

# WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?



Are you willing to help but are not sure what to do? Whether you have 15 minutes or a whole day, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Here is a list of ways for you to help make our band program a success.

- Chaperone one of the competitions (Ride the bus with the kids, stay with the kids during warm-up and after the competition, then ride home on the bus.) **This is the best way to understand the program and get to know the students.**
- Chaperone the band during a Friday night football game (Walk with the band to the field, sit with the kids in the stands, then walk with the band back to the band room after the game.)
- Help feed the kids (Make or buy some food. We feed the kids dinner before competitions on Saturday so that they eat well and can perform at their best. You could help serve before the competitions.)
- Carry band equipment (When the buses are loaded and unloaded everyone's help is needed. Just line up outside of the semi-truck and someone will quickly hand you something to carry.)
- Pit Crew (Help carry the equipment on and off of the field at the competitions, repair and build equipment as needed, and transport props when necessary.)
- Support the kids! (Come see our band compete as often as you can. Watch the program develop as the season progresses. Show your appreciation by flashing your headlights and honking your car horn on Saturday nights as the buses arrive back at the high school. Make sure you purchase and wear a show sweatshirt or T-Shirt.)
- **Work Texas Hold'em and Bingo** (These are our most successful fundraisers. You can earn funds towards your child's account and help the general fund that pays for the instructors, props, events, etc.)

- Volunteer to make phone calls (Call other volunteers for bingo, food donations, chaperones, etc.)
- Organize a fundraiser (The band is always looking for new and innovative ideas for fund raising. Contact any board member with your fundraising idea.)
- Participate in the band fundraisers (The more we earn the stronger our band program becomes.)
- Make your payments on time (If payments are not timely, we may not be able to participate in the trips.)
- Come to the Band Council meetings (The Council meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm at the High School. This is a great way to stay on top of what is going on and you do not have to be a committee member to attend.)
- Assist in the uniform room (Measure kids for new uniforms or drop by the uniform room before competitions and football games to assist with handing out uniform pieces, sewing on buttons or snaps, etc.).
- Do you know how to sew? (We need volunteers to sew the flags for our Color Guard.)
- Can't sew? (We could always use help cutting material for the flags.)
- Encourage your child to practice at home (Great musicians make for a great band.)
- Buy scrip (This fundraiser is completely painless. Earn money for purchases you would normally make anyway.)
- Buy Market Day products (We all eat! Market Day offers quality food products at reasonable prices.)
- Bring your child to practice on time (Everyone needs to be in their place and ready to play at starting time.)
- HAVE FUN!!! (A smile is contagious. Pass it on.)