Hello, and thank you for your interest in the United States Naval Academy Drum & Bugle Corps (D&B)! Contained in this PDF you will find all of the materials you will need to make your plebe summer audition a successful one.

Your audition will be quite brief, and consist of some basic tone production concepts using the included warmup page and then a short reading example taken from the included music (Thunderer, Anchors/Marines, and Blue & Gold).

Should you have any questions, feel free to email me at “weir@usna.edu”. Thanks again, and good luck!

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AUDITION FAQ'S

- The D&B is an extracurricular activity at the U.S. Naval Academy. Our members are all students at the Academy.
- The audition will take place during the first few days of plebe summer. Every platoon will attend a brief outlining who and what the D&B is, and then every plebe will be given the chance to audition.
- You can audition on more than one instrument.
- We provide all of the instruments and mouthpieces. If you would like to audition on your own mouthpiece, email me for details.
- If you are a woodwind player, you can still audition. Your audition will consist of basic buzzing and tone production concepts, from which we will assess your trainability on brass instruments. If you get a chance to start learning these concepts ahead of time with your high school band director, your audition with us should go much smoother.
USNA BRASS TECHNIQUE

BREATHING

FLEXIBILITY

ARTICULATION