

APEX PRAISE BAND

audition info packet

Thank you so much for your interest in the Apex Praise Band!!!

Attached you will find a copy of our audition process and a praise band application which is just a basic questionnaire that will help us know a little more about you before your audition. Before we get to the application, I'd like to share with you some things about the band that you'll need to know before you consider applying and auditioning.

There are 2 basic requirements that we have for praise band members here at Apex:

- 1. A personal relationship with Jesus Christ.** This is undoubtedly the most important thing in life. We, as a team, have the job of creating an atmosphere that encourages people to respond to God but we can't do that if we don't know the one that we are leading people to respond to. If you are uncertain about your relationship with God, please contact me because I would love to help you know for certain that "most important thing".
- 2. Must be a member of Apex.** Apex membership includes a personal relationship with Jesus, following Jesus in baptism, and being part of an Apex house church. If you have not been baptized, but would like more information on how to do that within Apex, talk to your House Church leader or contact Ben Riggs at the Apex office – ben.riggs@apexcommunity.org. If you are not currently in a house church, we ask that you commit to joining one as soon as possible. This helps both you and the leadership affirm your commitment to the vision, beliefs, and values of Apex as a whole...not just the band. *To find out more about house churches, please attend one of the "Orientation" classes offered multiple times per year.*
<http://apexcommunity.org/how-to-connect>

There are also a few expectations you'll need to know about:

**For our Kettering Campus, our team is broken down into 4 separate bands and each of those bands plays 1 regularly scheduled weekend per month (i.e. – always the 1st weekend of the month, etc.). During each band's "on" weekend, they are responsible for all Apex gatherings that weekend (currently: Sat. 6:00pm, Sun. 9:30 & 11:30am) as well as rehearsal beforehand. Most rehearsals will happen on the Thursday evening before each team's weekend. Each of the 4 bands may function a little differently but each band has its own leaders who are responsible for all planning, communication, direction, and accountability of their team.*

For our Xenia Campus, we're in the process of trying to start a team system out there as well. Until that is set up, a monthly band schedule will be made based on the availability of each team member. We will move to a team system as soon as we are able.

**Each team member is asked to make a 1 year commitment to the band they are on and at the end of that year, they are given the option to continue on the team, audition for a different team, or step down.*

**Team members are expected to strive for excellence, both individually and as a team (II Samuel 24:24 teaches us that a true sacrifice will cost us something...it is worthy of our effort and hard work.). This includes: showing up on time for rehearsals, meetings, etc.; practicing on your own time to be prepared for band rehearsals and services; musical flexibility; etc.*

**Team members are expected to be growing in their relationship with Christ and are responsible for making sure that they are continually preparing their hearts for worship (Ecclesiastes 5:1-7). In addition, team members are committed to talk with people after the gatherings if someone is interested in prayer or knowing more about a relationship with Jesus. Being able to share your faith (or being willing to be trained how) is a must.*

**Finally, we stand on the same stage and preach the same message as our pastor, we just use a different method. Therefore, we view each praise band member as a leader within Apex and hold them to the same standards we would hold any staff member or House Church leader. Whether we're in an Apex gathering, at our jobs, out with friends, or at home with our families, we're accountable to lead people in a way the honors the Lord.*

Again, thank you so much for your interest in our team. I can't wait to see where God takes us next!!!

Phil Wing - Gathering Team Director

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the audition process

Audition Info Packet – That's what you're looking at now. Starting on the next page is a band application. All applications are to be returned by **Sunday, October 23rd**. You can drop them off in the Apex office or email them to gathering@apexcommunity.org.

Important Times – Auditions will be held on **Sunday, October 30th** and **Monday, October 31st** at the Kettering campus. A specific audition time will be given to you once all the applications are turned in on October 23rd.

1. **Audition** – Come at your designated time and present one musical selection of your choice. This can be ANY song that you would like to do and it can be done solo, or you can arrange to have other musicians accompany you. You will also be given a CD of three musical selections predetermined by the Apex Band's Team Leaders one week before your audition. During your audition we will ask you to play/sing at least one of those songs, and possibly all three.
 - Vocalists – you will be asked to audition solo, with other vocalists, and with a band. They will all be getting the same recordings and will be ready to work with you.
 - Instrumentalists – you will be asked to audition solo and with a band. They will all be getting the same recordings and will be ready to work with you.
2. **Contact** – Everyone will be contacted within one week of the auditions and informed as to whether or not you are being called back for an interview.
3. **Interview** – Those that showed great team potential will be asked to come in for an interview with Phil and some of the Team Leaders. This is for the purpose of getting a good feel of who you are and to determine whether or not you'd be a good fit for the team at this time.
4. **Team Placement** – After the interview process, the Team Leaders will determine the new team members and inform everyone of the decisions. Those that are chosen to be on the team will start in January of 2012.

**Please detach first 3 pages and keep for yourself. Only return the application portion.
Applications are to be returned by Oct. 23rd**

apex band application

Name: Mr./Miss/Mrs.(circle one) _____

Nickname or Preferred Name : _____

Address : _____

Cell Phone: _____

Primary Email : _____

Email 2 : _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ School/College (if applicable): _____

Single____ Married____ Divorced____ Children? _____

How long have you regularly attended Apex gatherings?

Which campus band are you auditioning for? Kettering____ Xenia____ Either____

Are you currently in a house church? Yes ____ No ____

If Yes, who are your house church leaders and what night do you meet?

Do you have a relationship with Christ? Yes ____ No ____ Not Sure ____

If yes, please take the remainder of this page (and back if necessary) to describe your relationship with the Lord. (i.e. – when you came to know Christ, how your life has changed, big things God is doing now, etc.)

Please check only what you want to audition for...

Vocalist :

- Lead Vocals (solo)
- Backup: I harmonize with others: easily____ moderately____ not at all____ unsure____
- Choir / Ensemble

Instrumentalist :

- Acoustic Guitar
- Bass Guitar
- Piano
- Stringed Inst. _____
- Other: _____
- Electric Guitar: lead ____ rhythm ____
- Drums: set ____ hand percussion ____
- Keyboard: Synthesizer____Midi____
- Horn/Woodwind _____

Can you play from : chord charts____ sheet music____ either____

Do you own your own equipment? Yes ___ No___ If yes, please describe your equipment:

Please describe any musical experience you've had:

Please list a few of your main musical influences or styles:

How often do you practice?

- More than 10 hrs. per week
- 5-10 hrs. per week
- 1-5 hrs. per week
- rarely
- not at all

Why do you want to be a part of the Apex band?

Horizontal lines for writing the answer to the question above.

Personal References:

Can be musical references OR character references - must be over 18 yrs. old and not related to you.

If you're in a House Church, please add a House Church leader as one of these references.

1. Name - _____

Phone # - _____

Email - _____

Relationship - _____

2. Name - _____

Phone # - _____

Email - _____

Relationship - _____

I have read the requirements and expectations and am fully aware of Apex's core values and beliefs. I see no problem with moving forward to the audition process.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____