



To: All TBDBITL Alumni Club Members
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Subject: 2010 TBDBITL Alumni Band Reunion

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Reunion is Thursday, September 2, 2010 against Marshall!
Kick-off is at 7:25pm – Report time is 1pm!

The 42nd annual Ohio State University Marching Band Alumni Reunion will be held September 2-3, 2010. **Please read** the following information to help the registration process run smoothly. The information on the first page is **NEW** and **REALLY, REALLY** important. The back page of this letter includes details on every other aspect of reunion. Visit www.tbdbitl.com often for up-to-date information!

New Information:

- **On-line registration and payment via Pay-Pal** is available this year. Emails were sent to members with valid email addresses. Those receiving paper mailings can access on-line registration by following the instructions on their registration form.
- Game ticket requests will be filled in a slightly different order this year due to OSUAA rules. See below.
- Plan on attending the **Reunion Lunch Extravaganza** from 11–12:30pm on Thursday, Sept 2. Bring your family – meet up with old friends – come even if you're not marching! Hot buffet & beverages.

Important Information:

- I read every form (even electronic) – if you have special requests (handicapped seating) or information to give me (OSUAA #, “I paid my dues!” Name of person to pick up tickets) please write it on the form.
- The best way to see if I have received your registration is to check the “Who’s Coming” page on the tbdbitl.com website. If your name isn't on the list – I have not yet processed your registration.

Registration Deadlines:

- **I-dotters** and **Script drum majors** will be selected from registrations **in my hand** by 5pm, July 31. This is necessary to meet deadlines for game day programs.
- Your registration must be **postmarked** by August 2 (August 1 is a Sunday) to qualify for the script spot and ticket lotteries.
- You can still register August 2 – Sept 2, but you will not be in the script and ticket lotteries.
- Register by mail up through August 21. After that, call me and bring your form and \$\$ to rehearsal.

Game Tickets:

- **NEW:** If you already receive game tickets (e.g., season ticket holders, alumni lottery, etc.) you can only order “Extra Tickets” through the TBDBITL Alumni Club. “Extra Tickets” are distributed to the membership through a lottery in sets of 2 after they have been awarded to those that do not already have tickets from the university. (More than 2 can be requested, but they are awarded 2 at a time.)
- **You may purchase 2 tickets to our Reunion at the Marshall game, even if you “won” the OSUAA ticket lottery and purchased tickets to another OSU home game this season.**
- For “Regular” or “Extra” tickets, you must be a dues paid or life member of the OSUAA. OSUAA membership is different than a TBDBITL Alumni Club membership. You may become an OSUAA member and then order tickets. Contact OSUAA at: 1-800-762-JOIN (5646).
- **Tickets will not be sent in the mail.** Tickets can be picked up 8/30, 9/1, and 9/2. Notify me on your registration form if someone else will pick up your tickets. Tickets not picked up by 6pm game day are forfeited. Visit www.tbdbitl.com for specific times and locations.

Other:

- **Golf Outing:** The golf outing form is at <http://www.tbdbitl.com/reunion/2010GolfOuting.pdf>
Contact Mel Ponzi directly for more information – (614) 882-9427.

- **Uniform Orders:** The order form is at <http://www.tbdbitl.com/uniform/TBDBITLUniform10.pdf>
To place an order, contact Oasis Embroidery directly - (614) 785-7266 or drop by their store at 6663-R Huntley Rd., Columbus, OH 43229 (M-F 9am to 5pm).

REGISTRATION FEE: All participants must pay this fee, even those only purchasing tickets. These funds are used to cover the costs of the reunion (copies of music, charts, postage, confirmation postcards, etc.)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: We will acknowledge receipt of your registration as it is received. Remember this is an acknowledgement **ONLY**, not a confirmation (e.g., you may order 10 tickets, but only receive 2.)

CONFIRMATION: You will receive your confirmation postcard or email around August 11 (This time delay is to let all letters postmarked by August 2 arrive in Mt. Vernon.) The postcard will confirm your marching status, game tickets, and whether or not you have a script spot. The block band will be available on the tbdbitl.com website after August 15.

