

A Letter from the WVU Alumni Band

Dear WVU Band Alumni,

On behalf of the Alumni Band Executive Board, you're invited to join the WVU Alumni Band for Homecoming Weekend 2011 – September 30-October 1 when the Bowling Green Falcons visit Mountaineer Field. Recapture your college-era feelings and relive your favorite Morgantown memories by attending the WVU Alumni Band 42nd Anniversary Homecoming Weekend.



Enclosed in this annual mailing is your membership form and Homecoming registration form. More detailed information about various Homecoming events can be found on the website (<http://wvualumniband.org/>). The WVU Alumni Band offers optional online registration, as a time saving convenience for our alumni.

Please completely read this mailing to note new changes to ensure you're up-to-date and ready to participate. Remember, go online (<http://wvualumniband.org/>) to get additional updates prior to Homecoming Weekend.

New changes to the 2011 Homecoming Weekend –

- Dues will be waived for **newly graduated, four year seniors participating during their first year.**
- WVU Athletics has **increased alumni member game tickets to \$25 for all WVU alumni groups.**
- The WVU Alumni Band Executive Board has **increased the late registration fee to \$35 to fund newly graduated, four year seniors game ticket waivers starting next season, for Homecoming 2012.**
- As a result of stadium policy changes permitting the sale of alcohol, member guests seated with the WVU Alumni Band **are to be age 12 years or older.** Your consideration is greatly appreciated.
- The Homecoming Reunion Party is **pre-pay only and will feature a full meal** – a taco bar buffet – as well as drink special. WVU Band members will be invited and a host of door prizes will be given away.
- WVU Band Warehouse merchandise will be sold at Friday's party and prior to Saturday's rehearsal. **Pre-orders will be taken for new Alumni Band merchandise with limited quantities on site.**
- As a result of Homecoming survey feedback, **pre-game box lunches are not being sold** this year.
- Logon to the WVU Alumni Band website to **download and print sheet music** prior to arriving.

Important notes to remember about Homecoming Weekend –

- Wristbands for guests and members **will be required** to be seated with the Alumni Band in the stadium. **CSC Security will ask those sitting in the block for a ticket and a wristband.** Stadium seating will be generally organized by instrumentation in rows and seats. Guests will be accommodated.
- With the exception of the Lifetime WVU Alumni Association Award and the Outstanding Alumni Award, **prize giveaways will take place as part of Friday's Reunion Party festivities.**
- To save on operating costs, alumni are encouraged to **"opt-in" to receive electronic-based notices and communication;** check the option near the bottom of the registration form or go online to "opt-in."

Helpful pointers to making the most of your Homecoming Weekend –

- Updating your alumni record via our membership form (immediately when your information changes) ensures you receive the most up-to-date printed and electronic communications from the Alumni Band.
- Those not listed in the alumni database are verified as former band members with the WVU Band Office and WVU Colleges before permitting participation. Transcripts may be required as needed.

- Alumni are encouraged to register with our members-only website – more information is enclosed – to subscribe to receive Homecoming forum updates via e-mail.
- An online forum for connecting with other alumni to find potential lodging accommodations, borrow an instrument, or make arrangements to sell or buy extra adult guest tickets is available via website.
- Plan to arrive and gather early on North High Street next to the Chi Omega house on Friday after 5 PM before the Homecoming parade to get extra music, catch-up with friends, warm-up and line-up.
- Parking downtown is a challenge, and if you can't find a parking spot on the North High Street parking lot, please park in the downtown parking garages on Spruce and Chestnut Streets; parking in the garages allows you to park for up to 10 hours, as opposed to two hours on most street meters.
- After the parade, join other alumni for the Homecoming Reunion Party at the top floor of De Lazy Lizard at 345 High Street; the event is pre-pay only and no walk up registrations will be accepted.
- All Saturday times are tentatively based on a Noon kickoff. If the game time changes, the schedule may be adjusted and notice posted on the website, so sign-up online to receive notices.
- Arrive early on Saturday after 7 AM to pick-up your registration packet, music, and band merchandise at the Shell Building adjacent to the Coliseum practice field. Free parking for the day is available on site.
- We'll warm-up and rehearse pre-game in less than 1 ½ hours, so be prepared for a fast-paced rehearsal.
- Members arriving late are subject to losing their spot and ticket. After 9 AM, tickets may be reassigned.
- After rehearsal, members are encouraged to stay for a brief meeting and awards presentation; we'll also sing the Alma Mater before breaking prior to pre-game.
- Walk, take the shuttle bus, or hitch a ride to the football stadium following rehearsal. The Shuttle Bus is an economical and reliable way to get to and from the stadium.
- Be sure to arrive at the stadium early and line-up in the south end zone on the field no later than 45 minutes prior to the game time kickoff. Enter via the southeast gate (Press box side of the field).
- After performing pre-game, we'll watch the WVU Band perform from the sidelines and then exit the stadium via the southeast gate and re-enter from the concourse level of the southwest gates.
- During the game, we'll help the WVU Band play fight songs and short tunes from the stands.
- If you have any questions, please check the Homecoming FAQs online and don't hesitate to e-mail for additional clarification or with other questions. Email: info@wvualumniband.org.

