



# George N Parks DRUM MAJOR ACADEMY®

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Dear Academy Student,

Thank you for registering for the 2017 **George N. Parks Drum Major Academy®** at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. It should prove to be an exciting week. We have included in this letter all the information that you will need before arriving in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. READ IT CAREFULLY, and have your parents/guardians read it. Be sure to bring this letter to the Academy. You will be responsible for everything included here.

## **CHECK-IN**

**Student tuitions must be paid in full prior to student's arrival at the Academy. No tuition payments will be accepted at check-in.**

Check-in for all participants will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> in **Mary Burke West Dormitory**. The first session will be held that evening at 6:30 p.m. You will need to have a notebook and writing implements for this session. Drum Major maces/batons will not be needed until the second day.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

*If you are arriving by car:*

**From Birmingham, Ala., or Meridian, Miss.,** exit I-59/20 onto I-359 into Tuscaloosa. I-359 ends onto Lurleen B. Wallace Blvd. Turn right at University Blvd. and travel east through downtown Tuscaloosa to the UA campus.

**From Jasper, Ala.,** take Hwy. 69 south. After crossing the Black Warrior River Bridge, turn left onto University Blvd. Travel east through downtown Tuscaloosa to the UA campus.

**From Moundville, Ala.,** travel north on Hwy. 69, which becomes I-359 at the I-59/20 interchange. I-359 ends onto Lurleen B. Wallace Boulevard. Turn right at University Blvd. and travel east through downtown Tuscaloosa to the UA campus.

**From Fayette, Ala.,** take U.S. 43 south to U.S. 82 (McFarland Blvd.). Turn left onto McFarland Blvd. After crossing the Black Warrior River Bridge, take the University Blvd. exit. Turn right onto University Blvd. and travel west to the UA campus.

**From Fayette, Ala.** traveling south on Hwy. 171, turn right onto U.S. 43. Take U.S. 43 to the intersection of U.S. 82 (McFarland Blvd.). Turn left onto McFarland Blvd. After crossing the Black Warrior River Bridge, take the University Blvd. exit. Turn right onto University Blvd. and travel west to the UA campus.

**From Mobile or Demopolis, Ala.,** travel north on U.S. 43 to I-59/20. Exit I-59/20 at the U.S. 82 (McFarland Blvd.) interchange. Turn left onto McFarland Blvd. Travel north to the University Blvd. exit. At University Blvd. turn right and travel west to the UA campus.



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**From Montgomery, Ala.**, take U.S. 82 west to Tuscaloosa. Proceed past the I-59/20 interchange to the University Blvd. exit. At University Blvd. turn right and travel west to the UA campus.

**From Columbus, Miss.**, take U.S. 82 east. After crossing the Black Warrior River Bridge, take the University Blvd. exit. Turn right onto University Blvd. and travel west to the UA campus.

Please note: Directions above are to the main entrance of campus only. Please use the campus map included with this letter to get to the assigned dormitory.

*If you are arriving by airplane*

Your final destination is the **Birmingham International Airport (BHM)**. You can find a list of shuttle services on the University of Alabama's website transportation page at [http://housing.ua.edu/off\\_campus/transportation.cfm](http://housing.ua.edu/off_campus/transportation.cfm). The Drum Major Academy® has no affiliation with any of the transportation services listed on the University of Alabama's website transportation page.

**PARKING**

Specific parking area(s) have been assigned to the Academy by the University. Although we recommend having a parent/guardian drive you to and from the Academy, students driving themselves to the Academy must use these assigned parking lots. Students can get information on where to park their cars from a staff member during check-in on the first day.

**If you park in any area not specifically designated for the Drum Major Academy® you may be subject to having your vehicle ticketed or towed at your own expense.**

**HOUSING**

Separate floors in **Mary Burke West Dormitory** have been set aside for males and females. Students are supervised by DMA staff, males for males and females for females.

Dorms do not provide linens. You must bring sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, and an alarm clock. *Remember, Drum Majors are never late.*

Checkout will be Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Closing Session. The closing session will begin at 11:00 a.m. and last for approximately one hour. All students must check out and return keys and meal cards as directed. **There will be a \$100.00 charge for any keys not turned in at check out on June 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**ROOMING ASSIGNMENTS**

Rooming Assignments will be made in advance according to **Drum Major Academy®** policy. Students will be housed with students from other schools in order to enhance the experience of meeting new friends and working with new people. This is a firm **Drum Major Academy®** policy. HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE CHANGED. PLEASE DO NOT ASK.

