

Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Indiana University Marching Hundred Alumni Band

1. *(I have always been interested in participating in the Alumni Band but didn't know who to contact or how to get involved).* **How do I get more information about the IU Marching Hundred Alumni Band?**

- Check out our website: <https://www.indiana.edu/~bands/alumni/>

- Contact us at mhalumni@indiana.edu

2. *(I just learned that the Marching Hundred Alumni Band does a lot more than perform at the Homecoming football game. What is that about?)* **How does the Marching Hundred Alumni band support or represent Indiana University throughout the year, with or without instruments in hand?**

The Alumni Band does so much more than just play at Homecoming! There are many opportunities to connect and support the Marching Hundred throughout the entire year. Here are some examples of what we do:

- a. **Basketball Pep Band (Winter)**

Each year, the Alumni Band has the opportunity to perform during one home IU men's basketball game. Alumni Band members who participate in Homecoming are eligible to participate. So come to Homecoming for your chance to see the IU Men's Basketball Team in action!

- b. **Wedding/Special Events Performance Opportunities (Year-Round)**

The Alumni Band is periodically contacted to perform at weddings and special events. When the call comes in, we recruit volunteers to participate who live near the site of the event. In return, we ask the host to consider giving a gift to the Marching Hundred Instrument Fund, which allows the Marching Hundred to acquire the resources they need for the acquisition and repair of instruments for the Marching Hundred.

We maintain a list of interested alumni who would like to be called upon when the next opportunity comes up. If you'd like to be included, please contact us at mhalumni@indiana.edu.

- c. **Supporting Band Camp (August)**

Alumni Band members provide snacks and drinks to the Marching Hundred during Band Camp Week each August. This is a fun way to give back and get to interact with the current students in the Marching Hundred. If you are interested in helping, please contact us at mhalumni@indiana.edu.

d. IU Day fundraising to support the Marching Hundred Instrument Fund (April 10, 2019)

IU Day is a 24-hour, binge-watching, social-sharing, IU-wearing, online celebration of Indiana University and the people who make IU possible (that's you).

One of the ways the Alumni Band participated in IU Day is by hosting a crowdfunding campaign to raise money to support the Marching Hundred Instrument Fund, which allows the Marching Hundred to acquire the resources they need for the acquisition and repair of instruments for the Marching Hundred.

Want to know more about the Marching Hundred Instrument Fund? Contact Mariann Hosler at mhosler@indiana.edu.

3. (Ok, so my musical skills are a little rusty.) Can I participate in the Alumni Band even if I haven't played my instrument in months or years?

Absolutely! Many first timers are surprised at how much they can still do, even after years off. Many of us play just once a year. There are enough members who play/teach band for a living to carry those of us who don't. Just come and play as much as you can. It's all about the fellowship and fun!

You can also download the music ahead of time if you'd like to get in some additional practice. Check out our website at <https://www.indiana.edu/~bands/alumni/> to find downloadable copies for every part.

4. (I was a Flag Corps Member and/or RedStepper, can I be involved?) Does the Alumni Band have room for Alumni Flag Corps or RedSteppers to participate?

Yes, absolutely! There is lots of room for everyone to join. We encourage all of our RedStepper and Flag Corps alumni to come back for Homecoming each fall to perform and participate in the festivities. And, don't worry - we send videos of the routines out to all participants ahead of time so they have plenty of time to rehearse.

Additionally, we have multiple RedStepper and Flag Corps Alumni serving as Directors on the Marching Hundred Alumni Council board. If you are interested in getting more involved with your peer RedStepper and Flag Corps alumni, we welcome you to join a committee and provide valuable feedback to the Alumni Council in addition to helping to plan upcoming events and be a part of important decisions for your group. Contact us at mhalumni@indiana.edu to get connected.

5. (My instrument isn't in great shape and/or just got sold in a garage sale last week.) Is it possible get a loaner instrument for Alumni Band performances like Homecoming?

Please bring your own instruments, mouthpiece, and lyre. (No lyres will be available) Sousaphones, mellophones, and percussion instruments will be provided to anyone who registers by Oct. 1.

6. *(I haven't marched in years, and I get a little winded, is there a way to still play or participate in Marching Hundred Alumni Band events?)* **Are there accommodations for those of us with mobility issues or physical barriers to marching?**

The Marching Hundred Alumni Band offers a "Legacy Participant" option for Homecoming. The "Legacy" option allows someone to join us for all pre-game events in the Fieldhouse and sit in the stands with the Alumni Band during the game. They will not have a letter/number designation for the field show. Legacy participants are eligible for alumni pep band.

Those eligible for this option include those for whom marching truly may be difficult (ie: mobility concerns, recent surgery, pregnancy, etc.) and those who do not play anymore. Golf cart transportation is also available to/from Ray E. Cramer Marching Hundred Hall and Memorial Stadium before and after the game. We would love to see you!