Read more about the website in this mailing, as well as how you can sign-up and interact with other WVU Band alumni in our member-only community online at <http://wvualumniband.org/>.

Homecoming weekend – and all the activities the WVU Alumni Band enjoys – wouldn't happen without input and participation from officers and members. I'm truly grateful to have had the opportunity to work with so many good friends and talented musicians. Your continued support of the WVU Band and WVU Alumni Band is appreciated; we all share in this tradition of WVU Pride and it's a legacy that continues growing each year.

We hope to see you in Morgantown on September 30-October 1 for another great Homecoming Weekend.

Yours through the Old Gold and Blue,



Wesley B. Nugent, Class of 1999
 President, 2009-2010 WVU Alumni Band
 1995-1998 Mellophone

Return forms by September 2, 2011 to:
WVU Alumni Band—PO Box 1028
Dellslow, WV 26531-1028

WVU Alumni Band Homecoming Weekend Information



Plan to attend the 2011 WVU Homecoming Weekend – September 30-October 1 as the WVU Mountaineers play host the Bowling Green Falcons.

Tentative plans are outlined, more and updated information will be posted online (<http://wvualumniband.org/>) through Homecoming Weekend.

It's time to renew your WVU Alumni Band Membership and register to attend Homecoming Weekend. Important changes are outlined in this letter, and you can go online to the website (<http://wvualumniband.org/>) offers to renew your membership and register by the September 2, 2011 early bird deadline.

Important notes to remember about the 2011 Homecoming Weekend...

Tickets – Homecoming Game tickets cost \$25.00 for members and \$50.00 for guest tickets (one guest ticket, per member ticket.) Tickets are available to guests, age 12 years and older. If you have a game ticket already, you can use your own however you must sit in that assigned seat, and not with the Alumni Band. The Alumni Band only has 400 tickets in the south end visitors section. **No guests are permitted on field at any time.**

Attire – Blue pants or jeans recommended. Gold shirt requested. Guard members should wear a white shirt.

Website – The Alumni Band website (<http://wvualumniband.org/>) features music, member forums and will be updated new with content like maps, notes, and attending members each Wednesday starting after the deadline.

Transportation – Park free at the Coliseum and ride to the stadium and back on the regular Shuttle Bus for \$3.50 round trip. Shuttles run from the Coliseum Blue Gate to the north end of the stadium. Band members enter at the south end of the field, so allow time to walk around the stadium. Check the website for a map.

Outstanding Alumni – Nominate an Outstanding Alumni by entering his/her name on your registration form along with a brief note on the individuals significant contribution and why you think the alumni member should be named outstanding alumnus/alumna. Check the website for a list of previous award winners.

Registration Deadline – The registration deadline is **September 2, 2011**. Any participating member registrations with a USPS Postmark after September 2, 2011 is subject to a \$35.00 late fee. Non-attending members are not subject to late fees. **There will be no refunds after the deadline date!**

Housing/Tickets/Special Requests – Members are welcome to use the Alumni Band requests forum to try to find/coordinate rooms or request special instruments or to exchange additional game ticket information. Logon to the website to use and check the requests forum.