**MEALS**

All meals will be eaten in the University Cafeteria. The \$520.00 fee includes tuition, housing, and meals beginning with Thursday dinner through Monday breakfast.

**TELEPHONES**

In the event of an emergency, the number for the UA Campus Police is 205-348-5454. Students may bring cell phones; however, students are not to use phones during sessions or after lights out unless there is an emergency.



### **MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**

Any medical emergencies that arise will be handled through the emergency room at the DCH Regional Medical Center. The telephone number for the DCH Regional Medical Center is 205-759-7111.

### **SCHEDULE** *(sample schedule included in this letter)*

A full day at the Academy begins at approximately 8:00 a.m. and concludes at approximately 10:30 p.m. Breaks are taken for lunch and dinner. Students will also be given multiple water breaks throughout each session.

### **PHYSICAL FITNESS**

It is strongly recommended that you do your best to "be in shape" when you arrive at the Academy. A daily exercise program consisting of stretching and jogging, etc. might be helpful. Your work at the Academy could become relatively strenuous if you are not physically prepared.

### **DMA T-SHIRT**

Students will receive a t-shirt, which is included in the tuition cost. This t-shirt is to be worn at the final session/performance on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **CLOSING CEREMONY**

We invite your family, friends and band directors to join us for our final session. This session will include your final class lecture, demonstration of the work you have done throughout the week, final competition for the best marching squad, presentation of certificates and the closing ceremony. This session will be held on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. All students must checkout and return keys and meal cards immediately following the closing ceremony. **Again, there will be a \$100.00 charge for any keys not turned in at check out on June 12<sup>th</sup>.**

We are very excited about this year's Academy, and we look forward to meeting you. If you have questions, please call the **Drum Major Academy®** at **781-874-9728**.

With Pride,

**The Drum Major Academy® Staff**



## **Rules and Regulations**

**\*As a student who has been selected to be a Drum Major/Student Leader of your high school band, there is no need to stress the importance of good conduct. Drum Major Academy® students are expected to uphold the highest standards of behavior and attitude. Failure to comply with any of the following regulations established by the Drum Major Academy® may result in immediate dismissal from the Academy without a refund of fees. Your parents/guardians will be responsible for immediate transportation home.**

Drum majors and ALL band student leaders are never late. Remember the old saying, "To be early is to be on time. To be on time is to be late." You should plan on being at least five minutes early to each session. This is a security issue as well as a self-discipline issue.

The Drum Major Academy® needs to know your whereabouts throughout the entire workshop. If you feel ill at any time, you **MUST** contact an Academy staff member immediately.

Name tags must be worn at all times.

Visitation by persons who are not enrolled in the Academy is not permitted.

Please keep your room locked at all times. Also, do not leave money or other valuables anywhere on campus. The Drum Major Academy® and the University of Alabama cannot be held responsible for loss of personal property.

You have all been selected as intelligent leaders of your high school bands. Please use discretion in wearing appropriate clothing during the DMA workshop in order to maintain a respectful, professional atmosphere. Please no bathing suits, tube tops, short shorts, or low-cut arm hole shirts for girls or boys. A closed shoe such as sneaker or boat shoe is required. Shoes and shirts must be worn for reasons of safety, hygiene, and courtesy to others.

The Drum Major Academy values civility, diversity, education, equality, freedom, and honesty. We are firmly committed to maintaining a safe environment. Any type of sexual misconduct is contrary to Drum Major Academy policies and philosophies and therefore will not be tolerated. Anything deemed by our staff of professional educators as sexual misconduct will result in immediate dismissal from the Academy, with parents/ guardians being responsible for immediate transportation home.

Bullying/Intimidation behaviors are strictly prohibited and will result in immediate dismissal from the Academy.

Alcohol, tobacco (cigarettes or chewing tobacco) or controlled/illegal substances are prohibited while at the Academy. Use of any of these items is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** and will result in immediate dismissal from the Academy.

Non-performance weapons of any type, including but not limited to: pocket knives/Swiss army knives, firearms, etc., are not permitted at the Academy. Possession of any non-performance weapon will result in immediate dismissal from the Academy.

