

Hello,

Thank you for your interest in joining Batalá Rocky Mountains! Myself and the band are excited about having new members join us!

The attached documents will give you an introduction to Batalá and what is involved. It's just some basics. I'll give you more information as you move through the process.

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

Official costume for performances

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

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

Drums

Members will be assigned drums based on interest and aptitude, and as drums are available. To be entrusted with and assigned to a particular drum (on loan from the band) requires a refundable deposit.

Drop-ins will be assigned and loaned a drum at rehearsals, based on availability.

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)).



If you have any questions at any time, you are ALWAYS welcome to email me or the band, text me, or find me at rehearsal. Any other member of the band can help too - we're here to be a resource to you!

Welcome, and Batalá Hey!

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