



# Pickens High School Bands

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Dear Parents and Band Family,

Whether you are a veteran Marching Band parent or a new Marching Band parent, we look forward to seeing you at the start of the new season. The Marching Band season can seem overwhelming at times to us all, but it can also be one of the most rewarding things you and your student can participate in. Your support and active participation is wanted and very much appreciated.

Marching Band consists of various Performances. Whether it's Football Games or Competitions, families are always encouraged and welcome to attend all. We, the parents and family members are the cheerleaders for the Marching Band.

The Pride of Pickens Band Boosters are here to support and encourage the students and staff. As a booster, we provide support services and financial assistance to help maintain and improve the Band program. We assist the program in a multitude of ways including rehearsal supervision, performance set up, parades, equipment hauling, issuing and repairing uniforms, concession, chaperones, loading and unloading the trailers, etc. There are more that I can add, but you get the idea.

## **Fundraising**

One of the main purposes for fundraising is to provide funds for the band to attend competitions, special events, extra uniform cleaning and other band related expenses that are beyond what the school budget can afford. It is through fundraising that this program can offer the best in musical instruction and opportunities for the students. We need assistance in the various fundraising activities.

## **Sponsorships**

Charitable contributions are essential to the success of this program. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization. Sponsorships can be from companies and individuals. If you would like to donate by becoming a sponsor or if you know someone who may be interested, please copy or use the form included in this packet.

## **Uniforms**

This will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> year in our new uniforms. We are excited to share these with the new marchers. These uniforms will be assigned, maintained and cleaned by the Boosters. We need parents that can help with the measuring and alterations. Included with this packet are the times for their uniform fittings on July 18.

## **Band Camp**

There will be an email sent closer to this event. Volunteers will be needed for during the day and also needed for food service in the evening. This is a great time to see the hard work the students are putting in Marching Band. Any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact one of us. Please feel free to bring chairs and watch band camp at any time when we are outside!

## **Chaperones**

To chaperone our students, you must have a background check. The City of Jasper police department located at 55 Dixie Street Suite A, Jasper handles these for the school system. The cost is year \$55.00 and is good for 5 years. There are several ways the Boosters help when chaperoning. We travel with the band on the bus to away games and competitions. We have at least 3 parents per bus. We watch over instruments

and personal items, both at home and away games. Wherever the band goes, there will always be a chaperone with the students.

### **Concessions**

At home games, the Boosters have a concession stand. Last year was one of the most successful years we have ever had at the concession stand. Volunteers are needed in various ways for the stand. We need people to cook and serve as well as food donations. Volunteers are welcome and needed.

### **Medical**

To insure the best possible care for students, we have parents with medical backgrounds. They travel with us with a medical backpack. If you have this type of background and would like to be on this staff, please let us know. The safety and well-being of our students is always our goal. Please keep the medical staff up to date on any issues we need to watch for when it comes to your child.

### **Equipment**

With over 100 plus band members comes equipment, instruments, sound systems, and props to make the show a success. Yes, we are small country when we move about the state! We help with maintenance, moving, hauling, loading and unloading. Help is always needed in this area.

As you can, see there are many opportunities with the Band Boosters. Getting involved will help the program continue to be successful. We welcome any help you can give.

Our meetings are usually the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the band room. This usually begins when school starts. Along the way, you will meet a great group of students. You may even develop friendships that last beyond Band. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

It's going to be a great year for the Pride of Pickens Marching Band.

Yay Band,

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