



TO: Interested New Members of the OMTAAMB
FROM: OMTAAMB Rose Festival Committee
RE: Join us!

URGENT!
Action needed by
January 1, 2009

DON'T MISS OUT. Have you always wanted to march, play, dance or twirl with the largest marching band in the world? **APPLY NOW!** Please submit your 2009 application by the January 1, 2009 deadline!

Event Participation

For the 2009 season, there are three major Rose Festival events where the entire OMTAAMB will perform. Please note the length of the parades as you determine whether you will participate, as all members must be able to be self-sufficient for the entire length of the route.

- Starlight Parade– May 30, 2009 (2.25 miles)
- Concert at the Park – June 5, 2009
- Grand Floral Parade – June 6, 2009 (4.2 miles)

The OMTAAMB is making plans to commemorate the band's 25th anniversary with a special trip in 2009. Details of the exact dates & destination are still being determined, but new members would be strongly encouraged to participate (all band travel is at band members' own expense).

Band Selection

The process used for inducting new band and auxiliary unit members is based on these factors:
Section Openings: Openings in each instrumental/auxiliary section created by former band members leaving and the Band Director's discretion in the instrumental balance for sound.

Experience: Lines are provided on the application for you to discuss any musical or dance/twirling/flag experiences you feel may be helpful for us to consider. If you are applying for an auxiliary unit, providing specific information about your experience is especially important.

Important Dates/Auditions

To be considered for an audition time slot, you must return your completed application form **by January 1, 2009**. Applicants who are selected to audition will be notified by mail in mid-January, 2009. Auditions will be held in early February (in the evening, usually a Tuesday or Thursday). If accepted, weekly rehearsals begin in early April. Members are expected to attend as many rehearsals as possible prior to the performances, and there will be three mandatory rehearsals (dates TBD).

Fees

If you successfully audition, you will be asked to pay the band fee of \$50. **DO NOT SEND MONEY NOW!!** More information about dues, as well as band travel expenses for the upcoming 25th anniversary trip, will be relayed to members upon acceptance to the band.

Questions

If you have any questions, look for updates on our website at www.omtaamb.org. The website is updated regularly with deadline dates, rehearsal information, and answers to other frequently asked questions. If you have questions that aren't answered on the website, please contact Carol Ross at the Portland Rose Festival at (503) 227-2681 or carolr@rosefestival.org.

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US THIS YEAR!