Equipment/Instrument Rental – The Alumni Band has limited equipment available for rent. Flags and poles can be rented for \$11.00. Percussion instruments and tubas can be rented for \$16.00. A **\$50.00 refundable deposit** is also required for all rentals at the time of pick up. All rentals are available on a first-come, first-served basis, depending on the postmark date of your check. Enclose or bring a separate check for \$50.00 that will be returned to you when your rental is returned to the Equipment Manager. All tuba players should bring your own bits and mouthpieces (Conn equipment). Percussionists should bring your own mallets/sticks.

Member Dues – Your annual dues cover the costs of this mailing, overhead for the website and online store, music and chart copying, Saturday rehearsal breakfast, registration supplies, equipment maintenance, storage, insurance, and other incidental operating costs. Even if you can't attend Homecoming Weekend, please consider sending your \$17.00 annual dues so we can afford to keep you active on our mailing list. Excess funds not needed for annual on-going costs, go to the WVU Band Endowment Fund.

Endowment Funds – Please support the WVU Band Endowment Fund with whatever you can give. This WVU Foundation administered, tax-exempt fund directly supports the Marching Band by providing for discretionary funds. To donate, please send a separate check made payable to the WVU Foundation - Band Endowment Fund.

Other WVU Band endowment funds to consider donating to include the Pride Travel Fund, which provides money for travel related expenses, and the Don Wilcox Mountaineer Marching Band Fund, which provides recognition gifts for four year band seniors, as well as care of and acquisition of uniforms and instruments and other needs as determined by WVU Band officials and approved by the Dean of the College of Creative Arts.

WVU Band Merchandise – Kappa Kappa Psi will sell Band Warehouse merchandise at the Friday night party.

Alumni Band Merchandise – Alumni Band merchandise will be available for purchase at the Saturday morning rehearsal. Pre-orders are being taken. Bring cash or your checkbook to buy. Check the website to buy online.

Friday, September 30, 2011 – Homecoming Parade and Reunion Party Agenda

- 5:30-6:00 PM _____ Gather and rehearse in the North High Street Parking Lot adjacent to the Chi Omega Sorority House. Plan to arrive early to avoid traffic and find convenient parking.
- 6:00 PM _____ Prepare to step off and lead the parade down High Street; don't be late for the prior rehearsal/equipment rental. The equipment truck will be available afterward.
- 7:00-10:00 PM _____ Meet friends after the parade at the Homecoming Party to be held on the top floor of "De Lazy Lizard" located at 345 High Street. Pre-pay reservations only. The party will feature a drink special, a taco bar buffet, door prizes, memorabilia and merchandise, and guests including the WVU Band. If you or your business would like to donate a door prize, please contact us to receive recognition. Minors may attend, however there is no discounted price available. The party ends at 10:00 PM. Check the website for a map.

Saturday, October 1, 2011 – Homecoming Rehearsal and Game Agenda

- 7:00-8:00 AM _____ Pick up your registration packet at the Shell Building, adjacent to the WVU Coliseum Practice Field. Light continental breakfast available. Warm-up with old and new friends.
- 7:30-8:00 AM _____ The equipment truck is open on the practice field.
- 8:00-9:30 AM _____ On-field marching and music rehearsal with drill. Don't be late; those who've not checked in by 9:00 AM are subject to losing their spot. Contact us with any special needs.
- 9:30-10:00 AM _____ Participate in a brief business meeting and distribute awards.
- 10:00-11:15 AM _____ Eat lunch and travel to the stadium. Be on field at 11:15 prepare for an 11:30 step-off.
- End of 3rd Quarter _____ Members who rented equipment see Equipment Manager and return to the truck.



If you know of someone who may not have received this letter, please share a copy with them, or tell them to submit a Membership Update Form at the WVU Alumni Band Website at: <http://wvualumniband.org/> to sign-up to receive future communications.

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Homecoming Weekend Registration – Membership Update Form

This form registers you for Homecoming Weekend and updates your official WVU Alumni Band membership record. Review the form and make any applicable corrections since your last membership renewal. **Your dues also get you access to our member-only website. Return Homecoming registration forms with dues by September 2, 2011 for the best chance to participate and avoid late fees.**



Please complete all fields to differentiate between individuals and family members with similar names.