PARTICIPATION OPTIONS: Four options exist. Please select from the following:

- **March Pre-game, Halftime, Script Ohio lottery:** Play & march pre-game, halftime, and be included in the Script Ohio lottery.
- **March Pre-game, Halftime, No Script Ohio:** Play & march pre-game and halftime, but play from the sidelines for Script Ohio.
- **No Pre-game, March Halftime only, No Script Ohio:** Play & march halftime only, and play from the sidelines for Script Ohio.
- **No Marching:** No marching, no playing. If you wish to attend the game, you must buy a ticket on the registration form (or by some other means). The athletic department does **not** allow us an option to play in the stands but not march.

If you do not mark a preference, it will be assumed that you do not want to march.

DUES: You have to pay your TBDBITL Alumni Club dues to participate in Reunion. If you haven't paid them, please do so with your registration. Remember that **OSUAA membership dues are different than TBDBITL Alumni Club membership dues.**

LUNCH: The 2010 Reunion Lunch Extravaganza will be held from 11am to 1pm on Sept. 2nd. Location TBD, but will be most likely at the French Field House or nearby. Hot buffet including chicken breast or pulled pork sandwiches, fruit salad, potato salad, chips, cookies, drinks. Adult beverages will be available for an additional cost. Reunion activities, door prizes, wild fun, etc. – \$15.

DINNER: We have a very limited time for dinner before Skull Session. Pizza and drinks will be provided for no additional fee on the floor of St. John Arena for marching members.

UNIFORM: On Saturday, red (scarlet) short-sleeved shirt, gray (heather) trousers, black belt, black shoes & black socks, scarlet ballcap. Drum Majors' uniforms will consist of red shirts, white slacks, white shoes & white socks. Shirts and ballcaps with the new Alumni Band logo can be purchased through Oasis Embroidery – (see attached order form).

WEDNESDAY (9/1/08) EVENING REHEARSAL and ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Attendance is highly encouraged. Dress casual. Rehearsal will start at 7 p.m. and will be in St. John Arena. A reception at the Fawcett Center will follow at ~9pm.

INSTRUMENTS: Please make every effort to bring your own instrument. If you must borrow an instrument, please so indicate and include the fee on your registration form. Drummers are responsible for their own sticks & slings. Sousaphone players should attempt to bring their own mouthpieces. **Instruments are available at the BAND ROOM, not St. John Arena.**

FREE GAME DAY PARKING: Available at any "Day of game" lot on the OSU campus (see www.tbdbitl.com). Please identify yourself as a member of TBDBITL by leaving a legible note to this effect on your dashboard. If you arrive early, you may offload your instruments, etc., from the St. John Arena/French Field House parking lot prior to parking your vehicle.

LODGING: Two options exist:

- **Hilton Garden Hotel** is offering a rate of \$139/per night with a two night minimum stay (9/1 & 9/2). Call 1-614 263 7200 and use group code OSU Alumni Band. **Deadline = August 2, 2010.**
- **University Plaza Hotel** is offering rates of \$129/night with no minimum stay and a breakfast buffet. Call 877-677-5292 and use group code OSU Alumni Band. **Deadline = August 14, 2010.**

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS: There will be no football ticket refunds after August 1, but I will try and hook you up with others who may want additional tickets. Instrument fees are refundable if I am notified before August 15. Dues will not be refunded. No refunds will be given for cancellations or no-shows.

SCHEDULE: Please check at <http://www.tbdbitl.com/reunion/schedule.html> for updates. **Tentative schedule:**

Monday, August 30: Location TBD, Registration 6pm, Rehearsal 7-9pm; Wednesday, September 1: St. John Arena, Registration 6pm, Rehearsal 7-9pm. Thursday, September 2: St. John Arena, Rehearsal 1:00-4:15pm, Dinner 4:15 – 5:15pm, Skull Session 5:15pm, Pre-game and Halftime in the Stadium 7:25pm.

Please email or call if you have questions!

See you at Reunion! GO BUCKS!!