

Dear 2024 Bearkat Marching Band Experience Participants and Families:

Welcome and thank you for registering!

This event is for current high school or junior college students that are interested in participating in the Bearkat Marching Band (BMB) in the future.

Notes:

- Bring a full water jug to take into the stadium.
- Eat a late lunch/early dinner so that you have enough energy to cheer for the Bearkats!
- Feel free to bring sunglasses and wear sunscreen.
- Our stadium has a clear bag policy.
- We will provide snacks for everyone after halftime.
- We provide water for everyone after pre-game and after halftime.
- The BMB will be in full uniform. We want you to be comfortable. Wear something orange/black/gray/white. Wear comfortable shoes.
- If you would like to play along in the stands, bring your instrument!
- We ask that students check out with us at the end of the night.

3:45 pm - Meet in the Lobby of the Gaertner Performing Arts Center. The best parking for this is in the Sam Houston Parking Garage on Avenue I (\$9). There is also free parking on Bobby K Marks. See the [map](#). At this time, you will pick up any extra family tickets, meet the band directors, meet your BMB college guide for the day, and pick up some SHSU swag. Once you are paired up with your guide, you will follow them through their game-day prep.

4:45 pm - The band will line up outside the school of music, (next door to the Gaertner Performing Arts Building) and get ready to march over to the stadium. Our guests will stay with their guides and march along with them. This is a laid-back parade-style endeavor. Family: feel free to follow along and take pictures! Once we get to the stadium lot, we will all perform in a short "Pep-Rally."

5:30 pm – Watch the BMB perform for Pre-Game.

6:00 pm - Kick-off! You will rejoin your guide and perform alongside them in the stands as we cheer the Bearkats to victory!

Halftime - Did you know the Bearkat Marching Band performs a new show every week? You'll watch as the BMB performs the halftime show.

3rd and 4th Quarters - Grab your snacks and water and finish out the game with your guide!

About 9:30-10 pm - Once the game is over, we will all walk back over to the School of Music and check students out to parents from there. School of Music Atrium (1751 Avenue I - right

next to the Gaertner Performing Arts Center and across the street from the Sam Houston Parking Garage).

If you are driving yourself, walk back with us over to the School of Music to get to your car in the Sam Houston Parking Garage or in the free lot on Bobby K Marks. We will have you check out and someone will walk you to your car.

We are looking forward to another big win for the Bearkats!

This is also Homecoming weekend!

Sincerely,  
Darla McBryde  
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