



MARCHING PIRATES

2026 PRESEASON BAND CAMP GUIDE

Dear members of the ECU Marching Pirates,

The East Carolina University community is excited to welcome our new and returning members to the 2026 ECU Marching Pirates family. As the director of this great organization, I am excited for you to join us! Our journey starts with YOU. We are going to have a great season full of hard work, wonderful memories, and lots of fun.

All students will check-in together, and our band camp responsibilities will commence in unison. Our schedule helps to create space at the end of the week for all students to better prepare for the start of their fall semester courses:

Tuesday, August 11 (All Students Arrive)	
9 a.m.	Check-In begins for all members of the 2026 ECU Marching Pirates at AJ Fletcher Music Center
4 p.m.	Check-In concludes

*Please note: Early move-in for on-campus residents (new and returning members) will take place during your assigned check-in times. It is essential that you arrive and check-in during your assigned times to ensure that the NSOs are not overwhelmed, which may cause delays. The housing staff will only be available for early move-in during these times.

Make sure you are subscribed to Remind101 (brass: @mpbrass; woodwinds: @mpww2026; all others: @mpaux), like our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ECUMP>), follow us on Twitter (@ECUBAND) and Instagram (@marchingpirates). New content is shared often, and it is a great way to keep your family connected to the Marching Pirates. Please feel free to contact me by email (busuitoj20@ecu.edu) or call my office at (252) 328-6982.

Have a great summer, stay safe, and GO PIRATES! WELCOME HOME!

Dr. James J. Busuito
Associate Director of Bands and
Director of the ECU Marching Pirates

PRESEASON BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

Updated July 2, 2026 – This schedule is subject to change

Sectional Room Assignments

Recital Hall – Clarinets
B110 – Sousaphones
B105 – Drumline
B136 – Trumpets
200 – Piccolos
216 – Alto Saxes
265 – Tenor Saxes
305 – Mellophones
306 – Baritones
A383 – Trombone

ALL SECTIONS of the Marching Pirates (winds, brass, colorguard, and drumline) will follow this schedule. Specific locations will be TBD. Additional sectionals may be called by instructors or section leaders.

PARKING FOR WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY

Before practice on these three days, all on-campus residents with cars, as well as off-campus commuters need to park their cars in the spaces around the School of Music

Students may NOT park in the Flood Lot (B1 across from the Practice Field) or around residence hall between the 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on these days

Monday, August 10

10 a.m. ECU Marching Pirates Student Leader Retreat
11:30 a.m. New Faculty Orientation Performance at Clock Tower
4 p.m. **Leaders Dismissed**

Tuesday, August 11 (All students arrive)

9 a.m. Check-In for all students begins
ECU Colorguard check between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.
1 p.m. ECU Colorguard meet at the School of Music
4 p.m. Check-In for all students concludes; rehearsal for ECU Colorguard concludes; dinner break
6 p.m. Marching Pirates full welcome meeting in the **Recital Hall**
7 p.m. Music rehearsal: winds in **B110**; percussion in **Recital Hall**; colorguard at the practice field
Music to be covered: Fundamentals Routine
Pregame (Fanfare, EC Victory, Here's to the Pirates, National Anthem, Alma Mater)
8:30 p.m. Rehearsal concludes
8:45 p.m. **Uniform distribution for 4th and 5th-year members**

MEAL PLANS CAN BE USED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK AT TODD OR WEST END

Wednesday, August 12 – Blues-Day

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:20 a.m. Arrive at **Flood Lot**
8:30 a.m. Stretch block around drum majors in **Flood Lot**
8:45 a.m. Transition to **College Hill Practice Field**; water; setup basics block
8:50 a.m. Begin fundamentals rehearsal w/o instruments
Skills to be learned:

- Introduce stationary positions and mark time (10 minutes)

