



Frequently Asked Questions about Homecoming 2018

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1. When is Homecoming 2018?

Saturday, October 6, 2018 – UGA vs. Vanderbilt

The Redcoat Alumni Band will perform the pre-game show only. Kick-off time TBA as late as 6 days before the game, but keep checking the RBAA website for our HC day schedule.

2. What qualifies me to perform at Homecoming?

If you participated in the Redcoat Band during any fall season during college, you qualify to participate in all Redcoat alumni events.

3. When will registration for Homecoming be open?

[Link Here to Register](#)

- Online registration will be open May 15th through midnight, September 7th but the 450 tickets in the RBAA block of tickets were completely sold out as of 6/30/18.
- As of September 8th, only walk-up registrations on the morning of Homecoming will be accepted, which incurs an additional \$10, plus donation, which totals \$50.
- For walk-up registrations on Homecoming morning, please bring a check (payable to RBAA, Inc.) or exact cash; we cannot make change. Thanks!
- If you have your own game ticket, you may register through September 7th
- A late fee of \$5 will be added for registrations dated August 1st thru September 7th
- If you need to borrow an instrument (*see #6 for specific details*), please register prior to Sept. 7th so we have ample time to secure an instrument for you.

4. Does a baby need a ticket to enter the stadium?

YES, per the Sanford Stadium policies controlled by UGA Athletics. Every person requires a ticket to enter the stadium gates (*that includes babies, children and adults*). Please make arrangements for the care of your child during the time when you will be performing on the field. Only registered Redcoat Band Alumni wearing the approved RBAA musician / auxiliary uniforms AND 2018 RBAA official name badge will be allowed on the field to perform the pre-game show. NOTE: These are proprietary nametags and change each year; UGA personnel will not admit anyone onto the field with a nametag from previous years.

5. How will I know the music, marching drill positions and the auxiliary routines?

- **Music** – The music password can be found on your confirmation email sent to you after you successfully registered for Homecoming. No paper copies of music will be available at Homecoming registration, so please bring your own music and lyre, if you need one. Due to copyright laws, do not share this password or post on social media:
[Link-For-Homecoming-Music](#)
- **Auxiliary Routines** – Here will be the link to all routines for your rehearsal prior to Homecoming, but the link will not be accessible until September:
[Link-For-All-Auxiliary-Routines-for-2018-PreGame](#)
- **Marching Positions and Drill Charts** – Both should be available by October 1st at this link:
[Link-For-Marching-Positions-Drill-Charts-2018-PreGame](#)
- At the appropriate time, probably in mid-September, music and routine updates will be placed on the RBAA website for you to download and practice. You will receive an email when this occurs, but we strongly encourage you to keep up-to-date by following the Alumni Band on twitter (@RedcoatAlumni) or joining the official Facebook page (UGA Redcoat Alumni Band).

6. Need to borrow an Instrument? Be sure to register by September 7th

If you need to borrow a large instrument for the rehearsal and performance:

- Please bring your own mouthpiece (and adapter if borrowing a Mellophone but using your own French Horn mouthpiece), and [register for Homecoming by September 7th](#) noting your instrument needs (please meet this deadline so we have time to secure an instrument for you). Need a music lyre? Please bring your own.
- Your on-line registration includes a place to request a loaned instrument: percussion, sousaphone, mellophone (but bring your own adapter), tenor saxophone, etc. *Please note that if your instrument*

requests are not indicated during the registration process, we cannot plan for you! When you print your registration confirmation, make sure your instrument request is there. Send an email through the “Contact Us” screen, if a change is needed.

7. How is information sent to me?

Newsletters are emailed monthly to all Redcoat Alumni ... only if we have your correct email address! If you are not receiving your newsletter, perhaps your email on file with RBAA has changed. Please send us your updated info to: [Update My Information](#). Your email address and contact information is secure with RBAA and never divulged. Add info@redcoatalumniband.com to your email software recipient list. Also, we strongly encourage you to keep up-to-date by following the Alumni Band on Twitter (@RedcoatAlumni) or joining the official Facebook page ([UGA Redcoat Alumni Band](#)). This is now a closed group, so please “request to join” on Facebook.

