

Dear Directors,

We are excited that you have chosen to join us on Saturday, November 1st, 2025 for the 72nd Annual University of Arizona Band Day. The staff is working hard to ensure a successful event that is both educational and enjoyable for your students.

Attached, you will find the “General Information, Performance and During The Event Guidelines” pdf, the schedule, and maps for parking and the stadium outline. In the “General Information, Performance and During the Event sections, there is pertinent information regarding your time at UA Band Day. There are a couple of items we would like to draw your attention to for this year:

- All purchases in Arizona Stadium are cashless. There are **no** reverse ATMs available on site. Please see #1 on page 5-During the Event for more information.
- Pit Gate Dimensions for props and equipment: Outer Garage Door: 16 feet tall; 21 feet wide; Inner roll up gate: Roll up gate within: 15 feet tall; 13 feet wide; and the Narrowest section once in the gates: 11 feet tall; 12 feet wide.
- UofA Clear Bag Policy **does not** apply to UofA Band Day.
- The Arizona Sands Club is Arizona Stadium’s premier dining experience. For November 1st only, the Sands Club is offering an individual and family dining pass from 2PM-10PM. See flyer in this packet for more information!
- For presale ticket information, see item #6 on page 2-General Information: <https://am.ticketmaster.com/uacfa/buy/BandDay2025>
- For presale apparel from AZ Bookstores, see item #3 on page 5 of the packet-During the Event-<https://shop.arizona.edu/band-day> Please share this with your families!

We wish you the very best in your final preparations and look forward to offering you the best experience possible!

Warmest Regards,

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The University of Arizona Band Day 2025

General Information, Performance and During the Event Guidelines

General Information

1. **AZMBA:** This is an AZMBA sanctioned event. Please review the AZMBA Rulebook on the Resources page of azmba.org prior to reading this page.
2. **Maps:** There is one map which is for your busses, equipment truck, and spectator parking directions, warm-up area specifications, and the field performance/stadium flow-titled Parking Map 2025.
3. **Band Hosts:** A UofA student host will email you to coordinate arrival time. On Band Day, the host will meet you at the specified time/place (preferably at registration, depending on performance time logistics) and will be available to guide you, ending with escorting your band off the field to the group photo.
4. **Equipment Trucks/Front Ensemble:** The Arizona Stadium equipment truck loading zone has limited space for unloading/loading and does **not** have warm up space for front ensembles. Front ensembles may warm-up in the unofficial warm-up areas, but plan accordingly for the reloading/unloading process or walking the equipment over to the stadium. Display the Equipment Truck sign in the front window of your equipment truck. Please note, there is a specific area on the mall for your equipment truck to park. Equipment trucks **may not** park next to buses, per UofA regulations.
5. **Hash Marks:** Arizona Stadium will have **both** high school and NCAA regulatory hash marks. The NCAA hash marks are 32 steps from each sideline.
6. **Tickets:** Tickets **can be** purchased in advance via the CFA Box Office (520) 621-1162 or the links below. Ticket pricing: \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors (55+), Students, and UA Employees; Kids ages 5 and under are free. An electronic version of the program will be available on prideofarizona.org, azmba.org, or by QR code in the stadium.

College of Fine Arts Box Office website:

<https://am.ticketmaster.com/uacfa/buy/BandDay2025>

or via the U of A Band Day website : <https://bandday.music.arizona.edu>

7. **Restrooms:** Restrooms are available at the bus stop northeast of the official warm-up space, the northeast side of McKale Stadium, the library north of Arizona Stadium, the Student Union, and in the stadium. There will be port-a-potties on the mall for students and staff to use.
8. **Video:** Each school's performance will be professionally videotaped and will be available for purchase. There will be an area for one videographer to film performances for each school's performance. This area is located by the judges' tent; videographers **must** have an AZMBA badge in order to be in the area.

Band Day Performance Guidelines

1. Buses should arrive on University Blvd from Campbell Ave. See attached Parking Map 2025. Do not unload near the registration tent to avoid blocking traffic. The U of A Band Day registration staff members will stamp the members on the bus while the parking staff directs your buses to its designated parking space.
 - a. Please ensure everyone has their hands stamped before getting off the bus. This allows your students, chaperones, and staff to re-enter the stadium free of charge (slightly different from AZMBA procedure - the AZMBA badges and wristbands will also allow entry in the stadium). A Band Day volunteer will also be at the pit gate for parent volunteers and staff members meeting with you after registration.
 - b. If you arrive well before your assigned warm-up time, please make arrangements with your students regarding dressing-out and the management of equipment.
 - c. Please use AZMBA badges that were distributed at the beginning of the season. Refer to the AZMBA handbook for more information.
 - d. Your band host (s) will meet you at registration or at the warm-up area. They will be able to answer any last-minute questions and will stay with you until your group finishes at photo after your performance.
2. Pit/equipment vehicles may park in the bus parking spaces until the official unloading time. Front ensemble members can unload, relocate to the warm-up area, and warm-up there if time allows.
3. Vehicles carrying front ensemble equipment and props should arrive at the northwest corner of the stadium (see Parking Map) 30 minutes before the band's performance time. Trucks will remain in the lot for the duration of the band's performance, but must load equipment and exit the lot immediately following the performance and pictures. The timely moving of vehicles will be strictly enforced, as our equipment truck loading/unloading area is limited. Bands have the option to unload trucks on the mall, but it is the band's responsibility to transport all equipment by foot to the stadium and back. Please print out the Equipment Truck Sign to put in your equipment truck.
4. Official warm-up areas A, B, and C are assigned on the AZMBA schedule. (Please see Parking Map). Water is available at the warm-up area. If there is space on the west side of the bus parking area, bands may use that area as an unofficial warm-up area. When playing on the field north of the stadium, face away from the stadium.
5. When marching from warm-up to Arizona Stadium there should be no taps, only clicks from 1 percussionist, per AZMBA Handbook.

