

Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band

Young Performers Day & Alumni Band

Detailed Schedule

Saturday, September 26, 2026

vs. Southeastern Louisiana

Kickoff: 6:02 PM at Harry Turpin Stadium **(streaming on ESPN+)**

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Young Performers & Alumni Schedule

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Registration Hanchey Gallery - Magale Recital Hall

- Check-in
 - Receive commemorative performance shirt
 - Receive music (if applicable)
 - Find a seat in Magale Recital Hall
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11:45 AM - 11:55 AM

Welcome Meeting Magale Recital Hall

Agenda:

- Welcome
 - Schedule overview
 - Safety/Equipment procedures
 - Pregame viewing / Halftime performance logistics
 - Afternoon reporting instructions
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12:00 PM

Move to Stadium

Guests move with leaders to Turpin Stadium.

12:15 PM - 12:35 PM

Sectional Rehearsal

Alumni w/ Dr. Pursell at field level

Young Performers join SON sections

Objectives:

- Fundamental warm-up

- Tuning
 - Review Movement 3
 - Review Fight Song (Long)
 - Integrate guest performers within SON sections
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12:35 PM - 12:40 PM

Water Break

12:40 PM - 1:25 PM

Combined Halftime Rehearsal

- Learn field entry
 - Learn field placement
 - Learn exit procedure
 - Rehearse Movement 3
 - Rehearse Fight Song transition
 - Two complete halftime process reps
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1:25 PM - 1:30 PM

Water Break / Guest Performer Dismissal / Auxiliary Rehearsal

Wind / Percussion Young Performers are released to the supervision of their parent/guardian or director following rehearsal dismissal

Auxiliaries are released to their SON Professional Staff and Section Leaders for rehearsals in Health and Human Performance Gym and Dance Studio (CAPA)

Guests are free to:

- Tailgate
- Attend game-day activities
- Watch Demon Walk (3:45 PM) as spectators

Young Performers and Alumni do not participate in Demon Walk.

3:30 PM

Alumni Presentation Magale Recital Hall

Young Performers / Parents / Guardians / Directors welcome to attend

4:00-4:50 PM

Meal Hanchey Gallery

Chick-Fil-A Boxes (Sandwiches and Salads)

5:00-5:10 PM

Section Warm-Ups

Guest performers join their assigned SON sections to warm up and review game materials

5:15 PM

Combined Parade Block

All Young Performers are included in the SON Parade Block

Alumni are encouraged to march in the block, if interested / able

All YPD / Alumni participants must move with the SON

5:20 PM

March to Stadium

5:27 PM

Enter Stadium, move to Away side Stands (band area) to view Pregame

5:42 PM

View SON Pregame Show

6:02 PM

Kickoff - Beat SLU!!!

Alumni / Young Performers welcome to join Pep Band in Stands (read off of member phones), or sit and enjoy the game

~7:45 PM

Halftime

Leave the stands at 5:00 remaining in the 3rd quarter, move to Side I End Zone open spaces (leave space for visiting team to move into locker room)

Field Entry

- As the show begins, begin moving onto the Side I Front Sideline closest to your dot
- At the end of Movement 2, enter from Side I Front Sideline

Performance

- Movement 3 with SON

Fight Song (Long)

- Entire ensemble performs in place

Exit Procedure

- After the first 32 measures of Fight Song (Long), guest performers stop playing and begin exiting via the Side I front sideline. The SON simultaneously pivots toward the back sideline and continues performing the long ending while exiting
 - Per Athletics: All Young Performers will need to be picked up via the Southeast gate at the conclusion of halftime. Parents/Guardians will need to leave the stadium on the West Side and walk around to collect them from that gate.
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Attire

Young Performers & Alumni

- Commemorative Event T-Shirt (provided at registration)
 - Black Shorts or Black Pants
 - Athletic Shoes
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Equipment

Young Performers & Alumni

- All participants are responsible for their own equipment and personal belongings throughout the day

- Young Performers must source their own performance equipment from their home programs (winds, percussion, guard)
- Instrument cases may be stored in the Band room or brought to the field during performance periods, at the owner's discretion
- Northwestern State University and the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band are not responsible for lost, stolen, misplaced, or damaged instruments, cases, equipment, or personal items

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12:00 PM

Geo Check-In / Body Warmup (Turpin Stadium)

- Geo Check-In
 - Full Ensemble Body Warm-Up
 - Front Ensemble/Electronics Setup
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12:15 PM - 12:35 PM

Sectionals

- Guest performer integration
 - Fundamentals
 - Tuning
 - Movement 3 review
 - Fight Song review
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12:35 PM - 12:40 PM

Water Break

12:40 PM - 12:50 PM

Show Review (SON Only)

- Enter field
- Spot-check Movements 1 & 2
- Review transitions and spacing

Guests observe from sideline.

12:50 PM - 1:10 PM

Movement 3 Integration Block

- Teach guest performer entry
 - Establish field placement
 - Review music responsibilities
 - Teach halftime exit procedure
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1:10 PM - 1:25 PM

Full Process Reps (2)

- Guest entry
 - Movement 3
 - Fight Song
 - Full exit sequence
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1:25 PM - 1:30 PM

Water Break

1:30 PM - 1:55 PM

Pregame Rehearsal

Simultaneously:

- Guest performers dismissed
 - Front Ensemble strike and secure equipment
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2:00 - 3:30 PM

Return to CAPA / Hydration / Uniform and Equipment Work /

Downtime

3:30 PM

Alumni Presentation Magale Recital Hall

SON Members (White Band to Demon Walk) / Young Performers / Parents / Guardians / Directors welcome to attend

3:35 PM

White Band Move to Demon Walk

~3:45 PM

Demon Walk (White Band), Dinner Arrives (Hanchey)

4:00 PM - 4:50 PM

Meal (Hanchey Gallery / CAPA)

- Chick-Fil-A Boxes (Sandwiches and Salads)6
 - Clean all areas and remove all trash to dumpsters
 - Last time for uniform / equipment / restroom
 - Move to Section Warm Ups
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5:00 PM - 5:10 PM

Section Warm-Ups

- Fundamentals / Tuning
 - Halftime (Mvt 3 Review)
 - Pregame (Concert Pieces)
 - Transition to Parade Block
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5:15 PM

All in Combined Parade Block

- Integrate all Young Performers and Alumni willing / able to march down
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5:20 PM

March to Stadium

5:27 PM

Enter Stadium / Krypton

~5:42:45 PM

Pregame

6:02 PM

Kickoff

BTHO SLU!

~7:45 PM

Halftime

~9:20 PM

Game Ends, Parade Block, March to CAPA

~9:30 PM

**Announcements, Alma Mater, dismiss to store equipment, clean /
secure CAPA**

Attire

Spirit of Northwestern

- Purple SON Shirt
 - SON Shorts
 - Long Black Socks
 - Black Marching Shoes
 - Black Gloves (where applicable)
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