	• Forward/backward technique (15 minutes)
9:15 a.m.	Breakout session with section leaders, w/ instrument
9:30 a.m.	Water
9:35 a.m.	Review forward/backward fundamentals w/ instruments
10 a.m.	Put instruments away; sliding basics
10:20 a.m.	Setup chart 1, 2026 ECU Pregame w/o instruments;
11 a.m.	Lunch on your own (meal plans can be used by those who have them)
12:50 p.m.	Report to sectional rooms
1 p.m.	ALL members work in sectionals (rooms defined in band camp guide)
	Music to be covered: • Fundamentals Routine, include tone/tuning (15 minutes) • Pregame (30 minutes) • Show 1, all parts • Focus on: quality of sound, rhythm, right notes, incorporating fundamentals
2:30 p.m.	All winds/brass transition to B110 ; short break
2:40 p.m.	Full winds/brass rehearsal for all; music to be covered same as above; focus on fundamentals, pregame, and show 1
4 p.m.	Break for section dinner
5:50 pm	Begin arriving at College Practice Field
5:55 p.m.	Begin setting up fundamentals block w/ instruments
6 p.m.	Review stationary, forward/backward/sliding basics
6:30 p.m.	Transition to chart 1 of pregame w/o instruments; review, continue learning
7:55 pm	Transition to concert arcs ; warmup
8 p.m.	Stand tunes rehearsal
	Music to be covered: • Short Defense Tunes • Defense Transition Tunes • Offense Transition Tunes
8:25 p.m.	Announcements; Alma Mater
8:30 pm	Band dismissed
8:45 p.m.	Uniform distribution for 3rd-year members and drumline

Thursday, August 13 – 🍹🌴 Tropical Thursday

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast on your own
8:20 a.m.	Arrive at College Hill Practice Field
8:30 a.m.	Begin stretch
8:45 a.m.	Setup basics block
	Skills to be reviewed: - Stationary positions: carriage, horns up, horns down - First step forward; initiation - Eight-to-five step forward and close technique - First step forward - Eight-to-five step backward - Slides - New: direction changes (forward-to back, back-to-forward, box drill)
10:15 a.m.	Set-to-set review of Pregame
11 a.m.	Break for lunch
12:50 p.m.	Report to sectional rooms
1 p.m.	Begin sectionals
	Music to be covered: - Fundamentals routine - Fanfare - EC Victory - Here's to the Pirates - National Anthem - ECU Stand Tunes
2:20 p.m.	All transition to B110
2:30 p.m.	Begin music rehearsal
4 p.m.	Break for dinner with your section
5:50 p.m.	Arrive at College Hill Practice Field

6 p.m.	Setup chart 1 of pregame w/ instrument; add music to pregame
8 p.m.	Stand tunes rehearsal
8:30 p.m.	Rehearsal concludes
8:45 p.m.	Uniform Distribution for 2nd-year members

Friday, August 14 - Purple and Gold Friday

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast on your own
8:20 a.m.	Arrive at College Hill Practice Field
8:30 a.m.	Begin stretch
8:45 a.m.	Setup basics block
8:50 a.m.	Skills to be reviewed: Stationary positions: carriage, horns up, horns down First step forward; initiation Eight-to-five step forward and close technique First step forward Eight-to-five step backward Slides direction changes (forward-to back, back-to-forward, box drill)
9:30 a.m.	Set-to-set review of Pregame w/ instruments
10 a.m.	Begin learning show 1
11 a.m.	Break for lunch
1 p.m.	Sectionals for all members Music to be covered: Fundamentals routine Review pregame and stand tunes Review show 1 music, all parts
2:20 p.m.	Transition to B110
2:30 p.m.	Music Rehearsal for all members (B110)
4 p.m.	Break for Dinner (use meal plans, guest swipes, or on your own off campus)
5:50 p.m.	Arrive at College Hill Practice Field
6 p.m.	Setup chart 1 of halftime w/o instrument, continue learning Show 1
8 p.m.	Stand tunes rehearsal
8:30 p.m.	Rehearsal concludes
8:45 p.m.	Uniform distribution for 1st-woodwinds

Saturday, August 15 - Section Day

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast on your own (meal plans begin)	
8:20 a.m.	Arrive at College Hill Practice Field	
8:30 a.m.	Begin stretch	
8:45 a.m.	Setup basics block	
8:50 a.m.	Skills to be reviewed:	Stationary positions: carriage, horns up, horns down First step forward; initiation Eight-to-five step forward and close technique First step forward Eight-to-five step backward Slides direction changes (forward-to back, back-to-forward, box drill)
9:30 a.m.	Set-to-set review of Pregame w/ instruments	
10 a.m.	Finish learning show 1	
11 a.m.	Break for lunch (use meal plans, guest swipes, or on your own off campus)	
1 p.m.	Sectionals for all members	
	Music to be covered:	Fundamentals routine Review pregame and stand tunes Review show 1 music, all parts
2:20 p.m.	Transition to B110	
2:30 p.m.	Music Rehearsal for all members (B110)	
4 p.m.	Break for Dinner (use meal plans, guest swipes, or on your own off campus)	
5:50 p.m.	Arrive at College Hill Practice Field	

