



UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA  
**PANTHER  
MARCHING BAND**

Dear Directors and Students,

Hello from the UNI Marching Band! This letter is to inform you that your students have been selected to perform at the **UNI Panther Band Day on November 8, 2025!** This Band Day has had a long-standing tradition at the University, and we are striving to make it an educational and exciting performance experience for your students.

The required \$15.00-per-student registration fee for this event (paid at registration) includes your students' t-shirt, game ticket, and pizza meal.

Schools with the registered student totals listed below will receive the following amount of complimentary director/chaperone tickets:

5-9 students: 1 chaperone/director ticket  
10-20 students: 2 chaperone tickets  
21-30 students: 3 chaperone tickets  
31-40 students: 4 chaperone tickets  
41-50 students: 5 chaperone tickets  
51-60 students: 6 chaperone tickets

Schools bringing over 70 students should contact us about your specific chaperone needs.

Additional chaperone tickets and family member tickets may be [purchased online](#). Promotional code and instructions for group rates will be sent in future communications, so it may be good to wait until those instructions are sent to ensure the lowest prices and best locations for viewing the event.

To access and to begin rehearsing the music and Colorguard work for Halftime, please visit [this link](#).

Be sure to bring this music with you on Game Day- music does *not* have to be memorized for the performance. Directors, please assign parts according to your best judgment- taking parts down the octave is permitted if necessary. Colorguard members should also see the above link to find routine videos from our UNI Color Guard instructor, Amy Hunzelman. Twirlers may create their own routines for each piece.

Please see the attached sheet for the schedule of events. Be sure to eat lunch *before* you arrive. Pizza will be provided for each student before the game begins. Dress for the day will be a pair of nice jeans, tennis shoes, and the Band Day t-shirt; you do not need to wear uniforms.

Parking is available in the "R" lot North of the UNI-Dome and WRC (see attached campus map for the exact location). You will not need a parking permit to park in this lot the day of the game. **Upon arrival, please check-in with our student leadership in the Wellness and Recreation Center (WRC)- enter through the Human Performance Complex door (number 16 on your parking map below).**

Once you have your check-in materials, please place all cases and other belongings where directed. Please inform all students that they are never to play their instruments until instructed to do so. **If you have questions at any time, please ask any of our student leadership members- they are there to assist you!**

Your students are free to utilize the concession stands on the main concourse of the Dome for snacks (pretzels, popcorn, ice cream, etc.). Please remind your students to bring money for concessions if desired.

**PRIDE. STRENGTH. CHARACTER.**

We are extremely happy that you have decided to join us for Band Day! We hope you have an amazing experience. Final details will be sent to you shortly before the event. Please feel free to e-mail with any questions.

Sincerely,  
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Please continue below to the following pages for schedule and map.

# UNI Panther Band Day: November 8, 2025

## Schedule:

- 8:00a:** Park in the “R” lot North of the UNI-Dome and the WRC. Arrive at the UNI Wellness and Recreation Center (Human Performance Complex entrance: Door #16 on your parking map) to check-in at Court 8 and receive your t-shirts. UNI students will be available to instruct you on where to place belongings. Please change into your Band Day t-shirts immediately after check-in.
- 8:30a:** Participant Meeting with Dr. Mertz and leadership staff.
- 8:40a:** Move to the UNI Dome Field. Bring your instruments at this time, assembled and ready to play, as well as your music.
- 8:50a-10:00:** Rehearsal with the Panther Marching Band. At the conclusion rehearsal, all participants will go outside with the PMB and watch the Panther Walk/Outdoor PMB concert
- 10:00a:** ALL Chaperone/Family Members/Bus Drivers who bought tickets from the ATHLETICS website must exit the Dome at this time to re-enter with their tickets.
- 10:40a:** Move back to the WRC Basketball Courts to eat pizza (included in your registration!).
- 12:00p:** Gather game materials (instruments, music, concessions money, water bottles). UNI staff will take you at this point to find your seats in the stands. **Sousaphones and drumline will leave your instruments in the storage room until halftime.**

**Middle of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter:** UNI students take Sousaphones and Drumline back to the storage room to retrieve instruments and music.

**End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: Halftime Performance!**

**After Halftime:** UNI students/staff will lead all participants back to the storage room to put instruments back into cases. Students will then be led back to the Dome seats to enjoy the rest of the game for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters.

## What to Bring?

- Instruments, Flags, Batons
- Lyre/flip folder

- Music (printed from website)
- Empty Water Bottle (for in the stands- you may not bring a full water bottle into the facility)
- Tennis Shoes & Jeans
- Money for additional concessions after Halftime **(please note: the UNI-Dome is now a cashless venue as of Fall 2025! Please be prepared with a debit or card instead of cash!)**

We are excited to have you join us for UNI  
Panther Band Day!

