

Volunteers for Away Games & Competitions-Festivals

***Pre-Game performances @ Away Games

Volunteer Needs:

Trailer: We need Band Roadies! If you have a ½ or ¾ ton vehicle or truck with a tow package, we need your help! We have our own trailer that band members load up with their instruments, uniforms, and other equipment to bring to competitions, exhibitions, invitationals, and away games. **Please contact Brent Orm, 602-689-9049 if you can help with this. He can also give you more information about our trailer.**

Chaperones: **1)** must ride on buses to and from away performances, helps and checks on the students as needed (gives out snacks, water, appropriate student behavior), and assists with other various marching band tasks or needs. **2)** A Chaperone Lead is needed within the group, and working together as team, chaperones ensure all items that need to be taken (LIST in Band room) are brought and are loaded into buses or trailer (example: first aid kit, plumes, snacks, trash bags, orange coolers, seat covers and other items on list). **3)** Chaperones help with rolling out seat covers onto bleachers, fill up water coolers, and helps marching band as needed, including helping with Pit. At the end of the game or competition, chaperones ensure everything that was brought with band is taken back to bus or trailer, and brought back to CHS. Other band families attending games or competitions help too. It's a really great opportunity to get to know other band parents and the kids.

Plumes: Marching band performs PRE-GAME for away games, and volunteers need to be there 90 min – 1 hour before game begins. At competitions, timing varies for this. (feather) Plumes volunteers meet where marching band members are warming up. They insert the plumes into the shakos (tall, cylindrical looking military cap) the band members wear. Post-performance, volunteers remove plumes and place them back inside case.

Pit Crew: Marching band performs PRE-GAME for away games, and volunteers need to be there 90 min – 1 hour before game begins to help with Pit. At competitions, timing varies for this The Pit is the stationary Percussion ensemble and is placed in front of the football field & Drum Major. Volunteers assist with rolling Pit instruments and podium TO and FROM the front of the field (examples: gongs, chimes, xylophone, standing bass drum, drum racks) **All instruments have wheels.** Pit band members will help guide volunteers as to where to go and

where to place instruments. In addition, there might be a Parent Pit Leader (returning volunteers) who will communicate with Mr. Mireau, and help lead everyone onto the field and with correct instrument placement. **Pit volunteers *very carefully and very quickly* remove Pit instruments** once performance is finished.

Seat Covers: anytime our band members are wearing their uniforms, we use seat covers on the bleachers. They help protect the uniforms when sitting. Seat covers are rolled out and attached with a Velcro belt. At the end of the game, then are rolled back up to be placed inside their crate and taken to buses or trailer for loading. If no band families are present when reaching the bleachers, chaperones will help with rolling the seat covers...but anyone can do this easy task.

Water Coolers: these are filled with water and ice, along with a trash bag and cups. At AWAY games, water coolers are brought up to the stands for our band members to stay hydrated, especially during the August – September games. Volunteers ensure the coolers remained filled throughout game. At *competitions* they are filled and kept by where the band warms up *but are not brought up to the stands*. If the buses are nearby, it is returned to the buses or taken along in the cart until performance is finished. At the end of the day when finished, the coolers are emptied out. Make sure water coolers are loaded inside trailer, bus, or brought back by a parent. Volunteers bringing coolers back to band room, please make sure lids are off the coolers so they can dry out properly.