6. Once you arrive at the stadium you will be directed to the Start Gate at the NW corner of the field (Backfield Side 2, see attached Stadium Map). Water is available at this location. Each band will have 4 minutes to enter/set-up the field and get to starting positions.
 - a. To avoid a bottleneck situation at the gate, front ensemble equipment and props may be staged discreetly behind the goal line during the prior band's performance. The decision to enter the field prior to the official performance time will be made by the T&P judge on the field on a case-by-case-basis.
 - i. **Pit Gate Dimensions for props and equipment:** Outer Garage Door: 16 feet tall; 21 feet wide; Inner roll up gate: Roll up gate within: 15 feet tall; 13 feet wide; and the Narrowest section once in the gates: 11 feet tall; 12 feet wide.
 - b. U of A Band Day and AZMBA will not penalize bands for timing issues caused by stadium logistics.
 - c. Front ensemble equipment and props will also **exit** through the NW tunnel. It is imperative that each band stays to the **right** when using the NW tunnel on and off of the field. Bands entering the field will be given the right of way, so please plan for an efficient clearing of props.
7. Once the performance ends, the band will exit to the northeast (front sideline, side 2). Water will be provided at this location. Front ensemble equipment and props will exit through the same gate they entered (NW gate - stay to the right).
8. Photography will be on Bear Down Field, north side of the stadium. Bands will exit the northeast side of the stadium, through Gate 2, to Bear Down Field. Please see Parking Map 2025 for more information.
9. After the band exits the stadium, Jolesch Photography will be present to take band pictures. The front ensemble members will be exiting from the northwest side of the stadium. These students should travel to the photo area as quickly as possible, or the band director may decide to take the picture without the front ensemble students. The director may choose to have the front ensemble students exit with the rest of the band if there are parent volunteers to move equipment. In the photography area, University of Arizona student leaders will be there to congratulate the high school students and answer any questions about UofA, the School of Music, the band program, and the marching band for any potential future students. Please encourage your students to take advantage of this opportunity to talk to these college students about anything they may want to know.
10. Upon completing the photo session, please proceed to the buses and put away equipment. (For the last two bands of each performance segment: you may place your large equipment at the southwest tunnel area underneath the stadium and sit in the stands for the Pride of Arizona's performance and ceremony).

11. Students and directors (with a stamp or a badge) may re-enter the stadium at the public entrance on the Northeast side (Gate 4).

During the Event Guidelines

1. Concessions are located on the lower east side of the stadium. The middle portion of the concession stand will open at 8am and the remainder of the stands will open at 11am. **ALL CONCESSIONS ARE CASHLESS.** ***** New for 2025, there will not be any reverse ATM's. *****
2. ***NEW for 2025:*** The Arizona Sands Club, a private club located at the north end of the stadium, fifth floor, is offering a one-day dining pass. This pass will be a \$10 per person fee (kids are free) to get in the Sands Club where patrons can buy food and beverage off of their menu from 11AM-10PM. Please see the last page in this packet for more information.
3. The University Bookstore will be pre-selling apparel for UA Band Day 2025. Please use this link: <https://shop.arizona.edu/band-day>
4. Please take the time to remind your students and chaperones of appropriate audience etiquette. Spectators should be silent during performances and in their seats. Please avoid exiting and/or entering the spectator seating area during a performance.
5. Before the Pride of Arizona Marching Band's performance, drum majors should line up in the north end zone in performance order. Scores and Judge comments will be uploaded via Competition Suite, and BravWell Video Creations will send a link to videos on a Google Drive to be available for download by directors. **Due to the amount of groups performing at Band Day, there is no critique at the end of either morning or evening sessions. This decision has been made by AZMBA.**
6. Please encourage your students to pick up after themselves in the stands. The Pride of Arizona students will be cleaning the stadium after the event, but many hands make light work. Thank you!

If you are going to be late arriving at the U of A for your warm-up time, or if you have some other emergency, please call/text Clifton Weston at (602) 350-1563.

We look forward to seeing you on November 1!

Parking and Route Map for Band Day 2025

Band route to stadium from warm-up (Black Arrows)

Bus Parking

On the fields on University Blvd., West of Campbell Ave.