6 p.m. Setup chart 1 of halftime w/ instrument; add music to show 1
 8 p.m. Stand tunes rehearsal
 8:30 p.m. Done for the evening
 8:45 p.m. Uniform distribution for **1st- brass**

Sunday, August 16 – 2026 ECUMP Ball Cap, 2026 Gold T-Shirt, and Black Athletic Shorts Day

4 p.m. Student leaders arrive at **Minges Coliseum** with instruments (uniform TBD)
 4:30 p.m. Rest of Marching Pirates arrive at **Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium**, no instruments
 Black athletic shorts, 2026 gold t-shirt, 2026 black ball cap
2026 New Student Convocation (Student leaders, gates TBD)
 March in two lines
 Run-on
 Fanfare
 EC Victory w/ go cheer
 4:45 Alma Mater
 EC Victory w/ go cheer
 Cadence over to Dowdy-Ficklen
 4:45 p.m. Set up “State of Mind” logo for class photo
 5:15 p.m. Band dismissed

Monday, August 17 - *Semper fidelis - Audaces fortuna juvat - Progredimini et vincite*

First Day of Classes; typical M/W/F schedule

4 p.m. Arrive at **College Hill Practice Field**; stretch, warm-up, tune
 4:05 p.m. Setup where the schedule says
 4:10 p.m. Begin rehearsal
 5:58 p.m. Announcements; alma mater
 6 p.m. Band dismissed

ENSURING YOU HAVE A SPOT ON THE FIELD

Class Registration

All students participating in the ECU Marching Pirates must be registered for the class no later than August 1, 2026.

MUSC 1705-001; CRN: 80103 for all undergraduate non-music majors

MUSC 1706-001; CRN: 80104 for all undergraduate music majors

MUSC 6705-001 for all graduate students regardless of major

Preseason Band Camp

All members of the Marching Pirates **must attend the entirety of preseason band camp**. In addition to registering for the class, all members must complete the Commitment Form

(<https://marchingpirates.org/commitment/>) by **August 1, 2026**.

Part Placement and Auditions

Each performance element of the Marching Pirates has different requirements that relate to their participation in the band. There are no auditions *per se* to be a woodwind or brass player in the Marching Pirates, though part assignments are made based on 1. instrumentation needs and 2. your playing ability. The drumline has limited membership due to the availability of equipment. The colorguard has a skills assessment that will help determine which equipment and staging will work best for you. See below for more details.

Brass & Woodwind

Brass and Woodwind sections may have to participate in a part placement assessment during band camp during their first sectional. Until then, students should select the part with which they feel most comfortable. While halftime music is usually not available until mid-July, students should work to memorize all of their music for pregame prior to arriving for camp. All music will be available through the Beam Music (download to your phone; access code will be sent via email mid-July).

Drumline

The ECU Marching Pirates Drumline is the rhythmic force behind the ECU Marching Pirates. The ensemble consists of up to 7 snares, 5 tenors, 6 basses, and 8 cymbals, and includes students from many different majors, many of which are not music majors.

Auditions will take place on July 25 and August 1, 2026. We will have group drumming auditions to determine prospective members eligible for the final call back auditions. Everyone will be asked to play 2 to 3 pieces of the required audition packet material along with a sight-reading excerpt. The results will be announced after everyone has had an opportunity to audition. All members are encouraged to audition on more than one instrument, to provide flexibility in placement, and set them up for success. Register for the audition here: <https://marchingpirates.org/drumline-auditions/>

More information can be found at the [ECU Marching Pirates Drumline website](#), and any specific questions can be directed to Alvin Taylor at tayloralv23@ecu.edu.

