

Hello,

Thank you for your interest in joining Batalá Rocky Mountains! The band is excited about having new members join us!

Below are the basics to Batalá Rocky Mountains.

How do I become a Batalá drummer?

First, let's get to know each other!

You are invited to attend up to 4 rehearsals as our guest, free of charge. Let's meet and get you on a drum!

Starting with the 5th rehearsal, you have 2 paths -

1. Batalá Rocky Mountains Member

- dues are \$20/month
- attend a minimum of 2 rehearsals per month; 1 of these must be on a Saturday
- membership covers attendance at any and all BRM rehearsals, events, and workshops
- **this is the path towards playing in performances with the Band**
- as a member, you are invited to play with other Batalá groups worldwide

2. Drop-in

- attend any rehearsal or workshop for a \$10 drop-in fee
- choose to become a Member at anytime you can meet the above commitments
- bring friends, all are welcome to check us out and will help us grow

What do I need?

To start with - just earplugs

When is practice?

Send an email to batalarmdeets@gmail.com and we'll get you the schedule. Practices are on Saturday mid-morning but location varies.

If you become a Member, you will need your starter kit, which includes the following:

Purchase on your own

Earplugs (a must-have to participate in rehearsal)

Kneepads (not necessary for all drums)

2 wrenches for tuning (we'll go over this)

Purchase from BRM

Batalá t-shirt

Mallets

Belt

These purchases are roughly a \$150 financial commitment*.

*Drop-ins must have ear plugs - nothing else is required for dropping-in.

Drums and Costumes

Members will be assigned drums based on interest and aptitude, and as drums are available. For more information about the drums, and more Batalá background see- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batala_\(music\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batala_(music)).

Costumes will be distributed to members. Both the drums and the costumes require a refundable deposit.

If you have any questions at any time, you are ALWAYS welcome to email the band @ batalarmdeets@gmail.com

Batalá Hey!