEPARATE PROCESSES. Please plan to take care of checking in/moving into your dorm in the morning. You can register for MRD camp in the afternoon (as scheduled).*

## **HOUSING & MOVE-IN DETAILS**

When you arrive to campus, you will arrive directly to your residence hall and check-in with hall staff. Please consider visiting the ORL website for helpful details about the move-in process:

<https://www.jmu.edu/orl/move-in/index.shtml>

## **MOVE-IN ASSISTANCE**

JMU does not provide a staff to assist with early-arrival move-in, but volunteers from the MRDs, MRD Alumni, and School of Music Student Organizations will be available around campus to assist as much as possible. Please plan accordingly.

## **MEAL PLANS**

Meals are provided for ALL MRD members during our pre-season camp.

These will be programmed to each individual's student account and you will use your JACard to swipe into all meals (even before official meal plans begin).

**ALL RESIDENT MEAL PLANS BEGIN with DINNER on **FRIDAY, August 18.****

Please become familiar with the JMU Dining Services offerings, hours, and services by visiting their website: <https://jmu.campusdish.com/>

## **INTERNET**

JMU provides complimentary WiFi for students, faculty, and staff on campus. However, if you are living ON-campus you will need to access two systems: "Official Wireless" (general) and "ResNet" (dorms). Please visit the JMU IT Student Computing Quick Start page for more details: <https://www.jmu.edu/computing/quick/students.shtml>

## **PARKING ON CAMPUS**

If you are planning to park your vehicle on campus during the school year, it must be registered with JMU Parking Services by the first day of classes (August 23). Please visit the parking website for more information and to register for your virtual permit:

<https://www.jmu.edu/parking/index.shtml>

## **CAMPUS BUSES**

Harrisonburg Transit buses provide free campus service for JMU during the school year. However, full service will not begin until August 23. They will be running on a reduced schedule until then. Please plan accordingly and allow yourself time to get to meals and rehearsals on time.

**For more information** about the bus schedule and operations, please visit the JMU campus transportation website:

<https://www.jmu.edu/transportation/transit/campus-buses.shtml>

## LOCK-OUTS

If you are locked out of your room prior to regular residence hall move-in, you should first call your hall staff members (RAs and Hall Directors). However, because they may be in training during this time and you cannot get in touch with anyone for assistance, call the **JMU Public Safety non-emergency line: 540-568-6913**.

## ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Room assignments have been made by the ORL staff. **Please do not switch rooms. Your assignment is not able to be changed at this time.** Details about adjusting housing arrangements or reporting issues with room assignments can be found at the ORL website or by speaking with your Resident Advisor.

## GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Moving in early is a privilege, and we want our students to enjoy their experience while on campus. Please keep in mind that you will now be coexisting with a group of your peers and your new living space will be part of a larger community, both in your residence hall and on the JMU campus:

- Housekeeping is not provided in the residence halls. Please keep your room and community space clean/organized.
- Trash/Recycling needs to be placed in designated areas around your residence hall. Please do not leave trash in hallways, langes, other common areas, or generally anywhere on campus.
- Residents are expected to abide by all hall rules and university policies:  
<https://www.jmu.edu/orl/policies/index.shtml>  
<https://www.jmu.edu/osarp/handbook/osarp/standardsandpolicies.shtml>

*PLEASE NOTE: Hall Directors and RAs will be on site, but may still be training during early move-in. Please make sure you have contact information for ORL and your hall staff in case you need to get in touch with somebody during MRD camp.*

## IMPORTANT CAMPUS CONTACTS

*As you prepare for your move to JMU, please consider having the following contact information with you in case you need assistance while on campus:*

RESIDENCE LIFE: (540) 568-4663 / [res-life@jmu.edu](mailto:res-life@jmu.edu) / [www.jmu.edu/orl](http://www.jmu.edu/orl)

JMU PUBLIC SAFETY: (540) 568-6913(non-emergency) / (540) 568-6911(emergency)

JMU I.T. HELP DESK: (540) 568-3555 / <https://www.jmu.edu/computing/index.shtml>

JMU HEALTH CENTER: (540) 568-6178 / <https://www.jmu.edu/healthcenter/index.shtml>

JMU COUNSELING CENTER: (540) 568-6552 / <https://www.jmu.edu/counselingctr/index.shtml>





# INFO FOR MRD MEMBERS 2023

## Summary of Required Events

*This schedule has been created, in cooperation with the Office of Orientation, to help our new members transition to JMU and balance the commitments of the MRD pre-season schedule and benefits of your Orientation experience. Below you will find a summary of all REQUIRED Orientation activities you should plan to attend with your orientation group.*

### SUNDAY, August 20

*NOTE: Today is a partial day-off for the MRDs in order to accommodate the Orientation schedule.*

**FROG MEETINGS/BRUNCH/WE ARE JMU AM/as assigned:** You should plan to attend your scheduled FROG meetings, brunch, and "We Are JMU" presentation..

**MRD PERFORMANCE @ NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION 3:30-5pm:**

Please plan to report with the MRDs to the Atlantic Union Bank Center (AUBC) by 3:30pm to perform with the MRDs at this event. *You can also opt to attend the event with your FROG group if that works best with your schedule.*

ALL MRDs will report to evening rehearsal after the event.

### MONDAY, August 21

*NOTE: Today is a partial day-off for the MRDs in order to accommodate the Orientation schedule.*

**FREEDOM OF SPEECH & EXPRESSION 10-11am (as assigned):** Attend this session with your FROG group as scheduled.

**DUKES GIVE DIRECTIONS Afternoon - as assigned:** Attend this session with your FROG group as scheduled.

**ACADEMIC ADVISING 1:45-3pm or 3:15-4:30pm – as assigned:** Sessions will be scheduled with your academic advisor(s) for a block of time during the afternoon. **This is MANDATORY.**

## TUESDAY, August 22

**STOP THE HAZE AM as assigned:** Attend this session with your FROG group as scheduled.

**MAJOR/COLLEGE OPEN-HOUSES 2:30-3:30pm:** Attend this session with your FROG group as scheduled.

**MRD REHEARSAL & PEP RALLY 6-9pm @ Bridgeforth Stadium** (*additional details will be provided*)

### ?? ANY QUESTIONS ??

If you have any questions about potential conflicts with our MRD schedule, or you would like to attend a session that is not indicated on this schedule, please address this directly with Mr. Ridders.

If you have any questions specific to the orientation schedule (meeting times, locations, etc.), please address these with your FROG.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR SECTION LEADERSHIP IS AWARE OF YOUR SCHEDULE and keep them posted when you are leaving/arriving from orientation sessions.**

## WEDNESDAY, August 23 – First Day of Classes

### **REGULAR MRD REHEARSAL @ STADIUM 6-7:30pm**

- **Please arrive in time to be at your section/rehearsal location with your instrument/equipment ready by 6pm.**
- **Swipe access available at E-Gate** (band entrance) **or D-Gate** (by Godwin) **use your JACard.**
- **If you swipe in @ D-Gate,** please travel UNDER the band stands and around to our storage room area. **DO NOT WALK ONTO THE FIELD during football practice.**