

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

## RV Drum Major Tryouts

Thank You for taking interest in trying out for Drum Major for the 2021-2022 **Black Bear Marching Band!** Here is a brief explanation of what will be required for your tryout on Thursday, May 20, 2021. We will have you direct the recordings and also ask you the interview questions before you leave Thursday.

Additional practice/ tryout will take place during parade practices on Tuesday, May 25th and Wednesday, May 26th, 2021. Drum Major selection will be announced on Sunday, May 30, 2021 after the parade.

**Tryouts** are made up of two parts. Part one is the clinic from from 2:45-4:00PM on Thursday. Part two will be a chance you have to march with and lead the band at parade practices on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 25th and 26th, 2021.

For Try-Outs during parade practices (5-25 and 5-26) - *Wear your GOLD band T-shirt and Black Shorts with comfortable shoes.*

### **SECTION 1 Verbal Commands**

**Set** - In a confident voice say: "Band is Set"

**Horns Up and Down** - No claps - three (3) counts "ready-horns-up/down"

1      2      3

On the word "up", put hands & arms in conducting placement.

On the word "down", put hands & arms by your side.

### **SECTION 2 Conducting Patterns - right and left are "mirrored"**

**3/4** : Down(1), Out(2), and Up(3) - **National Anthem**

**4/4** : Down(1), In(2), Out(3), and Up(4) - **Alma Mater**

Remember: don't cross hands on "2"!

**2/4**: Down(1) and Up(2) (make an outward, lowercase "J") - **Fight Song**

**4/4**: America On Parade - Marching practices only

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### **SECTION 3      Conducting Expectations**

*Please use the provided Links.*

**Readable Patterns** - can the we read what pattern you give (clarity).

**Cues** - Pretend to cue different sections (instruments) as they enter.

**Dynamics** - Steady LH (up & down) while pattern continues in RH.

**Posture** - Body Posture

**Confidence** - how assured you are

### **SECTION 4      Interview**

**4A - Basic scenario questions: what would you do if...**

Mr. Watson and Mr. Wagner will both ask you questions.

**4B - Ask yourself the following questions (don't write the answers):**

- 1. Why do I want to direct / lead our band?**
- 2. Do my peers respect me as a \_\_\_\_\_ player?**
- 3. Am I willing to come early and stay late?**
- 4. If the band was told I am going to be the Drum Major next year, would they be excited?**
- 5. Will the band be better because I am Drum Major? Are they better currently because I am in my section?**