Enter from Campbell Ave. (Green Boxes)

Pit/Equipment Trucks

Enter from 6th St. (Blue Arrows)

Bus parking and equipment truck parking is only permitted in the designated parking areas only. Parking in other spots will be subject to any parking violations between UA PD or Tucson PD

Guest Parking

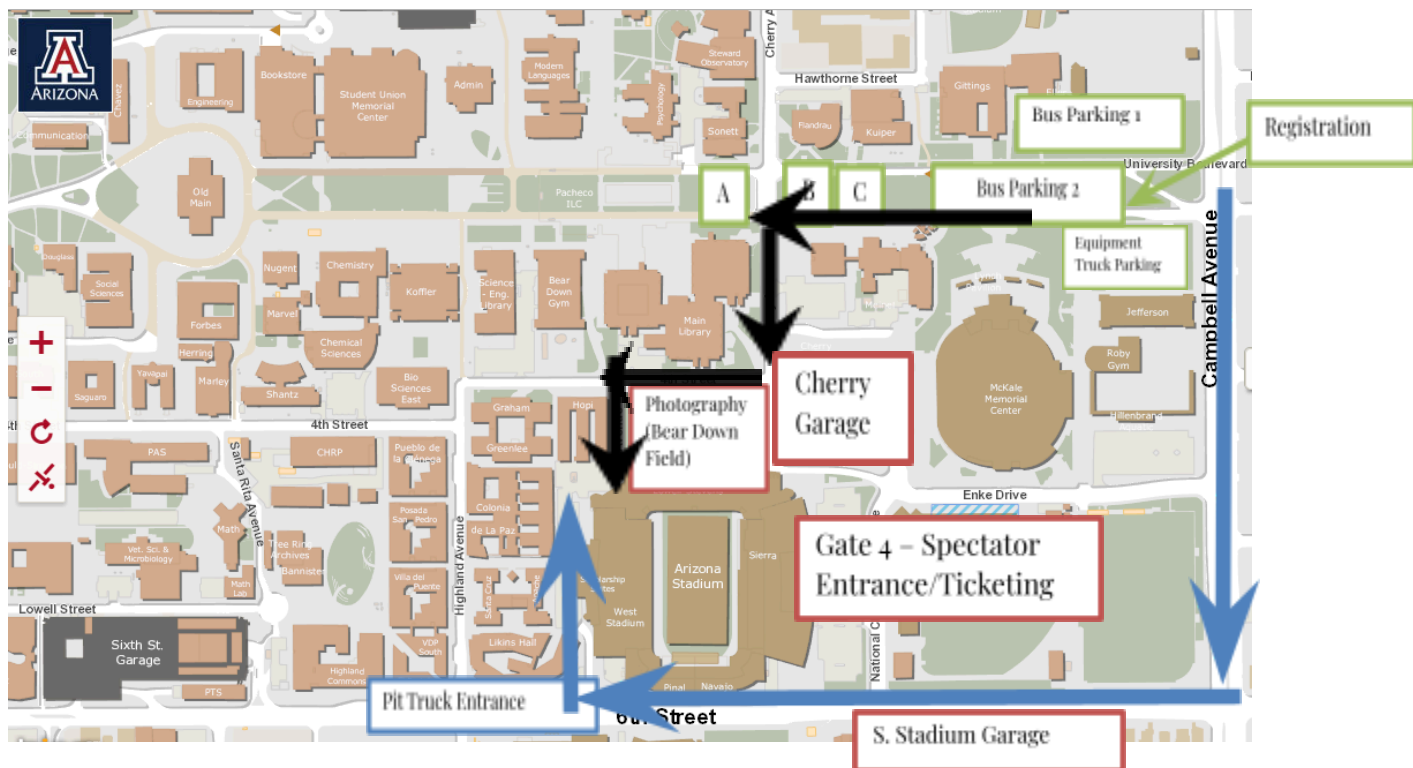
Cherry Ave Garage and South Stadium Garage

Spectator Entrance/Ticket Office

Gate 4 Zonazoo Entrance on West side of stadium in the Mirror Lab Lot #6097

Band performs to the East

Concessions and Booths on the bottom level of the Eastside





Equipment Truck 2025

72nd Annual University of Arizona BAND DAY

Saturday, November 1, 2025

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Arizona Stadium

General Admission \$20
Seniors (55+)/Military
Students/UA Employees \$15
Children under 5 FREE

(All taxes and fees included)

Buy tickets online,
by phone (520) 621-1162
or at the CFA box office

bandday.music.arizona.edu



Exhibition performances by the



**Pride of Arizona
Marching Band**

Chad Shoopman, Director

Scan for information and to purchase tickets



Band Day

ARIZONA SANDS CLUB

ONE DAY PASS

Drumroll please...

Looking for a place to drink, dine, and enjoy UA Band Day? Look no further!
Purchase a One Day Pass to get access to the Arizona Sands Club!

Saturday, November 1st | 2pm-10pm

Individual Pass - \$10/person

Family Pass* - \$20



**Family pass applicable for up to 6 people. Purchase "Add-On" ticket for more.*

Scan for full details and to purchase your One Day Pass

**You must separately purchase a Band Day Ticket to get into the Stadium for Band Day
Band Day tickets purchased through UA website*



Arizona Sands Club | 565 N Cherry Ave | 520-621-8300