

To the members of the “Sound of the South” Drumline:

I hope this letter finds you well! My name is Robert Clayson, and I serve as the marching percussion instructor for the “Sound of the South” marching band. I am really excited about continuing my work with the drumline this next fall season. We have received an entire new set of drums and hardware for this season, so there has never been a better time to be part of the drumline!

For those of you who are joining us for the first time this year, WELCOME! Our instrument placement process starts at our annual **June Percussion Camp**. This year, the camp will take place from Friday June 14th through Sunday June 16th. At this camp, we will learn our drumline technique exercises, cadences, and as much of the 2024 show music that we can. **THE DRUMLINE’S INSTRUMENTATION IS NOT SET IN STONE AT THE END OF THIS CAMP**. However, to be competitive for the drum you want to play, it is imperative that you come to this camp with as much of our exercise packet and show music learned as possible.

We strive to make this camp as cost effective as possible. To that end, you will be provided with a meal ticket for all of your meals while you are on campus. Additionally, a limited number of on-campus dorm rooms are available to new and returning students free of charge. Anyone who does not receive a dorm room is encouraged to stay with a current member of the drumline or book a hotel room. ***We will work out any and all housing issues before our first rehearsal.*** If you wish to put your name down for a dorm room, please email Emily Cook in the University Bands Office (troyband@troy.edu) **before 6/1/2024**. Please see the page below for some reminders about things to bring and what to wear.

With all of that being said, please do not hesitate to contact me or the band office with any questions you may have. You will find all of my contact information at the bottom of this letter.

Sincerely,

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“Sound of the South” June Percussion Camp General Packing List

1. Large 3 ring binder and page protectors
2. Sticks / Mallets
3. Drum with stand (if possible)
4. Practice pad with stand
5. **Loose** fitting / workout clothes
6. Sleeping Bag (if staying off campus)
7. Bedsheets (if staying on campus)
8. Pillows
9. Blankets
10. Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc)
11. Reusable water container
12. Any kind of medicine taken on a regular basis
13. Hat and sunglasses
14. Sunscreen