Students are not permitted to leave campus at any time. If you drive to campus, your automobile is to be parked, locked and remain off-limits throughout the Academy.

You may not, under any circumstances, visit the rooms or floors housing members of the opposite sex.

Room checks will be performed each evening. Room check/lights out times will be given at the end of each evening session. At room check, you are expected to be in and stay in your assigned room. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Please leave your room in the same condition at the close of the Academy as when you moved in at the beginning of the Academy. You will be held financially responsible for any cleaning or repairs that need to take place in your room as a result of your stay.

Any inappropriate behavior that reflects poorly on yourself, your school, or the Drum Major Academy® will not be tolerated.



## **THINGS TO BRING**

**Student tuitions must be paid in full prior to student's arrival at the Academy. No tuition payments will be accepted at check-in. *\*For Schools Who Will Be Submitting A Purchase Order: A valid purchase order will be considered payment for registration purposes only. If your school submits a valid purchase order to the Drum Major Academy, the student for whom the purchase order is to be applied will be considered paid up to the amount of the purchase order. Any amount not covered in the purchase order must be paid by other means (check, credit card) prior to check-in.***

The textbook: The most recent edition of **The Dynamic Drum Major** (black cover) will be needed throughout the week for reference and reading assignments. If you pre-ordered a copy of the Dynamic Drum Major on your registration form, it will be available for pick-up at check-in on the first day of the Academy. Students who need a copy can purchase it during the session for \$20.00.

Comfortable clothes - clothes suitable for marching and working on warm days and in air conditioned rooms. (Please see the "Rules and Regulations" page for dress code information)

Sneakers are required for all sessions. Be sure your sneakers have already been broken in BEFORE arriving at the Academy. Sandals, flip-flops or clogs are not acceptable.

Sunburn protection - please be prepared to work in the sun. Hats, sun block, sunglasses, and other precautionary items are strongly recommended.

Raincoat or rain poncho for unexpected summer showers.

You will need writing implements and a notebook for all sessions. Make sure you bring this letter as the first section in your notebook.

You must provide your own linens which should include sheets (most dormitory beds are extra long twin) or a sleeping bag, a pillow and pillowcase, blanket(s), towels, washcloths, shower shoes and other necessary toiletries. An alarm clock is highly recommended as you will be responsible for getting yourself up and to breakfast on time.

Students may wish to bring a portable fan. Although most dormitories are air conditioned, we do not control of the temperature in the dormitories. Dormitory temperatures will vary year to year, location to location.

Although they are **not** required, we recommend that all drum majors bring a whistle and a drum major baton/mace or practice baton/mace. Even though many bands do not use this equipment, after seeing the showmanship potential for this equipment, many students wish they could attend the baton/mace and whistle sessions and practice some of the techniques. For many drum majors, this can become the special effect that sets them apart from the competition. Therefore, although it is **not** required, we highly recommend that students bring a drum major baton/mace and whistle. If you do not have access to a drum major baton or mace, a 42" wooden dowel or broomstick handle will suffice. Students who bring a good drum major baton/mace should also have a "practice stick" to use when practicing new, difficult twirling techniques.

Students may bring snacks. But please be aware, most dorm rooms are **not** equipped with refrigerators. Please do not bring anything that requires refrigeration.



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Although water breaks are provided throughout each session, we always recommend students bring their own water bottles that they can fill up before each session.

Students may bring cell phones; however, students are not to use phones during sessions or after lights out unless there is an emergency.

Students may bring money with them to the Drum Major Academy®. We do discourage students from bringing excessive amounts of cash to the Academy. Your tuition covers all your necessities. Occasionally dormitory areas have vending machines and the Academy does sell souvenirs. We, the Drum Major Academy®, and the University of Alabama, cannot be held responsible for any lost or stolen money.

Please do not bring anything of value to the Drum Major Academy®. Although we **very rarely** have instances where a student's valuables will get lost or stolen, it does happen. We, the Drum Major Academy®, and the University of Alabama cannot be held responsible for any lost or stolen items.