7. *(I would love to travel to Bloomington, but don't have a place to stay and rooms are often sold out for Homecoming.)* **Does the Marching Hundred have a block of hotel rooms available for Alumni who need a place to stay for Homecoming?**

Yes, we have reserved blocks of hotel rooms at the Indiana Memorial Union and in other nearby hotels in Bloomington. These rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. [Click here](#) to find the information for this year's accommodations. **NOTE: All room blocks expire on Sept. 12, 2018, so make your reservations today!**

8. *(Is there a dress code?, #haventgotathingtowear)* **Is there a convenient place to purchase Marching Hundred Alumni Band apparel? Do I have to wear a uniform?**

If you have been returning to Homecoming for a while, you might recognize many different alumni band looks. There are the vintage newsboy hats, various sweatshirts and jackets, and of course the white baseball caps. In 2017, the Marching Hundred Alumni Council decided it would be good for the band to have a more cohesive look. We have designed a new look including shirts, jackets, and an updated white hat. All these new items are IU brand compliant. The Alumni RedSteppers, Drumline, and Flag Corps also have options specific to their groups.

We rolled out the new look at Homecoming, 2017. We have received good feedback on the quality of the items. It is certainly an upgrade from the wool band uniforms of yesteryear.

Our goal is to have the entire alumni band outfitted in the new look by Homecoming, 2019. This gives you two more chances to get your gear. We are asking that you wear either a Marching Hundred Alumni polo or jacket with the white hat. We feel a more cohesive look gives the band more legitimacy. The new look will also give the alumni band identity at the one basketball game per year.

[Place your order](#) by midnight Eastern on September 12.

9. *(But my favorite sport is basketball.) How do I earn the opportunity to play in the Alumni Basketball band?*

First chance to play in the alumni basketball band is given to those who participate in Homecoming subject to required instrumentation mix.

10. *(I want to reconnect to Indiana University in a meaningful way. Would my participation with the Marching Hundred Alumni Band Council open doors to other IUAA leadership opportunities?) Are there IU Alumni Association leadership opportunities available through my participation in the Marching Hundred Alumni Band?*

Yes, you certainly would be eligible to apply for open positions on the Alumni Band Board. The Alumni Band is an affiliate group of the IU Alumni Association.

The IU Alumni Association is always looking for volunteers and offers many ways to get involved. Participating on the Marching Hundred Alumni Board is just one way to get connected and give back to Indiana University. Here are some other ways you can get involved:

- Volunteer to serve on one of the Marching Hundred Alumni Board's committees. This is a great [way](#) to meet other alumni and learn more about what the Alumni Band does to support the Marching Hundred.

- Participate in IU Day (see 2d. above)

- Like the Marching Hundred Alumni Band, RedSteppers, and/or Flag Corps social media pages. Find us here:

 - Facebook: [@IUMHAB](#); [Flag Corps Alumni](#); and [RedSteppers Alumni](#)

 - Twitter: [@HundredIU](#)

- Vote in the IU Trustee Election in June. You can also run for one of the 3 alumni-elected Trustee positions! Check out the [IU Trustee Election website](#) to learn more.

- Attend IU Alumni Association [events and programs](#) in your area.

- Support current students by promoting

<https://alumni.iu.edu/scholarships/index.html> IU scholarships.

- Run for a spot on the IU Alumni Association's [Executive Council](#) (the advisory body to the IUAA).

We welcome your thoughts, opinions, feedback, time, talent, and/or treasure! Just contact us at mhalumni@indiana.edu and let us know what your interests are and we'll find a way to get you connected.

11. *(Working to support the current "Junior" band seems like fun. Do you do that?) Does the Marching Hundred Alumni Band interact and/or support the collegiate Marching Hundred in any way?*

In recent years, direct support of the Marching Hundred has become a priority for the Alumni Band Council. The IU Marching Hundred Alumni were very involved in helping to raise

awareness and funds for the development and building of the Ray E. Cramer Marching Hundred Hall. Each year, during Band Camp in August, MH Alumni volunteer to greet the Junior Band Members and provide encouragement, snacks and treats at the various events such as Rookie Night, Vet Night and Section Competition. MH Alumni give a senior send off at the end of the season banquet for the Junior Band, encouraging them to become active Alumni. Currently, the MH Alumni are focused on an important fundraising campaign to purchase new, matching instruments for the Junior Band to improve the already excellent music with an enhanced, uniform, and optimal appearance.

12. *(It's time for me to give back, how can I help the Marching Hundred?)* Is there a way for me to make a donation to the Marching Hundred?

We are so grateful to all of the IU Marching Hundred Alumni, friends, and fans whose generous gifts made the dream of a dedicated practice facility a reality! Now, the Marching Hundred can call the Ray E. Cramer Marching Hundred Hall home.

Now, the Marching Hundred Alumni Council, in partnership with the Jacobs School of Music and IU Foundation, is focusing our efforts on raising \$150,000 for the purchase of new and matching instruments for the Marching Hundred. We are thrilled to report that, as of June, 2018, we have raised 1/3 of the total funds.

If you are interested in supporting this campaign, you may give any time [HERE](#).

THANK YOU!