

“Fill the Field” – 2009 NIU Alumni Marching Band Tentative Schedule of Homecoming Activities – Saturday, October 3

Alumni Band website: <http://www.niualumniband.com>

Huskie Marching Band website: <http://www.niu.edu/band>

Alumni Association and Registration website: <http://www.myniu.com>

Please print your music (PDF) from the Alumni Band or Huskie Marching Band website and bring it:
NIU Fanfare, Hail to the Huskies, Huskie Fight Song, Alma Mater, National Anthem

Per NIU Athletics policies, only performing Alumni Band members with credentials may come onto the football field for rehearsal, pregame, halftime, and postgame.

8:45 am	Meet and greet outside Huskie Stadium on the northeast (softball field) side by the Yordon Center. Tickets, t-shirts, and field access credentials will be distributed. Free parking is available at Evans Field House, but note that Evans is a pay lot after 9:30.
9:30 am	Alumni rehearsal with Dr. Bough in the meet and greet area. Be sure to have your music, lyre, and flip folder. We will run through the music and review the schedule and logistics for the day. To ensure that Saturday's activities proceed without difficulty, Dr. Bough and the Council request that all who are performing also attend the rehearsal.
10:30 am	Alumni rehearsal with the Band in Huskie Stadium. We will position ourselves, practice entering and exiting the field, rehearse the music, and have pregame and halftime run-throughs. Alumni are invited to practice helping form the tunnel for the football team's pregame entrance and marching off the field with the Band.
10:30 am	Guests of performing members are welcome to visit the Alumni Association's affinity group tailgating tent at the Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center, which is located on the west side of Annie Glidden Road just south of the Rec Center and across the street from Graham Hall.
11:30 am	Alumni are dismissed for tailgating and are welcome to visit the Alumni Association's affinity group tent.
1:00 pm (optional)	Alumni are invited to join the Band's tailgating parade. It begins with the Huskie Band Preview at Central Park West, which is north of the Yordon Center/Huskie Stadium and directly west of Douglas Hall. The parade will stop at the Athletic Foundation (HASF) tent west of Huskie Stadium and continue to the Barsema Center pep rally. Please wear your red Alumni Band t-shirt and black/dark pants/jeans.
1:45 pm (optional)	Alumni are invited to join the Band for the pep rally at the Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center. Please wear your red Alumni Band t-shirt and black/dark pants/jeans.
2:10 pm	Pregame call time. We will enter Huskie Stadium at the southeast entrance (scoreboard side near the red and white concessions building). Please wear your red Alumni Band t-shirt and black/dark pants/jeans and be sure to have your music, lyre, and flip folder. You must have your game ticket to enter.
2:30 pm (optional)	After pregame, help form the tunnel for the team's entrance and march off the field with the Band. If you choose not to participate in the tunnel, please exit the field with Band staff.
2:36 pm (optional)	Kickoff. Alumni and their guests are welcome to sit in the east grandstand with the Band during the game. All Alumni and guests must have tickets. Alumni may play the Huskie Fight Song and other stand tunes.
3:50 pm (optional)	Halftime. Alumni are invited to join the Band on the field to perform the Huskie Fight Song at the end of the halftime show.
5:30 pm (optional)	Alumni are invited to join the Band on the field for the postgame performance of the Huskie Fight Song and Alma Mater.
6:00 pm (optional)	Alumni Band social event. Location TBA.