## **Daily Schedule**

*This is a **tentative** schedule and is only to be used as basic outline of a typical DMA session and will most likely vary at each location. Schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the staff.*

### **DAY 1:**

3:00 - 5:00 PM	Check In
5:00 - 6:00 PM	Dinner offered
6:30 - 10:00 PM	Opening Session (both outside and inside)

### **DAY 2 - 4:**

7:00 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 - 11:30 AM	Outside Session
11:30 - 1:00 PM	Lunch / Break
1:00 - 4:45 PM	Afternoon Session (large and small inside classes plus outside classes)
4:45 - 6:00 PM	Dinner / Break
6:00 - 8:00 PM	Outside Session
8:00 - 10:00 PM	Inside Session

### **DAY 5:**

7:00 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 - 11:00 AM	Outside Session
11:00 - 12:00PM	Final Demonstration

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## LEGEND

#	BUILDING NAME	GRID
192	405 Bryce Hospital Drive	6-M
191	411 Bryce Hospital Drive	6-M
190	417 Bryce Hospital Drive	7-M
182	422 Bryce Hospital Drive	7-M
189	423 Bryce Hospital Drive	7-M
183	500 Bryce Hospital Drive (Spanish House)	7-M
184	508 Bryce Hospital Drive (French and German House)	7-M
187	511 Bryce Hospital Drive	7-N
186	601 Bryce Hospital Drive	7-N
185	607 Bryce Hospital Drive	7-N
201	700 University Blvd	5-U
37	A.B. Moore Hall	10-K
28	Adams Hall	11-I
65	Adams House	11-C

139	AIME (Alabama Institute for Manufacturing Excellence)	7-E
12	Alpha Chi Omega	12-J
21	Alpha Delta Pi	12-K
27	Alpha Gamma Delta	12-I
22	Alpha Kappa Alpha	12-J
8	Alpha Omicron Pi	12-H
168	Alpha Phi Alpha	7-K
180	Alpha Tau Omega	7-L
60	Alumni Hall	9-Q
106	Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library	10-H
99	Bruno Business Library and Bashinsky Computer Center	11-G
45	Aquatic Center	11-O
93	B.B. Comer Hall	9-F
49	Bailey Track Stadium	12-Q
20	Barnwell Hall	12-K
71	Beta Theta Pi	11-F
98	Bidgood Hall	11-G
156	Biology Building	8-J
104	Barnard Academic House	10-G

137	Blount Undergraduate Initiative Living-Learning Center	8-D
107	Blount Undergraduate Initiative Toumey Academic House	9-I
59	Bryant Conference Center	10-P
163	Bryant Hall	8-L
1	Bryant-Denny Stadium	12-H
188	Bryce Activity Room, C.O.P. Office	7-N
33	Byrd Hall	11-K
64	Campus Drive Parking Deck	8-J
53	Cannon House	9-N
100	Carmichael Hall	10-G
23	Chi Omega	12-J
171	Chi Phi	8-M
158	Child and Family Research Clinic	9-K
199	Child Development Research Center	5-T
91	Clark Hall	9-H
77	Clayton Hall	11-E
50	Coleman Coliseum	11-R

54	Crimson Towers	9-N
48	Crisp Indoor Practice Facility	11-Q
176	Delta Chi	8-M
19	Delta Delta Delta	12-J
72	Delta Kappa Epsilon	11-G
166	Delta Sigma Theta	7-K
179	Delta Tau Delta	7-L
18	Delta Zeta	12-J
103	Denny Chimes	10-I
202	Denny Court Apartments	12-G
10	Doster Hall	12-I
68	Duckworth House	12-E
31	East Annex	11-J
121	East Engineering Building	8-E
117	Engineering Boiler	8-H
148	Environmental Health and Safety	5-G
39	Farrah Hall	10-K
122	Ferguson Center Parking Deck	9-E
88	Ferguson Student Center	8-F
63	Fire Station No. 2, City of Tuscaloosa	7-T