Name _____ Maiden _____ Instrument/Spot _____
 Address _____ KKV/TBS _____
 _____ Apt/Suite _____ Nicknames _____
 _____ Telephone _____
 E-mail _____ Cell phone _____
 Notes _____
 Years in Band (ex. 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994) _____

2011-2012 Membership Dues (includes yearlong access to the member-only website) Full Member (\$17.00) Cost \$ _____

Attending the Homecoming Party? Pre-pay only, no walk-ups! (\$16.00 per person) Number attending _____ Cost \$ _____

Attending the Homecoming Game? I have football game tickets already. (No Charge) (Sit in your own seats)

I want a member game ticket. (\$25.00) Cost \$ _____

I want a guest game ticket. (One per member) (\$50.00) Cost \$ _____

Flag and Pole Rental (\$11.00) Percussion Rental (\$16.00) Tuba Rental (\$16.00) Cost \$ _____
 Note: A \$50.00 refundable fee applies to rentals. Enclose a separate \$50.00 check to refund upon safe return. +\$50.00 Refundable Fee

Registering for Homecoming after Sept. 2, 2010? I've included the applicable Late Fee. (\$35.00) Cost \$ _____

Total Membership & Homecoming Weekend Registration Amount (Make checks payable to WVU Alumni Band) Cost \$ _____

Privacy Information – The Alumni Band values privacy and will not release information to businesses. Blank answers will be presumed Yes.

May the Alumni Band publish your information in the next edition of the member directory? Yes No

May the Alumni Band release your telephone number to the WVU Band Office to solicit your support? Yes No

May the Alumni Band release your other information to the WVU Band Office and/or Alumni Association? Yes No

Please consider donating to the WVU Band Endowment Fund to support the ongoing and special needs required to fund the WVU Band.

To make a donation, please enclose a separate check made payable to: WVU Foundation – WVU Band Endowment Fund.

Donation Total \$ _____ Your contribution fully supports the WVU Band by providing for critical discretionary funds.

I want to 'opt-in' to receive electronic communications and notices, like this annual mailing, to help save on overhead costs.

Please consider me for any 2011-2012 Alumni Band planning committees.

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“The Pride of West Virginia” WVU Alumni Band 2011 Merchandise



Silk Screen	Price	Color Blue or Gold	SIZE, STYLE, AND QUANTITY						Number Of Items	Amount Subtotal
			MS for Men's Small - WS for Women's Small, Etc							
			MS/ WS	MM/ WM	ML/ WL	MXL/ WXL	**XXL	**XXXL		
T-Shirt	15.00									
Long Sleeve T-Shirt	18.00									
Sweatshirt <i>Men's Style Only</i>	20.00									
Sweatpants Elastic Bottom	20.00									
Sweatpants Straight Bottom	20.00									
Hoodie <i>Men's Style Only</i>	25.00									
Car Flag	15.00									
Mouse Pad	10.00									
Ceramic Mug	15.00									
Embroidered										
Polo Shirt	30.00									
Dress Shirt Oxford Blue, White or Pale Yellow	30.00									
Hoodie <i>Men's Style Only</i>	35.00									
Hat - Flex Small or Large	18.00	BLUE								
Hat - Velcro One size fits all	15.00	BLUE								
Hat - Knit One size fits all	15.00	BLUE								
Shipping - If you choose NOT to pick up merchandise at Homecoming. (There is no extra cost for merchandise picked up at Homecoming)									20.00	
**Denotes additional \$5.00									TOTAL	

Name	
Address	
City, State, ZIP Code	
Home Phone	Cell Phone

If you have any questions please contact Mary Lechlitter by emailing:
merchandise@wvualumniband.org

Join the WVU Alumni Band Online Community

The member-only website is a self-service center available anytime, all the time.



Launch your web browser and join the online community by visiting the Homepage at:



<http://wvualumniband.org/>

Benefits of joining the WVU Alumni Band Online Community ...

- *Pay dues and register for events like Homecoming and meetings*
- *Download music and share section-related content in the section-only areas*
- *Buy or pre-order WVU Alumni Band merchandise at your leisure*
- *Check out other site areas, like music and local news and suggest others*
- *Keep in touch with alumni by using the searchable member directory*
- *Connect with other alumni by using the online forums*
- *Find and get help about the website when you need it*

All dues paying members are eligible for access to the website.

If you have questions about registering for your WVU Alumni Band Online Community account, you can email webmaster@wvualumniband.org to receive assistance.

Important Note: Free Trial Memberships don't have access to all sections of the website, cannot post to the member forums and cannot register for events like Homecoming.