



## **2018 REDCOAT ALUMNI BAND HOMECOMING FAQs AND UPDATES**

### **1. When is Homecoming 2018?**

**Saturday, October 6, 2018 –UGA v. 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?**

- Online registration will open May 15<sup>th</sup> through midnight, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.
- As of Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, only walk-up registrations on the morning of Homecoming will be accepted, which incurs an additional \$10, plus donation, for a total of \$50. Here is a link to pre-print your Walk-up Registration Form: [2018-Walk-up-Registration-Form](#)
- Please bring a check (payable to RBAA, Inc.) or exact cash; we cannot make change. Thanks!
- If you wanted to borrow an instrument (*see #6 for specific details*), we need to know prior to August 15<sup>th</sup> so we have ample time to secure an instrument for you. After registration closes on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, we cannot request an instrument for you to borrow.

### **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 original password will be posted on e-mails to you once registered. Download your pdf through this link, using password.

[Link-For-Homecoming-Music](#) Again, DO NOT POST THIS PASSWORD ON SOCIAL MEDIA No paper copies of music will be available at Homecoming registration, so please bring your own music and lyre, if you need one.

With the exception of “*Big Dawg Medley*” (written especially for the Alumni Band; 2013 “Short Version”), the pre-game show is similar to what the current Redcoats perform.

**Auxiliary routines** – here is the link to all routines for your rehearsal prior to homecoming:

[Link-For-All-Auxiliary-Routines-for-2018-PreGame](#) (see #5 on link)

**Marching positions and drill charts** – both should be available after Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> on this link:

[Link-For-Marching-Positions-Drill-Charts-2018-PreGame](#) (see #3 on link)

### **6. Need to borrow an Instrument? You should have requested before September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

### **7. How is information being 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](mailto: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.

### **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 Alumni Band 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 RBAA registration fee? (For Walk-up registration, now \$50)**

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. 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. 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, per UGA Athletics.

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. 30*) **and a separate order form for Auxiliary shirts** (*which you will pick up at the morning rehearsal, if ordered before Sept. 20, 2018*).

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 shortly before 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 meet and rehearse for Homecoming this year?**

At our own Redcoat Field as in the past 2 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. Redcoat Field is Field #9 at the Intramural Fields off College Station Road and the Athens Bypass (Map and directions below). Do not report to the old Woodruff Field location!

**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 - the first group will go to the East Campus Deck (near the School of Music). You have to walk a little farther up the road 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!

Still have questions? Please email us at [info@redcoatalumniband.com](mailto:info@redcoatalumniband.com)

Your RBAA Board of Directors will update these FAQs frequently to answer your questions.