



Dear Directors,

My name is Matt McCutchen and I am the newly appointed Associate Director of Bands/ Director of Athletic Band at the University of South Florida. In this capacity it is my great pleasure to invite you and your students to participate in USF's 2nd annual "HOT Day"!

On Saturday September 5th your students will have the opportunity to observe, rehearse, and perform on the field at halftime with the 320-piece Herd of Thunder (HOT) Marching Band in the 75,000-seat Raymond James stadium. There are few activities that can match the atmosphere, energy, and excitement of Division I College Football, and it is our sincere hope that you will be able to join us for this event.

This year's "HOT Day" will cost \$20 for students and chaperones, with everyone receiving a ticket, t-shirt, and meal. Directors and their spouse will receive complimentary tickets and meals. Registration forms and payment must be in our office by Friday, August 28th.

Attached you'll find the registration form, detailed information page, and poster for your band room. Christopher Johns, one of our outstanding Graduate Assistants, will be coordinating this event. Please contact him with any concerns or questions: usfboe@yahoo.com – 813-468-0520

I hope that you and your students can join us for a day that is designed to be fun for all. Although I'm still a relative newcomer to the state (I spent the past three years in Tallahassee) I've had the opportunity to meet several Florida Directors and I'm eager to get to know more of you and learn about your programs. Please contact me if I can help you in any way.

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USF HOT-DAY INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION:

DATE: Saturday, September 5th (USF vs. Wofford) 7:00pm Kickoff
TIMES: 2:00pm until at least 10:00pm
DEADLINE: Friday, August 28th 9:00pm

LOCATIONS:

REHEARSAL: USF Campus – Fowler Field (corner of Bull Run & Alumni, across from MOSI)
GAME: Raymond James Stadium (4201 N. Dale Mabry Highway)

HIGH SCHOOL BAND MUST PROVIDE

- Completed registration form and payment **DUE BY: Friday, August 15th 9:00pm**
- Transportation for their students on the day of the event (to USF and Ray Jay)
- At least one Band Director for each participating school for the entire day.

PARTICIPANT AND CHAPERONE FEES:

\$20 Participant Fee Includes:

- Ticket to the game
- “HOT Day” T-Shirt (specify sizes on registration form)
- Lunch (please note vegetarian meals on registration form)
- Bottle of water for Lunch, Pre-Game, and Halftime

\$20 Chaperone Fee Includes:

- Ticket to the game
- “HOT Day” T-Shirt (specify sizes on registration form)
- Lunch (please note vegetarian meals on registration form)
- Bottle of water for Lunch

*Band directors and one spouse/child will receive complimentary ticket, meal (please specify vegetarian), and T-Shirt (please specify sizes).

*Stadium concessions will be available during the game, at your expense.

PARTICIPANT UNIFORM:

USF HOT-Day T-Shirt (participants will receive the shirt the day of the event)

Khaki shorts

Athletic shoes (no flip flops or sandals, please!)

No hats or sunglasses during the halftime performance

DETAILED SCHEDULE (tentative):

- 12:00 HOT Band Rehearsal (High Schools are welcome to observe)
- 1:30 HOT Band Pre-Game & Halftime Show run-through
- 2:00 MASS BAND REHEARSAL (all participants must be present)
- 2:45 Load equipment (Raymond James Security procedures in effect!)

3:30 Lunch provided
4:15 Load Busses (participants must provide their own transportation)
4:30 Busses depart
5:00 Arrive at Raymond James Stadium
5:30 HOT Band Warmup (East Side of Ray Jay)
6:00 HOT Band "Road Show" (South side of Ray Jay)
6:30 Enter stadium and be seated (all participants will be seated together)
6:42 Pre-Game Performance
7:00 Kickoff
2nd Quarter Assemble in Tunnels
Halftime PERFORM!
Depart whenever you wish!

INSTRUMENT STORAGE AT RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM:

There will be a place to store instruments inside Ray Jay. Trucks will be allowed to unload at our 5pm arrival, but NOT allowed to load after the game; Equipment must be carried back to the bus/truck by the students.

RAYMOND JAMES SECURITY PROCEDURES:

While loading the truck at 2:45 and the busses at 4:15, security will check all instrument cases, bags, etc. Please be patient and follow the instructions of the officers during this time. Also, **EVERYONE INVOLVED IN "HOT DAY" MUST HAVE A PICTURE ID WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES!!!**

MINIMUM NUMBER REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE

Schools do NOT need to send their entire band. We can accept just one student from a school, as long as a Band Director from their school is with us as well.

HALFTIME PERFORMANCE:

The USF Marching Band will perform their halftime show with the HS participants watching from the sideline. At the conclusion of the USF Band's show, all the HS participants will join us on the field to perform as a mass band. The halftime performance will be to the HOME (West) side of the stadium.

MUSIC:

Sheet music will be distributed via email or fax to all participating bands as soon as they register. We will perform the USF Fight Song and another selection TBD. Directors, please distribute these parts to your participating students when you receive them.

FRONT ENSEMBLE PERCUSSION:

Unfortunately, the logistics of this event prohibit us from facilitating a front ensemble percussion section. These musicians are encouraged to participate as battery or cymbals.

GUARD:

Due to the difficult nature of learning choreography, Guard participants will learn a “pom” routine at the rehearsal. Please bring any poms you have at your school. USF will provide as many poms as we can, on a first come basis.

TWIRLERS/MAJORETTES:

We invite these students to either participate in the “pom” routine, or create your own choreography with batons. If you choose batons, you will have some personal space, but not enough for an elaborate routine.

DANCERS:

Please bring poms and participate with the guard.

DRUM MAJORS:

Please perform on your primary instrument.

CONTACT INFO:

The contact for this event is Christopher Johns, a Graduate Assistant with the Herd of Thunder. Please contact him with any questions or concerns.

Phone: 813-468-0520

Email: usfoboe@yahoo.com

“HOT” Day Registration Form

DUE: Friday, August 28th at 9pm

School: _____ Director: _____

Director Email: _____

School Phone: _____ Director Cell: _____

Number of Participants: _____

Shirt Sizes: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Number of Student Participants: _____ x \$20 = _____

Number of Chaperones: _____ x \$20 = _____

Number of Director/Spouse (Complementary): _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

*Checks payable to “Kappa Kappa Psi” (cash is acceptable)

Number of Vegetarian meals requested: _____

**REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT MUST BE IN OUR
HANDS BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 28th, 9:00pm**

HAND DELIVERY HIGHLY SUGGESTED
WE CAN ARRANGE PICKUP OF FORM & PAYMENT FROM YOUR SCHOOL

“HOT DAY” COORDINATOR & REGISTRATION CONTACT

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