1. How do I join The Pride of Mississippi?
   A. For woodwind and brass performers, auditions for entry into The Pride of Mississippi can be scheduled through the band office from December through the end of the academic year. Your audition will consist of several major scales, a chromatic scale, a short prepared etude of your choosing, and a short sight reading excerpt.
   B. For Drum Line, Color Guard, Feature Twirler, and Dixie Darling members, your audition dates and requirements can be found here.
   C. Music majors who have successfully auditioned into the School of Music on a woodwind or brass instrument do not need to audition for entry into The Pride of Mississippi.

2. Are there scholarships available?
   A. Yes, there are scholarships available to music majors and non-music majors who wish to participate in The Pride of Mississippi! The receipt of a scholarship and the amount of that scholarship is based on your audition.

3. How much time does it take to do marching band?
   A. The Pride of Mississippi rehearses Tuesday through Friday from 4pm-6pm. Auxiliary units typically have one additional rehearsal per week. Most students find that this rehearsal schedule is less intensive than that of a competitive high school marching band.

4. Does The Pride of Mississippi compete?
   A. No, The Pride of Mississippi does not participate in any formal marching band competitions. The primary objectives and core values of The Pride of Mississippi revolve around providing an excellent level of support to Southern Miss Athletics, providing an engaging and entertaining experience to fans of Southern Miss football, and providing our students with an exceptional experience in every facet of their involvement with The Pride of Mississippi. With these as our primary objectives, there is little room for competition between other bands. The form of competition which Pride of Mississippi students enjoy is to be better musicians, thinkers, and people than they were yesterday.

5. Is marching band a class?
   A. Yes, marching band is a class for which each participating student must register. You will receive academic credit for the class, which can be used to fill elective credits in many degree programs.

6. Are auxiliary units part of the band?
   A. The Pride of Mississippi proudly boasts exceptional performing units within its ranks which are integral to each performance. These units include the Color Guard, Feature Twirler(s), and Dixie Darlings. These units are part of the band and, thus, share the band's proud tradition of excellence.

7. Are all members music majors?
   A. No! Our membership comes from every walk of life on campus. The Pride of Mississippi is proud to be home for students of every major in colleges and departments from across the campus community.

8. Where does The Pride of Mississippi rehearse?
   A. The Pride of Mississippi rehearse on Pride Field, a state-of-the-art practice facility built specifically for our marching band. Located adjacent to the Payne Center, our University's fitness center, the field features a 2 story, custom-built instructional tower, storage facilities for large instruments and equipment, and an artificial turf rehearsal surface.

9. How do I become a section leader or drum major?
   A. Members who are interested in student leadership audition for a position on the leadership team at the end of the fall semester. Student leadership candidates are required to have marched at least 1 season with The Pride of Mississippi, be in good academic standing, and have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills throughout their time around the University Bands. You do not have to be a music major to be a member of the student leadership team.