Colorguard

Members of the ECU Colorguard audition to be a part of the ensemble. While there is no limit to the size of the guard, it is important for Mrs. Kachman to assess your skills before you arrive on campus. After completing the audition and acceptance into the colorguard, all members of the guard will receive a \$300 scholarship. [Submit your audition to this site by August 1.](#)

For your audition, you will submit a video of a routine choreographed by yourself showing your skills. This can be FLAG only or FLAG and RIFLE, if you want to be considered for the weapon line. Requirements of at least one minute and no more than two minutes. You will need to provide a link through YouTube for us to view. (Video can just be skills or you can create choreography to music.) Go to this link to see skills that we would like to see-[ECU Color Guard Page](#). Being able to see your skills will allow us to know where you stand as we prepare for our first "show" staging and choreography. You may also contact Lynda Kachman at guardgirl1218@gmail.com.

Dance Team

Auditions for the ECU Dance Team take place each spring. Information regarding Dance Team on their affiliated [Athletic Department web profile](#).

CHECK-IN INFORMATION

All members of the Marching Pirates will check in for band camp on campus on Tuesday, August 11 by checking in to the lobby of the A.J. Fletcher Music Center (i.e. School of Music). The building is located at the intersection of 10th Street and College Hill Drive.

All Marching Pirates members living in the ECU residence halls for the fall semester who register for Preseason Band Camp must complete the [Housing Form](#) in order for the Neighborhood Service Office (NSO) to prepare for your arrival. You will move into the room to which you're assigned by Campus Living for the year.

All students participating in early move in MUST complete and submit the Commitment Form before they will be allowed to move into their residence halls. This form must be completed as soon as possible, and before August 1.

Uniform and Instrument Distribution

Instruments are distributed at check-in. Uniforms will be distributed to members of the ECU Marching Pirates according to seniority through the band camp week. These times are listed on the Preseason Band Camp schedule.

Parking

Parking is free in all locations on campus on the weekends. During the week, however, parking is restricted to the areas for which you have a parking pass. **YOU MUST HAVE A PARKING PASS TO PARK ON THE ECU CAMPUS.** On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of camp, cars will have to be parked around and behind the School of Music. All parking for residence hall move-in must follow the policies stated by [ECU Parking and Transportation Services](#).

Band members parking on campus during Preseason Band Camp are subject to all policies and rules established by [ECU Parking and Transportation Services](#). It is strongly encouraged that students living off campus carpool with someone who has an ECU Parking Decal and/or use the ECU Student Transit buses. A limited number of temporary parking passes for the "B Lot" across from [College Hill Practice Field](#) may be available at camp check-in on a first-come-first-served basis. Only those

students who already have an ECU parking pass will be allowed to get one of these passes.

PRESEASON BAND CAMP COSTS

Preseason Band Camp Meals

In 2026, students with meal plans will be able to use those plans for the entirety of the band camp. Students who do not have a meal plan will be on their own, though they can pay for their own admission to Todd Dining Hall (or ask a friend to “swipe them in”). For information about meal plans and the ECU dining halls, please visit <https://dining.ecu.edu>.

Required Uniform Accessories

In addition to your provided uniform and “swag,” students should have:

- Tennis shoes (cross-trainers or running shoes) for all rehearsals
- At least two pairs of black athletic shorts (for warm weather game day rehearsals and more casual warm rehearsals)
- Black jeans or slacks (for more casual performances)
- Black sweatpants or athletic pants (for cold weather game day rehearsals)

Required Uniform Accessory Price List

First-year members (and some returning members) of the woodwind, brass, and percussion sections will need to purchase shoes and/or gloves.

Woodwind, brass, and percussion members (purchased and picked up from Kappa Kappa Psi during band camp check-in):

Shoes (DSI Velocity)	\$50
Gloves (black)	\$8 (2 pairs)

Colorguard members:

Contact Lynda Kachman: guardgirl1218@gmail.com

If students have shoes from high school or previous seasons that match those used by the Marching Pirates and remain in acceptable condition (no scratches, tears, etc), they are NOT required to purchase new equipment. New gloves need to be purchased by all those who use them. All purchases must be made through the [ECU Athletics UStore](#).

All students must complete the
[Apparel Sizing Form](#)
prior to August 1, 2026

Snack Packs (optional purchase)

One of the two music service fraternities, Tau Beta Sigma, will be selling “snack packs” during band camp check-in. These snack packs contain 20oz Gatorade/Powerade, chips, granola bar, and a choice of either peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, trail mix, or fruit snacks. They are distributed to each member at the start of each football game. They will be available to purchase for \$5 per game, or \$30 if purchased for all seven games at the check-in. They accept Venmo and cash.

