



## **SMB Pre-Season Packet 2025**

Hey Band!

It's that time again! The 2025 season is already shaping up to be an exciting one. The best way to sustain that excitement is being prepared and hitting the ground running!

Much has been planned and this short packet will let you know the details for the beginning of the semester and the pre-season camps! One exciting change will be our transfer to digital music! No more paper! Everything will be done through the Beam App.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me.

Looking forward to another great season with all of you.

Dr. Benjamin Helton  
Director, Spartan Marching Band  
Assistant Professor of Music Education  
[bch51@case.edu](mailto:bch51@case.edu)



## **SMB Leadership 2025**

**Drum Major:** Tyler Zupfer

**Flute/Picc Section Leader:** Cora Donoghue

**Clarinet Section Leader:** Kennedy Brehm

**Saxophone Section Leader:** Charlotte Post

**Trumpet Section Leader:** Ari Jacobson

**Mello Section Leader:** Eva Niemen

**Low Brass Section Leaders:** Lucy Biliunas & Gus Matkov

**Drumline Captains:** Luke Sharp & Nathan Link

**Color Guard Captain:** Eva Keresztesy

**Equipment Supervisors:** TBD

**Social Media Chair (Photographer):** TBD

# SMB Pre-Season General Information

## Equipment

All SMB members must have an instrument, closed-toe shoes, a charged phone, and a cell phone lyre for all rehearsals. I would also recommend an external charger in the event your phone dies during rehearsal or a performance.

The lyres I recommend are:

Flute/Sousaphone: [eFlip Model F 2.0](#)

Trumpet: [Grip O Phone Trumpet Phone Lyre – TPT100](#)

Trombone/Baritone: [eFlip Model T 2.0](#)

Clarinet/Sax/Mello: [The original eFlip 2.0](#) (to be used in addition to a traditional lyre and – probably – duct tape)

For all outdoor rehearsals, you will also want to bring water, sunglasses, a hat, and sunscreen.

SMB will provide instruments for:

- Piccolo
- (Limited) Clarinet
- Tenor/Baritone Sax
- (Limited) Bb Trumpet
- Mellophone
- (Limited) Trombone w/ F attachment
- Marching Baritone
- Sousaphone
- Drumline (including sticks)

The SMB will NOT be providing mouthpieces for any instrument. Please procure an appropriate mouthpiece if one is needed. Here is the recommended mouthpiece list:

Clarinet: Whatever you have should be fine

Sax (any): Selmer C\*

Trumpet: So help me if I see a JetTone or Bach 3F

Mellophone: UMI CKB Mello 6

Trombone/Baritone: Bach 12C or Bach 6 ½ AL (Large Shank if using school instrument)

Sousaphone: Perantucci PT-48 (preferred), Conn-Helleberg (acceptable)

Reeded instruments should always have a healthy supply of reeds handy. The SMB experiments with synthetic reeds from time to time. In which case, you will be issued one synthetic reed for the season. Always have back up reeds regardless of whether you've been given a synthetic reed.

For uniformity purposes, the SMB will also provide all drumsticks for the drumline. It is the responsibility of individual drumline members to inform Dr. Helton of any stick replacements as soon as there's a need.

### **Uniforms**

Uniforms will be issued during preseason camp. You will keep your uniform in your residence. The SMB provides all parts to the uniform with the exception of shoes and long black socks.

You may wear any brand of all-black marching shoes. If you do not have a pair from from High School, you will need to order them prior to the first football game.

We recommend Drillmasters if you need to order a pair.

# SMB Pre-Season Schedule 2025

Leadership Only

All Members

## Wednesday, August 20th

### **10:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Leadership Workshop/Training**

- All SMB Leadership (including equipment crew)
- Bring instruments
- Reconnect and discuss goals for the season.
- Review music and marching pedagogy
- Lunch will be provided
  - Location: Denison Hall

## Thursday, August 21st (Wear a shirt displaying your favorite band)

### **3:00 PM – Logistical Preparations**

- All SMB Leadership (including equipment crew)
- Final preparation for camps and season
  - No more copying! But we will need to transfer a lot of paper documents to pdf and upload them onto a server.
  - Location: Denison Hall

### **6:00 PM – Complimentary Welcome Dinner provided by SMB**

- Come meet your new colleagues and eat free food
  - Location: Spartan Rehearsal Hall

### **7:00 PM – SMB Trivia Night!**

- Show off your random trivia abilities with your new colleagues! Compete as teams with other SMB members to win CWRU merch!
  - Location: Spartan Rehearsal Hall

## Friday, August 22nd (Wear a shirt from one of your high school activities)

### **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Uniform Check-Out**

- Wade Rehearsal Hall

### **11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Drumline Practice Time \*optional\***

- CWRU drumline equipment will be available for individual practice until auditions
  - Van Horn Field (By Wind Turbine)

### **1:00pm – 1:30pm Drumline Placement Auditions**

- ALL prospective and returning drumline members
- Van Horn Field (By Wind Turbine)

### **12:30pm – 1:15pm School-owned Instrument checkout**

- Veale Center Fieldhouse
- Any student wishing to play drumline, piccolo, tenor sax, bari sax, mellophone, baritone, or sousaphone will need to check out an instrument during this time.

### **1:30pm – 2:45pm Sectionals**

- Locations: Around Veale Center, exact locations TBD
- Section leaders will work through pregame and show music for the first game (no more handing out music!)
- Take time to reconnect with returning members and welcome the first-year members!

### **3:00pm – 5:00pm Full Band Rehearsal**

- First full SMB rehearsal of 2024!!!
- Bring your charged devices for rehearsal!
  - Location: Veale Center Fieldhouse

### **5:00pm – 6:15pm Dinner on your own**

- Tour Uptown area, have sectional dinner, etc.

