

HOME GAME VOLUNTEERS

YES, it takes a village....about 30 volunteers!

The Firebird Band Booster raises money through food, water, and raffle sales. All funds raised from these sales go directly to our bottom line, and help pay the many needs of Band and its members. Please go to Firebirdband.org for signing up to volunteer (SignUp Genius links).

PRE-GAME:

Set-Up Away Side: help to bring over snack food, waters, to away side location. We have equipment to help with loading these items.

Set-up Fueler: ice the waters, replenish refrigerators, set up snacks, get everything rolling to be ready to sell pre-game and during game.

Set-Up 50/50 Raffle table and chair: usually near ticket entrance

Roll-out Seat Covers: crate with seat covers is located in Band room (sometimes already at Fueler.) There is cart for use. Bring out to bleachers. Roll them out and secure under bleacher with the Velcro belt.

Fill-Up Water Coolers: coolers are inside Band room, 3 of them (orange). Bring to Fueler to get ice and water, then bring out to stands. *****Keep water coolers replenished during game so band members can continue to hydrate.** Volunteers can use the gallon jugs to refill them. Tie a garbage bag to each one (on the handle), and place disposable water cups by each. All items are found in Fueler.

Sell @ Fueler: help with selling inside Fueler. Sometimes we have a table outside near the Fueler with hot items we sell too. It depends on the vendor and what we have as a hot food item to sell.

Sell @ Away Side: sell snacks and waters at table at the Away side during the game.

****If bringing an item from Band room, check to see if Plumes case were brought to field.**

DURING GAME:

50/50 Raffle Sales: sell raffle tickets at entrance and in stands. Volunteers at table sells up to 2nd QTR, and then helps sell in stands through 3rd QTR. Responsible for counting 50/50 cash, determines winner portion, draws ticket, and takes it to announcer booth for announcement. Volunteers wait there until a winner claims winnings.

Sell water bottles in stands: walk around selling water bottles at Home side. Will need to walk up/down stands and carry bottles inside portable small cooler, or however the volunteer would like to do it

Plumes: meet about 15 min before halftime, meet where marching band members are warming up. ****Make sure Plumes were brought to field from Band room.** Wearing gloves (provided), remove plumes (feathers) from case and place into each shako (inside little opening on top; you will feel a “click” when properly inserted). After performance, wearing gloves, remove from shakos and place back inside case. May need to bring case back to band room.

Pit Crew: volunteers meet about 10 min before halftime. 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. **Pre-performance, band members help to bring to field.** After halftime performance, all band members head to East touchdown zone to play for returning football team. **Post-Performance, on their own, Pit volunteers very carefully and very quickly remove Pit instruments. Pit needs to be removed so we are out of the way of football personnel coming back to that area and for other groups that might perform.** Pit volunteers will take instruments to band room.

Color Guard: volunteers meet **10 minutes before performance** and see if they need any assistance with carrying their flags, rifles, or any other items. Color Guard Captain will give volunteers direction as to what needs to be done. At the end of halftime performance, bring their flags, etc. to where Color Guard was warming up.

Halftime Drinks: meet **5 minutes before halftime**. Setup beverages for band members to enjoy post-performance (table, cups, ice, drinks, cleanup). Cooler with bottles and ice are placed behind the Fueler.

END OF GAME NIGHT:

Take down Away side: bring back all items from there to Fueler. We have equipment that can help with the heavier items.

Clean up and close Fueler: tidy up and put away our snack food items and leave ready for next time.

Take down Seat Covers: re-roll off bleachers and place into crates. Return crates Band room. Sometimes can bring to Fueler if we have a cart going back to Band.

Empty Water Coolers: empty coolers (by grassy area near Fueler) and throw out all trash. If very warm outside, sometimes one is left full so band members can use when back in band room. Return coolers to Band room closet. **Make sure there is no water left inside cooler and lids are OFF so they can dry inside.**

HELP BAND MEMBERS AS NEEDED: help carry instruments, help with any clean up on bleachers, see if any of our members left books or anything behind, etc.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!