

Pride of AHS Marching Band and Colorguard

—Expectations in Parent Participation—

The Anderson Band Boosters ask that every family to be involved in providing support to our 120-member Pride of AHS Marching Band and Colorguard. A strong booster group makes for a fun-filled, memory-making, smooth-running marching season. There are also other opportunities throughout the year where we need people to step up for the greater good for AHS Bands. Please familiarize yourselves with the following and don't be shy in asking for clarification.

We look forward to working with each of you! Initial Sign-Ups are held at the REQUIRED parent meeting in August. The Band Boosters will be contacting families who have not signed up in order to fill open positions.

In most cases, how-to guidelines are available to our volunteers in leadership roles.

FOOD DONATION RELATED ACTIVITIES

Bottled Water – (Mandatory) Every family brings (2) cases of water to the required parent meeting in August. We strive to keep our kids, and visiting bands, well hydrated throughout the marching season. We also use this water for all other band activities until it is gone.

Food Teams – (Mandatory) Every family signs up (at Aug meeting) to bring food for halftime at two home games during the marching season, and/or before competitions.

Popsicle Thursdays – A dozen or so families sign up to bring popsicles in a cooler to the end of one of the Thursday practices.

Sweetheart Dance – Families sign up on a SignUp genius to contribute salty/sweet snacks and drinks for this event.

Band Extravaganza – Families sign up on a SignUp genius to contribute sweets to our Band Bistro sales table.

Potlucks/Banquets – Band Camp Thursday night potluck, Fall Banquet (Nov), and Spring Banquet (May). Teams are divided equally, and with siblings placed on the same team. (i.e., Food Team #1 might include all members of Colorguard/Baritone/Sousaphone/Pit.)

VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME

Each family will be responsible to sign up TWICE for one of the following activities:

Bus Chaperone Team– Ride to/from away games/competitions, take headcount and keep order.

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Pit Crew Team – Assist the team in loading/unloading of trailers, and equipment logistics at home games, away games and competitions.

Popcorn Sales – Sign up on the SignUp Genius to sell popcorn, take money at a home game, or other event where we are using our popcorn machine (Band Camp Movie Night and Band Extravaganza).

Sweetheart Dance – Assist band student council in putting on a long-held tradition at AHS by setting up, supervising room decorating, chaperoning, and tearing down.

Uniform Team – Assist Uniform Team for a home/away game, or competition. (involves being available for students in case of last-minute problems with uniforms, including traveling to competitions with an “extras” bucket of shoes, gloves, gauntlets, hats, etc., making sure uniforms and hat boxes are stored properly.

Each family will be responsible to serve on ONE of the following committees:

Band Expo (Oct, yearly) – Joint Committee with THS to coordinate the Band Expo event, and recruit volunteers. This annual FHIMA event requires the volunteer effort of hundreds of volunteers for this all-day band competition held at our school. Opportunities abound in concessions, ticket sales, food preparation, aisle guards, parking, etc.

Band Extravaganza (May, yearly) – A committee of 30 is needed for our largest annual fundraising event which combines music of performers from 5th – 12th grades, food, raffle items, the Motor to the Music Road Rally and fun! It’s a fun, well-oiled machine.

Fundraising Committee (periodic, all year) – A committee that works alongside the booster executive board’s President and Vice President in the creation of new ideas and coordination of existing fundraising efforts.

Nominating Committee (March, yearly) – This committee of roughly 5 is instrumental in helping to fill the positions that are coming to term on our Executive Booster Board.

Photography/Publicity Committee (August-May) – The team takes photos of students during practice, games and competitions that are used throughout the year on the band website, and in the highly popular end-of-year video. The only requirement is to have a digital camera and to snap photos of our highly photogenic band students! (The students love our photographers!) A person within this committee acts as contact to the district, school office, and local media (Social Media!) to share band-related news and photos of great scores at competitions, and other special recognition.

Pit Crew Committee (August-Nov) – Consists of two leaders who coordinate all aspects of logistics for the Pit (front ensemble) plus a slew of able bodies who can push and pull equipment on and off the field, load and unload trailers, and travel with the kids whenever they’re away. The Pit Crew is instrumental in making our shows run smoothly. Being part of the Pit crew is fun, and means you never have to pay entrance fees for games or competitions. These leaders also help Band Expo and Band Extravaganza.

Scholarship Committee (April-May)– Consists of 5 members, including director Toby Biederman. Scholarships to be used for musical advancement are available ONE each per school grade. Committee has 1 leader, and 3 others to assist in applications, reading essays and voting on who receives scholarship.

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Special Events Committee– Work with parents and students to coordinate: Sweetheart Dance (Sept) (mostly run by Band Council), Senior Dinner (Oct), Fall Marching Band banquet (Nov), the Band’s After Prom Room (May) and Spring Band Banquet (May).

Spirit Committee - Committee of 4-5 parents responsible for putting up posters in school hallways and on lockers to encourage our kids for upcoming competitions and special events. (This encouragement means a lot to our students and helps increase the positive impression of our band program to the rest of AHS!) Spirit Committee also updates the painted senior spotlights on the back patio area that leads to the stands behind school.

Spirit Wear Team– This person(s) compiles a list of items to be made available during the marching season, including favorite items as well as something fun and new. Our long-standing relationship with our supplier makes this job fun and easy. Compiles orders, collects money and delivers and hands out orders to school.

Uniform Committee – Consists of two leaders who coordinate all aspects of uniforms and their care, plus a small group of dedicated individuals who can guide volunteers in assisting with uniforms whether home or away, handle organization and storage of uniforms and other necessities, conduct uniform fittings, and coordinate ironing parties as needed.