New for 2018 will be a [QR code for the Homecoming Day schedule](#), that you can scan with a QR Code reader app to access the final schedule on your cell phone. Try this [draft](#) homecoming schedule now:



8. Security is always tight on the field. How do we comply with UGA rules?

- **Field Access** – For access to perform on the field at Sanford Stadium, Redcoat Band Alumni members are provided special nametags in each registration envelope picked up at the morning rehearsal, that allow only Redcoat Alumni participants to enter the field for the pre-game show. *No non-performing family members or children will be allowed on the field.*
- **Stadium Entry** – To get in the stadium, you must have a game ticket.
- **The UGA Stadium “Clear Bag” policy** is strictly enforced – Please read and comply. Do not attempt to take a backpack into the game. Plan enough time for your cases to be searched, too: [Link-to-UGA-Clear-Bag-Policy](#)

9. What is the \$35 registration fee?

The mission of the Redcoat Band Alumni Association, Inc. is to support the current Redcoat Band. The \$35 registration fee includes a \$10 participation fee to cover the cost of Homecoming Day expenses: your name badge, printed materials, and minimal annual expenses of the RBAA (website hosting, eNewsletter software, annual non-profit corporation registration with the State of GA, etc.) to stay in touch with all Redcoat alumni. The remaining \$25 is a donation that goes toward the current Redcoat Band’s general fund for their immediate use. You will also receive recognition on your 2018 Homecoming nametag as a “Supporting Member” of RBAA as well as voting rights in the RBAA, Inc. via proxy email ballot or paper ballot at the annual meeting held in August during Band Camp.

10. What about the other donation categories on the registration form?

The RBAA Board thanks you for your additional donations to the other categories that you’ll see as you register. 100% of your donation goes directly to the fund that you specify, and you will receive a donation receipt letter from RBAA, Inc. for your tax purposes. RBAA, Inc. is a registered IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization and a GA not-for-profit corporation. **Thank you!**

11. Will we need a uniform again this year to look sharp?

Yes, since 2013 the RBAA uniform is a mandatory requirement to perform on the field. If you are not wearing the correct uniform, or wearing the uniform incorrectly, you will **not** be allowed to perform. Musicians wear official RBAA red shirts, and black slacks, shoes & socks. No bare feet! Official RBAA hats or visors are a part of the uniform, or no hat at all. No other UGA or Redcoat headgear is allowed.

Only graduating seniors returning for their first Homecoming alumni band in the fall of their graduation year may wear their **red** Derbies shirts. Drum majors will need the official solid black RBAA shirts, not the UGA-issued collegiate shirts with the red inserts under the sleeves.

There is one order form for Musician / Drum Major shirts (please allow time for embroidery and UPS delivery to your home, last day to order is Sept. 20). **There is a separate order form for Auxiliary shirts** (you will pick up your shirt at the morning rehearsal, if ordered before Sept. 15th).

Here is the direct link to Oasis Embroidery for musician/drum major shirts (then use password **RBAA**): [Order Form for Official RBAA Musician/Drum Major Shirts](#)

Here is the direct link to order RBAA auxiliary shirts: [Order Form for Official RBAA Auxiliary Shirts](#)

12. Where are the RBAA tickets located in the stadium? When will I receive my tickets?

We won't know the exact ticket block location until they are picked up from the UGA Ticket Office a few weeks prior to the game. You will receive your game tickets in your registration envelope with your official performance nametag on homecoming day, only at the morning rehearsal.

13. Where will we rehearse for Homecoming this year?

At our own Redcoat Field as in the past two years. This year you'll see more results of your donations ... the initial bricks have been installed and the teaching tower is in use! Yes, we will have buses to transport us to the stadium prior to performing pregame.

14. Where do we park?

At the Intramural Parking Deck – parking is free! Caution: it will fill quickly on Homecoming morning.

15. How do we return to our cars at the Intramural Parking Deck?

By using the University Bus system after the game. Buses will be lined up on East Campus Road next to the east side of Sanford Stadium. Be sure to catch one of the "Intramural Field" buses. There are two sets of buses lined up adjacent to the stadium – the first group will go to the East campus Deck (near the School of Music). You have to walk a little farther up the line of buses to get to the "Intramural Field" buses. The marquees on the buses will tell you their destination.

16. How to make online donations to the Redcoats .. at any time of year

To make additional donations, please use this link to donate online: [Additional-RBAA-Donation](#)
Every dollar of your donation to RBAA goes toward helping the Redcoats! Thank you!

Still have questions? Please email us at info@redcoatalumniband.com

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