PRESEASON BAND CAMP ETIQUETTE

Members of the Marching Pirates are expected to exhibit the highest standards of professionalism both when together at an official performance, trip, rehearsal, or event and even in their own personal lives. This is explicitly laid out in the ECU Marching Pirate's Handbook, which will be emailed to each member before band camp begins. Particularly with the age of social media and instant news, the way we carry ourselves throughout the season, on and off the field, will determine our public and university image. As such the following expectations must be met:

Alcohol & Illegal Drugs

The use of alcohol or any illegal substance that impairs an individual's ability to represent the Marching Pirates, School of Music, or East Carolina University in a positive manner will not be tolerated. Violators may be dismissed from the Marching Pirates and/or may face legal or university ramifications. This applies to every band member and is not limited to activity that takes place only during official Marching Pirates performances, trips, rehearsals, or events.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted during any rehearsal or performance even if the band is on a break. Anyone smoking in uniform or during a rehearsal may be dismissed from the band.

Attendance & Punctuality

All members of the Marching Pirates are responsible for adhering to the camp schedule. Rehearsal attendance will be taken precisely at the time stated on the schedule. All students should arrive to the respective rehearsal/performance sites at least 15 minutes prior to call time to ensure punctuality.

Students participating in Maynard Scholar or Honors College sessions, and Teaching Fellows Meetings will be excused from rehearsal as needed provided that notice is given to their section leader and Dr. Busuito prior to the event. These students will be responsible for obtaining all information given during their absence. It is strongly encouraged that you miss as little rehearsal time as possible. Too many absences for any reason can affect the final band block placement of that individual.

Time Management

It is imperative that members of the Marching Pirates work to ensure they have adequate time to travel to each rehearsal/performance site, gather and assemble proper equipment and warm up. Except for extreme, unforeseeable emergencies, no excuses for tardiness or absences will be accepted

Consequences

Any Tardiness or Absence from ANY scheduled Preseason Band Camp activity or event may result in dismissal as a member of the Marching Pirates, and it will factor into the student's final grade (see the Member Handbook).

PRESEASON BAND CAMP HEALTH

Preseason Band Camp takes place during one of the hottest months of the year and requires high levels of physical, mental, and emotional strength. As such, it is important to follow these guidelines to lessen the chances of harm or illness.

Camp and Rehearsal Apparel

As we will be outside on the practice field for most rehearsals, it is required that all band members wear comfortable clothing (dependent on the weather) and **TENNIS SHOES** (*NO DRESS SHOES, SANDALS, FLIP-FLOPS, CROCS, etc.*). A ball cap or wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses are also strongly recommended.

Hydration

Proper hydration should begin the week prior to camp. Each member should drink as much water as possible (males should drink 1 gallon of water per day; females should drink three quarters of a gallon of water per day) at least five days before physical activity begins. Furthermore, sugary and alcoholic drinks should be avoided during the duration of camp.

Please bring your own Nalgene bottles, thermoses, etc. pre-filled to start off rehearsal. There will be NO cups available during camp so each member will be responsible for his/her own. We recommend the use of hydration backpacks during camp as well. These can be purchased at various sports stores and websites. When outdoors, we will work in short segments with brief water breaks between each one. Make sure to hydrate at each break, even if you do not feel thirsty.

Food & Energy

The type of activity that occurs during Preseason Band Camp requires much more energy than is expended during normal daily activity. As such, each member must eat more than they do on a normal basis. Preseason Band Camp is NOT a time to begin dieting or extreme changes in eating habits.

All band members should eat a solid meal during each meal break and in the morning before rehearsals begin. Members are also encouraged to bring high- energy snacks to eat during their short breaks.

Good foods are high in carbohydrates (pasta, rice, granola bars, etc.) but low in fat and sugar. Eating fruit high in vitamins will give you much more lasting energy than you would get from a candy bar.

Sunscreen & Insect Repellent

The use of sunscreen and insect repellent is strongly recommended.

Sleep & Rest

Students should get between seven to eight hours of sleep per night through the duration of camp. Furthermore, all meal breaks should be used as a time to eat, rest and recharge for the next rehearsal session.

Emergencies

The ECU Marching Pirates will have medically trained emergency personnel available at most but not all rehearsals and events. Any students experiencing physical or heat-related illnesses will be taken to the [ECU Student Health Services](#) for any necessary treatment.

