

The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band 2024-25

Fish Parent Meeting

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 – 2:30 PM



Welcome to the Aggie Band!

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Band calendar

Staff contact information

This presentation



Dr. Timothy Rhea

Director of Bands & Music Activities

- 32nd year at Texas A&M University
- Administrative head of the Music Activities Department
- Director of the Aggie Band – 23rd year
- Conductor of the University Wind Symphony



**Patrick Michaelis, Brigadier General, US Army (Ret.)
Commandant, Corps of Cadets**



Aggie Band Staff

Dr. Timothy Rhea, Director of Bands & Music Activities

Dr. Russell Tipton, Senior Associate Director, Aggie Band

Dr. Lance Sample, Associate Director of Bands

Brandon Laird, Assistant Director of Bands

Dr. James Van Zandt, Associate Director

Miriam Brown, Administrative Assistant

Gunnery Sergeant Chad Parker, Cadet Training Officer



White-Walker Music Activities Center

- Moved in five years ago after five years of planning and construction
- \$42.5 million (\$70 million today)
- Home for all Texas A&M University Bands, Orchestras, and Choirs
- Four soundproof large ensemble rehearsal halls
- 36 soundproof individual practice rooms
- Staff offices and storage for all involved in MUSA department
- One of the finest facilities of its type in the nation



Who should I contact?

- Gunny Parker– contact regarding your cadet's daily life in the Corps of Cadets
- Administrative Assistant, Ms. Brown– logistics, general and travel information
- Band Directors – all other aspects – begin with Dr. Tipton



Weekly Rehearsal Schedule

- Each weekday morning from 0700-0830
- All rehearsals take place in Motheral Rehearsal Hall or the Dunlap Drill Field
- Dunlap Drill Field rehearsals are open to the public, but spectators should remain outside of the fence. Indoor rehearsals are not open to the public.



Football Season Schedule

- Seven home football games played in Kyle Field.
- Full band bus trips to Arlington (Arkansas).
- Select band plane trip to Mississippi State (upperclassmen).
- 100-piece select band plane trips to Florida, South Carolina & Auburn – does not include halftime performance. Upperclassmen only.
- Midnight yell practice on Friday evenings of home games.
- Halftime performances are both streamed and recorded.



Next Few Days

- Fish are here for the next few days to learn the marching and playing basics of the Aggie Band prior to the arrival of the upperclassmen on Sunday.
- Goal is for all freshmen to march at the first performance.
- After first game, alternates are selected on a rotating basis, and includes both fish and upperclassmen.
- Health & safety of everyone remains our number one priority.



Spring Semester Items

Houston Livestock Show Parade - March 1

Family Weekend – April 4-5

Aggie Band Awards in Rudder – April 5

Maroon & White Game - TBD



Football Game Days

- Aggie Band steps off from the quad 1.5 hours prior to game time

It is not appropriate for civilians to march in a military formation

- Football Tickets – 12th Man Foundation is your contact
- Date Policy – senior class



Band Boosters

- DO NOT EXIST IN THE COLLEGIATE WORLD OF THE AGGIE BAND



Bowl Game Policy

- The full Aggie Band attends post season bowl games
- We do not know where we are going until the end of the season
- Bowl attendance is required of all Aggie Band members
- Expenses are paid by the university departing from and returning to College Station



Cadet Leadership

- Tristan Lanclos— Combined Band Commander
- Fernando Trevino – Combined Band Head Drum Major



TEXAS AGGIE BAND ASSOCIATION



- The Texas Aggie Band Association (TABA) is a 501c3 non-profit organization formed in 1967 to provide support to former, current and future members of the Texas Aggie Band. TABA provides direct financial support to the Texas Aggie Band in several areas.
- Examples of TABA support given to the Texas Aggie Band are listed below.
 - **4 Sul Ross Scholarships.** These scholarships provide a \$1,200 yearly benefit.
 - Reimbursement for scholastic tutoring
 - Travel shirts for incoming freshman
 - Aggie Band sweaters
 - Senior Induction Banquet
 - Texas Aggie Band Formal Dinner & Dance
 - Aggie Band Awards
 - Special needs as identified by the Directors.
 - Membership information is available at www.tabaonline.net
 - Thank Your For Your Support





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