

Members of the “Sound of the South” Drumline:

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Robert Clayson, and I serve as the marching percussion instructor for the Troy University “Sound of the South” Marching Band. I am extremely excited to continue my work with this ensemble next year and wanted to share some information with you regarding our 2025 June Marching Percussion Camp.

This year, our June Percussion Camp is happening from **Friday June 13 – Sunday June 15. This camp is not mandatory** and is focused on learning our technique exercises, cadences, and as much our show music that we can get through. To that end, your camp experience will go a lot smoother if you have this music learned when you arrive on campus. You will spend 80% of this camp on your first choice of instrument, though it is likely that you will be moved around from instrument to instrument as the weekend goes on. The camp will end on the afternoon of the 15th with a performance for the opening of the Troy Summer Music Leadership camp. **The instrumentation for the 2025 season is not decided at this camp.**

We strive to make this camp as cost effective as possible. To that end, you will be provided a meal voucher for our on-campus dining hall for the duration of your time on campus. Additionally, a limited number of on-campus dorm rooms will be provided on a first come first serve basis. Anyone who does not receive a dorm room is encouraged to stay with a current member of the “Sound of the South” Drumline. **We will work out any and all housing issues before the first rehearsal of camp.** If you wish to request a dorm room, please send me an email (contact info below) **as soon as possible**. Just because you request a dorm room does not automatically mean that you will receive one. Those people who are receiving a dorm room will be contacted by me in the coming weeks. Please see the next page for more information regarding what to bring to this camp.

With that being said, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns! I look forward to seeing you all in June!

Sincerely,

Robert Clayson

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General Schedule and Packing List

Friday 6/13

- 1:30 p.m. General Meeting (general meet and greet, housing arrangements secured)
- 2:30 p.m. Sub Sectional Rehearsal Block
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Sub Sectional Rehearsal Block
- 9:30 p.m. Full Rehearsal Block
- 10:30 p.m. Dismissal

Saturday 6/14

- 9:00 a.m. Sub Sectional Rehearsal Block
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Sub Sectional Rehearsal Block
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Sub Sectional Rehearsal Block
- 9:30 p.m. Full Rehearsal Block
- 10:30 p.m. Dismissal

Sunday 6/15

- Dorm Checkout time TBA
- 1:30 p.m. Subsectional Rehearsal Block
- 3:00 p.m. Final Performance- students dismissed immediately following

THINGS TO BRING

- Large 3 ring binder with page protectors
- Sticks and mallets
- Drum with stand (if possible)
- Practice pad with stand
- LOOSE fitting / workout clothes.
- Sleeping bag (if staying off campus)
- Bedsheets (if staying on campus)
- Pillows
- Blankets
- Toiletries
- Water container
- Medicine (if needed)
- Hat and sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Any other items that you need to exist for a weekend away from home