Prescriptions

It is each student's responsibility to take charge of their personal health. If you need to always carry an inhaler or EpiPen, please make sure you do this and that your section leaders and staff members are aware. If you have other medication needs or requirements, please make sure that you bring these to school and that you use your best judgment in when to take them.

PRESEASON BAND CAMP CHECKLIST

To Do (As soon as possible, before you arrive on campus):

- ✓ Register for the marching band class in PiratePort:
 - MUSC 1705 (non-music majors) OR
 - MUSC 1706 (music majors)
- ✓ Fill out the "Commitment Form" online at <https://marchingpirates.org/commitment/>
- ✓ Fill out the "Housing Form" (ALL STUDENTS) at <https://marchingpirates.org/band-camp-housing/>
- ✓ Fill out the "Apparel Sizing Form" at <https://marchingpirates.org/apparel-and-uniform-sizing/>
- ✓ If you plan to use an ECU-owned instrument, please complete the Equipment form at <https://marchingpirates.org/equipment-form/>
- ✓ Download the Beam Music and Ultimate Drillbook apps to your phone; begin memorizing all the music for pregame and the first halftime show.

Mandatory Items to Bring:

- ✓ Tennis Shoes
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Sunglasses
- ✓ Hat
- ✓ Comfortable athleticwear
- ✓ Water Bottle – [1 gallon water cooler recommended](#) (write your name on it!)
- ✓ Money for uniform/supplies/food
- ✓ This Preseason Band Camp Guide
- ✓ Instrument equipment (reeds, valve oil, slide oil, etc.)
- ✓ Portable phone charger (we use our phones for everything)

When you arrive at ECU:

- ✓ Check-in at AJ Fletcher Music Center
- ✓ Pay for any materials you need to purchase (if you haven't already done so; BRING A CREDIT CARD)
- ✓ Check out an instrument (if applicable)
- ✓ If living on campus, move into your residence between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Updated July 6, 2026

Please note the following:

- ✓ The final schedule for performances will be distributed at Preseason Band Camp. This schedule is subject to change.
- ✓ All performances are required, and only very specific circumstances will be granted for excuse from performance (death in the family, the wedding of a close family member, exceptional circumstances as determined by Dr. Busuito). A Family vacation is not a valid excuse to miss a performance.
- ✓ All Times are TBA unless otherwise indicated

Saturday, September 12, 12 p.m.

App State vs. ECU

Saturday, September 26, 4 p.m. (Family Weekend)

N.C. Central vs. ECU

Saturday, October 10, TBA (Homecoming)

Homecoming parade in the morning, followed by Army vs. Rice

Saturday, October 17, TBA

ECU Marching Pirates Exhibition Performance at Fuquay-Varina "Festival of Bands"

Saturday, October 31, TBA (Fan Appreciation)

Temple vs. ECU

Friday, November 6, ESPN2, 7:30 p.m. (Military Appreciation, ECU Band Day)

South Florida vs. ECU

Friday or Saturday, November 27 or 28, TBA (Senior Day)

Florida Atlantic vs. ECU

Saturday, December 5, TBA

POSSIBLE AAC Conference Championship (Potential host or away game)

December 13, 2026 through January 8, 2027

Potential Bowl Game Commitment

AAC Aligned Bowl Games include (these are not the only options for bowl games):

December 28, 2026	Freedom Mortgage Military Bowl
December 2026	TicketSmarter Birmingham Bowl vs. SEC
December 2026	PUBG MOBILE New Mexico Bowl vs. Conference USA or Sun Belt
December 2026	Fenway Park Bowl vs. ACC
December 28, 2026	Freedom Mortgage Military Bowl
December 2026	RoofClaim.com Boca Raton Bowl vs. Group of Five or Army
December 2026	Myrtle Beach Bowl vs. Conference USA, MAC, or Sun Belt
December 2026	TailgreeterCure Bowl vs. Group of Five or Army
December 2026	Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl vs. Group of Five or Army
December 2026	SoFi Hawaii Bowl vs. Mountain West
December 2026	Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl vs. Conference USA
December 2026	UnioniHome Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl vs. ACC, Pac-12, or SEC
December 28, 2026	Freedom Mortgage Military Bowl
December 2026	SERVPRO First Responder Bowl vs. ACC, Big 12, or Pac-12