2023 Marching Pirates Information Session
New Student Orientation Breakout Session
4:35 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Main Campus Student Center, Rm. 307
Welcome and Introductions

Tonight's Agenda:

• Who are the Marching Pirates, what do they do, and why you should you join
• The 2023 performance schedule
• How to become a member
• Student-member insights
• Ask questions!
Who Are the Marching Pirates?

- We are the marching band that represents East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.
- The band is a diverse community of ECU and local community college undergraduate students from a multiplicity of disciplines.
  - There were 55/61 majors represented in the 2021 Marching Pirates
  - Average GPA: 3.34
- Over half of our students participate in extracurricular clubs, Greek organizations, and/or have part-time jobs.
- The band is typically comprised of 200-225 students
- We are "The Sound of Pirate Nation," Loyal to the identity of ECU and the traditions that transcend generations of students and alumni, but Bold in responding to the ever-changing needs of our current students.
What Do the Marching Pirates Do?

What Everyone Sees/Hears

Performances at ECU home football games (a traditional pregame show and a contemporary halftime show).

Student entertainment for parades, tailgate parties, alumni/campus events, and in the stands during games.

Engage with communities on and off campus through performance and service.
Culture of the Marching Pirates

Diversity and Inclusivity
Connection to a diverse community of peers who share a passion for the unique environment a marching band provides.

Excellence, Growth, Leadership
An atmosphere of professionalism that stimulates personal growth and development and better allows for the exploration of multiple areas of performance art, learning, and creativity.

Pride, Relationships, Respect
The continued enjoyment of music making, performing, and socialization that marching band offers.
The 2023 Marching Pirates

East Carolina Marching Pirates
The Sound of Pirate Nation

As the musical ambassadors of East Carolina University, the Marching Pirates perform for tens of thousands of fans in and around North Carolina every year.

Our Values?
- Relationships, Respect, and Pride
- Culture of Growth and Excellence
- Diversity and Inclusivity
- Performing with Passion

Scholarships?
Available for many!

Who can join?
Open to all ECU and community college students

Contact Us  (252) 328-6962  marchingpirates.org  businfo@ecu.edu
Season at a Glance

• Preseason Band Camp: Aug. 11-16
  – 3 rehearsals Aug. 17-19 from 9-11:30 a.m.

• Rehearsals: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 4:00-5:50 p.m.

• Performances: six home games, one away game, one high school competition exhibition performance
2023 Halftime Shows

Saturday, Sept. 9 (Band Day) and 23
“Unstoppable”
Featuring the songs: *Centuries* by Fall Out Boy, *Fighter* by Christina Aguilera, *Stronger* by Kelly Clarkson, *Rise* by Katy Perry, *Hall of Fame* by the Script, and *Fight Song* by Rachel Platten

Saturday, Oct. 12, 14 (West Johnston), and 21
“Road Trip”
Featuring the songs: *Where the Streets Have No Name* by U2, *Life is a Highway* by Tom Cochrane, *Born to be Wild* by Steppenwolf, *Shut Up and Drive* by Rihanna, *Take Me Home, Country Roads* by John Denver, *Running on Empty* by Jackson Browne, and *Don’t Stop Me Now* by Queen
2023 Halftime Shows Cont’d

Saturday, Nov. 4 (Military Appreciation) and 18 (at Navy)

“America Through the Decades”

Featuring the songs: Patriotic Medley, arr. James Curnow, Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy by Dan Ray and Hughie Prince, and God Bless the USA by Lee Greenwood
2023 Halftime Shows Cont’d

Friday, November 24 OR Saturday, November 25

“Senior Show”

Featuring songs to be selected by the Marching Pirates own class of 2023!
Perks, Swag, and other Incentives

- **Credit:**
  - 2 fine arts credits for non-music majors per semester
  - 1 credit for music majors; also fulfills large ensemble requirement

- **Scholarships:**
  - 4th-year members and higher  $400 (2 disbursements of $200)
  - Student Leaders  $400 (2 disbursements of $200)
  - 3rd-year members  $300 (2 disbursements of $150)
  - Sousaphone, baritone, trombone  $250 (2 disbursements of $125)
    and mellophone players

- **Swag -** All students will be outfitted with the following, free of charge:
  - 3 Official ECUMP uniform t-shirt (Purple, Gold, Black)
  - 1 Official ECUMP Polo
  - 1 Official ECUMP beanie and ball cap
  - 1 Official ECUMP Hoodie
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• Leadership and service opportunities:
  – These include a professional interview/audition sequence for leadership candidates, campus/community performances, networking access to alumni, volunteer to assist with band operations, etc.

• No tuition or student fees beyond equipment (shoes, gloves)

• Discounted pricing on season tickets ($165/ticket package for section 2)

• Travel Opportunities:
  – The band is scheduled for no fewer than three off-campus performances this fall throughout the state. All travel costs are covered by the Marching Pirates.

• Flexible(ish) schedule:
  – Class conflicts are allowable at ECU! Students can request to miss up to two hours of rehearsal per week. Simply contact Dr. B and your advisor!
Becoming a Member – 2 Steps

Step 1:
Register for the class with an advisor or through pirateport.ecu.edu.

Non-music majors: MUSC 1705-01; CRN: 80103 (2 credits)
OR
Music majors: MUSC 1706-01; CRN: 80104 (1 credit)

Deadline to complete both steps: Monday, July 17, 2023
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Step 2:

Go to marchingpirates.org and register for band camp!
Additional Information

• Contact Information for Dr. Busuito
  – E-mail: busuitoj20@ecu.edu
  – Office: (252) 328-6982

• Visit marchingpirates.org to learn and get signed up today!

• Subscribe and follow us on social media!
  – Facebook: @ECUMP
  – Instagram: @marchingpirates
  – Twitter: @ECUBand
  – YouTube: @ECUBand

Thank you for coming!!!
GO PIRATES!!! #ARRRGH