### **6:30pm – 9:00pm Full Band Marching Session**

- No instruments needed
- Bring water and close-toed shoes.
  - Van Horn Field (By Wind Turbine)

## **Saturday, August 23rd (Wear a shirt displaying your nerdiest interest!)**

### **9:00am – 12:00pm Full Band Marching Practice**

- Van Horn Field
- Bring Instruments
- Bring water and suntan lotion

### **12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch on your own, Stay in Sections**

### **1:30pm – 3:00pm Sectional Rehearsal**

- Location: Veale Center (Exact Locations TBD)

### **3:00pm – 4:45pm Full Band Rehearsal**

- Location: Veale Fieldhouse

### **4:45pm – 6:00pm Dinner on your own, ask another section to join you!**

**6:00pm – 9:00pm Full Band Marching Practice**

- Bring Instruments and all music
- Van Horn Field

**Sunday, August 24th (CWRU Spirit Day!)**

**10:00am – 1:30pm Uniform Check-Out**

- *All members must be uniformed by the end of the day Sunday*
  - Wade Rehearsal Hall
- Any member who has not checked out a uniform yet must do so during this time

**2:30pm– 3:30pm Sectional Rehearsal**

- Locations around Van Horn Field
- Bring all music and lyres

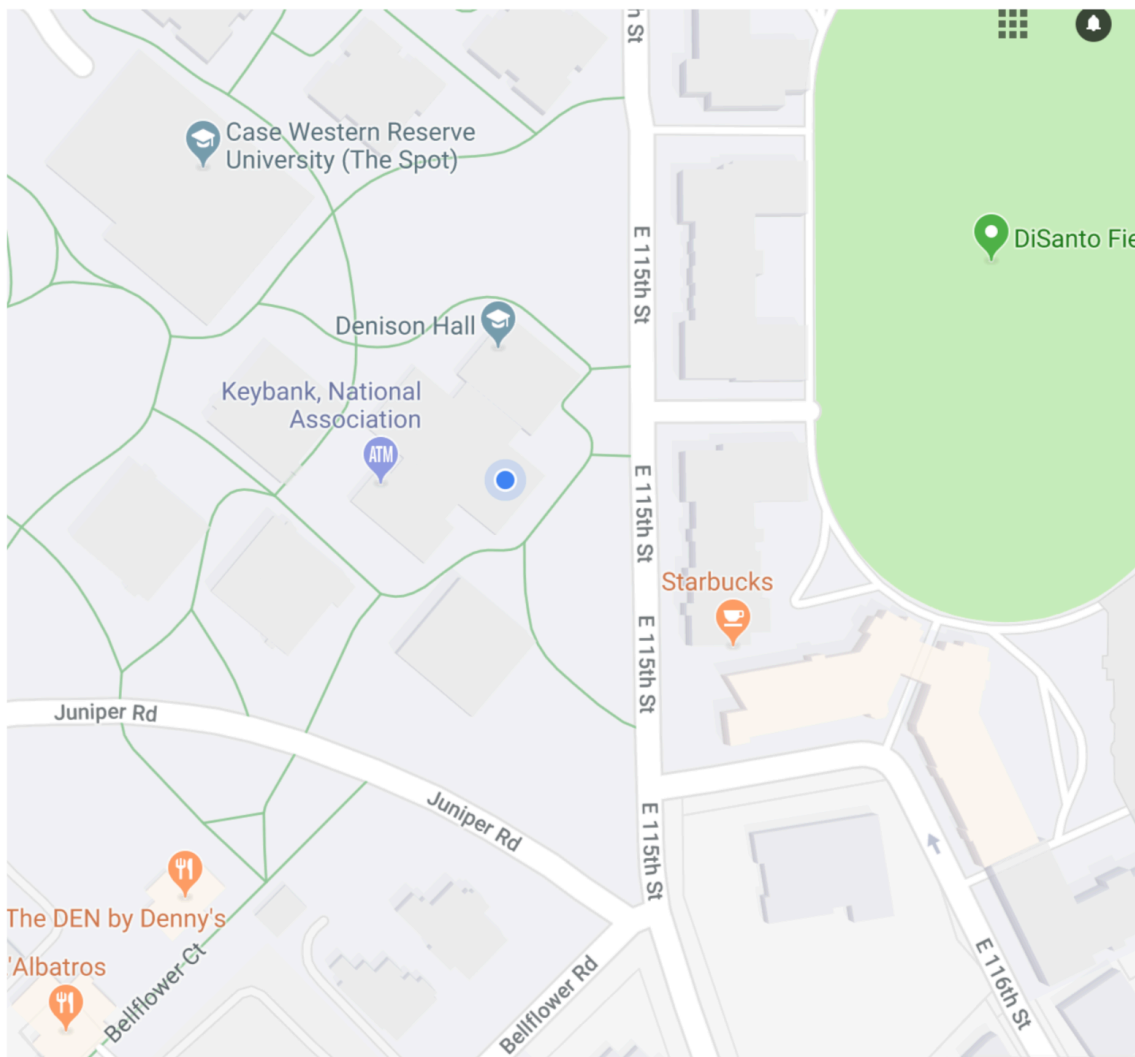
**3:30pm – 6:30pm Full Band Rehearsal**

- Location: Van Horn Field

Congratulations! That is the end of the SMB Preseason! Have a great first day of class tomorrow and get some rest!

# Locations

Denison Rehearsal Complex (Note location in reference to DiSanto Field and Starbucks)





## Van Horn Field (By Veale Center and Wind Turbine)

