



Dear Laker Alumni Marching Band Member:

Please accept our invitation to come home to Allendale to celebrate Grand Valley State University's Homecoming and to help further the great tradition of *The Pride of the Midwest* during Homecoming activities on October 29, 2011. This year's Laker Marching Band is more than 150 members strong. Our current students are looking forward to you returning, sharing your Laker stories, and teaming up with you for pre-game and halftime musical performances.

Schedule:

- 1:00 – 1:45 p.m. Refreshments, **Performing Arts Center. Band Room PAC 1515**
- 2:00 – 2:45 p.m. Music Rehearsal**, **Performing Arts Center, Band Room (PAC 1515)**
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Marching Rehearsal, **Lot D8**
- 4:15 p.m. March to Kelly Family Sports Center
- 4:30 p.m. BBQ Dinner at Alumni Tailgater, **East Turf Bldg Grounds/Practice Field**
- 5:45 p.m. Performance at Alumni Tailgater, **East Turf Bldg Grounds/Practice Field**
- 6:00 p.m. March to Lubbers Stadium and pre-game performance
- 7:00 p.m. Kickoff – Laker football vs. Northern Michigan, **Lubbers Stadium**

****Music will be available for download from the "Alumni" section of the GVSU Marching Band website (www.gvsu.edu/marchingband) by Saturday, October 1, 2011.**

The 2011 Laker Marching Band and Alumni Band members will be complimentary guests at the Alumni Tailgater and Open House; featuring food, games, inflatables, and a chance to reconnect with old friends in the LAMB and Music Alumni tent on Reunion Row. Reunion Row is a new concept developed specifically for GVSU Homecoming to accommodate the large crowds of alumni, friends, family, students and community members that will return to campus. It will be a large social gathering of mini reunion groups held during the Homecoming tailgate. (Visit www.gvsu.edu/homecoming for more information or to get tailgater tickets for family and friends.)

Uniform for 2011 Laker Alumni Marching Band Members:

- 1) GVSU Clothing (You do NOT have to buy a LMB T-shirt!)
- 2) Long pants for cold weather
- 3) Tennis shoes or Appropriate shoes for Marching (No Flipflops); No Hats

Please complete and return the attached form no later than Friday, October 7.

See you at Homecoming!

Handwritten signature of Barry D. Martin in black ink.

Barry D. Martin
Director of GVSU Bands

Handwritten signature of John T. Martin in black ink.

John T. Martin
Director, Laker Marching Band



___ Yes, I will attend Homecoming 2011 and perform with the Laker Alumni Marching Band

___ No, I'm sorry that I cannot attend.

___ I play _____ Part _____
(bass or treble clef for baritones)

___ I need to borrow the school-owned instrument(s) listed below (please circle instrument):

Mellophone Baritone Sousaphone Snare Quints Bass Drum Cymbals Flag

___ Please make a complimentary reservation for me at the Alumni Tailgater, beginning at 4:30 p.m. on October 29. (Please have your guests sign up for the tailgater directly at www.gvsu.edu/homecoming. Guest admission to the tailgate party is \$5 per person.)

You will be given appropriate music and other information at the Saturday practice. We look forward to welcoming you back to Grand Valley!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____ Grad Year: _____ Years in Band: _____

Email address: _____

Please return this form no later than Friday, October 7 to:

*Barry D. Martin
Director of Bands
Grand Valley State University
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Allendale, MI 49401*