24	Pi Beta Phi	12-J
178	Pi Kappa Alpha	7-L
172	Pi Kappa Phi	8-N
75	Powers House	11-E
30	President's Mansion	11-J
193	Recreation Fields and Restrooms	6-P
197	Recreational Tennis Courts	5-S
6	Reese Phifer Hall	12-H
127	Ridgecrest East Residential	8-C
128	Ridgecrest West Residential	8-C
140	Riverside East	6-E
143	Riverside North	6-D
141	Riverside Residential Complex	6-D
142	Riverside West	7-D
154	Rogers Library for Science and Engineering	8-I
29	Rose Administration Building	11-I
204	Rose Towers	6-C
162	Rotary International Living Center	9-M
116	ROTC and A&S Programs Building (U.S. Bureau of Mines)	9-I
105	Round House	10-H
94	Rowand-Johnson Hall	10-F
159	Russell Hall	9-L
113	Scientific Collections Building/ Mary Harmon Bryant Hall	9-J
51	Sewell-Thomas Baseball Field	10-Q
150	Shelby Hall	7-H
160	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	9-M
181	Sigma Chi	7-L
15	Sigma Delta Tau	12-J
69	Sigma Nu	12-F
161	Sigma Phi Epsilon	9-M
167	Sigma Pi	7-K
114	Smith Hall / Alabama Museum of Natural History	8-I
135	Somerville Hall	8-D
66	Staff Training and Development	11-C
200	Stallings Center (RISE Program)	5-T
56	Stoneleigh Apartments	10-O
203	Student Engineering Projects Building	9-H
5	Student Media Building	12-H
194	Student Recreation Center	5-Q
87	Student Services Center	8-F
147	Switchhouse N	7-H
7	Temple Tutwiler Hall	12-H
82	ten Hour Hall	10-E
81	ten Hour Parking Decks	11-E
177	Theta Chi	7-L
165	Theta Tau	8-K
145	Bevill Energy, Mineral, and Materials Science Research Building	7-F
44	Tutwiler Hall	13-K
198	University Medical Center and Student Health Center	6-T
32	University Police Department	11-J
196	Varsity Tennis Courts	4-S
115	W.B. Jones Hall (Oil and Gas)	8-J
35	Wilson Hall	10-K
195	Women's Softball Complex	4-Q
89	Woods Hall	9-G
80	Wyman Hall	11-F
170	Zeta Beta Tau	8-M
17	Zeta Tau Alpha	12-J

47	Football Complex	10-Q
40	Foster Auditorium	10-L
57	Four Points Hotel	10-O
73	Frederick R. Maxwell Hall	11-F
74	Freidman Hall	11-F
108	Gallalee Hall	10-K
16	Gamma Phi Beta	12-J
90	Garland Hall	9-H
157	Gordon Palmer Hall	9-K
95	Gorgas House	10-G
102	Graves Hall	11-G
146	H.M. Comer Hall	7-F
118	Hardaway Hall	8-H
11	Harris Hall	12-J
41	Hayden-Harris Hall	10-M
144	Highlands on Hackberry	4-E
120	Houser Hall	8-G
119	Houser Hall Annex	8-G
76	Jones Hall	11-E
173	Kappa Alpha	8-N
164	Kappa Alpha Psi	8-K

9	Kappa Alpha Theta	12-I
25	Kappa Delta	12-J
13	Kappa Kappa Gamma	12-J
175	Kappa Sigma	8-N
155	Kilgore House	7-I
62	Lakeside Dining	7-D
4	Lakeside Residential Area	7-C
174	Lambda Chi Alpha	8-N
169	Lambda Sigma Phi	8-L
52	Law Center	9-T
78	Lewis Hall	11-E
36	Little Hall	10-K
112	Lloyd Hall	12-J
79	Lupton Hall	11-F
109	Maintenance Greenhouse	9-K
84	Maintenance Grounds	9-E
85	Maintenance Quonset	9-E
92	Manly Hall	9-G
43	Martha Parham Hall	11-L
42	Mary Burke Hall	11-M
97	Mary Hewell Alston Hall	11-G

67	McLeod House	12-D
101	McLure Education Library	11-G
149	McMillan Building (University of Alabama Press)	6-G
61	Moody Music Building	9-P
83	Moore House	10-D
96	Morgan Hall	10-G
46	Natatorium	11-O
55	Ninth Street Apartments	10-N
111	Nott Hall	9-K
110	Nott Hall Annex	9-K
26	Old Child Development Center	12-J
38	Osband Hall	10-L
136	Palmer Hall	7-D
34	Parker Adams Hall	11-K
138	Paty Hall	8-D
158	Paul W. Bryant Museum	10-P
2	Phi Delta Theta	12-F
70	Phi Gamma Delta	12-F
3	Phi Kappa Psi	12-G
14	Phi Mu	12-J

Omissions in numerical sequence and unnumbered buildings are the result of ongoing changes to the UA campus.