



Denton High School
BAND BOOSTERS
2023-2024 Parent Handbook



DENTON HIGH SCHOOL

BAND BOOSTERS

Welcome to Denton High School Band Boosters!

The Denton High School Bronco Band Booster Club Inc. is a non-profit 501c(3) corporation whose purpose is to support all performing groups in the Denton High School Band program. **If you have a child in any capacity including marching/concert band, jazz band, color guard or winter guard, you are automatically a member of the Denton High School Band Boosters (DHSBB).** There are no required membership dues, but we do need you to actively participate and volunteer. We ask parents to volunteer at least 20 hours during the school year to support the band. See the current Pride of Bronco Country (POBC) Handbook for details. Volunteering assists the band to succeed on many levels and reduces your student band fees.

This DHSBB Parent Handbook was created to help answer questions that parents have about what to expect for the year. The DHSBB Board members are willing to help you find a place to volunteer within the Boosters and introduce you to other parents. This handbook, and your first year, might seem a bit overwhelming for new parents, but we are all here to support our kids, directors, and each other. We want you to enjoy your student's Bronco Band experience!

The POBC web site, www.thepobc.com is the best place to remain informed. There, you will be able to find all pertinent information regarding rehearsals, football games, concerts, and contests. If you or your child are on Facebook, the band Boosters has a Facebook page – “THE Denton High School Band.” This is a less formal place of communication where events, fundraiser information, and photos of the band students are posted. Please Like our page so you're notified as updates are posted.

Regardless of the amount of time you can volunteer, the Band Boosters need you! The best way to contact the Band Boosters is to use the main email address: dentonpobcboosters@gmail.com. We look forward to a great year as we all join a community of family supporters of the Bronco Band!

2023-2024 Denton High School Band Booster Executive Board

President: Gina Purcell

Treasurer: Melissa Nielsen

Vice President of Fundraising: Robert Archer

Volunteer Coordinator: Michelle Carmean

Secretary: Melissa Deal

Vice Presidents of Hospitality: OPEN POSITION

Vice President of Uniforms: Jennifer Wilcox

BAND BOOSTER MEETINGS

The best way to support your child and know what is going on with the band is to attend our booster meetings. Meetings are typically on Tuesdays on the dates below in the DHS Band Hall or Commons area unless otherwise indicated. Times and dates may change throughout the year – please check the website and Facebook for updated information.

Booster Meeting Calendar

August 15, 2023
September 12, 2023
October 10, 2023
November 7, 2023
December 12, 2023

January 9, 2024
February 13, 2024 - Officer Nominations
March 5, 2024 – Officer Elections
April 16, 2024 – Budget Presentation
May 14, 2024 - Budget approval

DHS BAND BOOSTER FUNDRAISING

The DHSBB raises money to support band activities for the whole school year for the band and color guard. Funds are used to pay entry fees for contests, music clinicians, marching show expenses, meals for students at marching contests, the end-of-year banquet, senior scholarships and more. Fundraising money from booster fundraisers is deposited into the DHSBB general account. Fundraising money from student fundraisers is deposited into the Denton High School Band Activity account and is applied to student's fees and trips. We are always looking for more fundraising ideas, so suggestions for new fundraisers should be presented at the band booster meetings.

FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

MONTH	FUNDRAISER	STUDENT OR BOOSTER
YEAR-LONG	Dining to Donate – TBA	Booster Fundraiser
	Kroger Card**	Booster Fundraiser
	Raise Right***	Student Fundraiser
JUNE/JULY	Fan Cloth	Booster Fundraiser
AUGUST	Car Wash/Battle of the Sections	Booster Fundraiser
	Snap Raise (or similar)	Booster Fundraiser
SEPTEMBER	Snap Raise (or similar) cont.	Booster Fundraiser
	GTC Marching Contest	Booster Fundraiser
OCTOBER	Poinsettias	Student Fundraiser
	Lollipops	Student Fundraiser
NOVEMBER	Poinsettias (cont.)	Student Fundraiser
DECEMBER	Chocolate Bars	Student Fundraiser
JANUARY	TBA	
FEBRUARY	Pancake Breakfast	Booster Fundraiser
MARCH	TBA	
APRIL	TBA	
MAY	TBA	

** To link your Kroger card,

1. Access <https://www.kroger.com/>
2. Sign into your Kroger account
3. Click on your name and select My Account
4. Click on Community Rewards on the left side of the screen
5. Change or Add Organization Name: Denton HS Bronco Band Booster Club Organization number: NG642

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ACTIVITIES OF THE BAND BOOSTERS

There are many ways that you can help the Bronco Band throughout the year. During football season, the boosters help to arrange water and snacks for the band so that they stay healthy and hydrated. For marching competitions, the boosters will also coordinate meals and/or water for the students as well. The Band Boosters also help build the props used on the field and set up those props on the field for each performance. We also inspect student uniforms so that they always look their best at football games and contests. Throughout the marching season, there are many opportunities for parents to volunteer.

Subcommittee Chair Positions

Automatic 10 credit hours per position

***Bronco Barn:** Overseeing volunteers to ensure that the Bronco Barn is set up for business at home games and school events (carnivals, Bronco Night, Schedule Pick-up days, etc.). Approximately 12 volunteers throughout the school year.

***Pit Master:** Overseeing approximately 16 volunteers working closely with the percussion teacher to orchestrate getting all percussion equipment and instruments on the field at marching band performances. This Pit Master will also be responsible for making sure that all props are properly assembled before being moved onto the field. Approximately 13 events throughout the season. The percussion teacher will hold a training session for the Pit Master and all volunteers before the first event. This group will also support our color guard with their props as needed.

***Chaperone Leader “Bus Whisperer”:** Overseeing approximately 12 volunteers to ensure that all buses for out-of-town games are supplied with at least 2 chaperones per bus. The “Bus Whisperer” will be responsible for gathering the bus binders with the rosters, supply bags with the first aid kits, radios, the personal hygiene bag, snacks, sandwiches and any other items needed for the out-of-town trip.

***Uniform Inspector:** Overseeing approximately 8 volunteers, however, only 3-4 volunteers will be needed per event. Prior to each performance the Uniform Inspector and their crew of volunteers will inspect all band members “Inspection”. At the end of the game, they will do a final check to ensure all uniform parts are accounted for and properly hung before being placed in the uniform room. The Uniform Inspector is also responsible for making sure the Uniform Kit is at all performances and fully stocked with extra socks, extra gloves and hair care products including but not limited to hair nets, hair spray and bobby pins. The Uniform Inspector will work closely with our volunteer coordinator to ensure we have enough volunteers available for training, inspections, and any other needs.

***Publicity Chair:** This person will oversee designing posters, flyers, and programs for events, and promoting the DHS Band via sources of social media.

***Hospitality Chair:** Many times, throughout the school year, the band boosters are asked to supply meals during contests or competitions, as well as receptions at some concerts. This position is needed to oversee all those events to ensure that the correct type of food, amount of food, donations of food, cutlery, and supplies are in place. This chair is also responsible for getting additional volunteers to cover the serving or supply food and setting up/tearing down decorations. Approximately 12 volunteers are needed per event, however, this will not be limited to those 12 if more are needed throughout the year.

***Grill Master:** The Grill Master will be responsible for providing a delicious and fun atmosphere for band parents and supporters to eat and socialize before the home games as well as feeding the band at all marching contests. This person is responsible for making sure the equipment and food are prepared, set up, and ready to serve. Any volunteers or assistance needed to make this successful will be under the direction of the Grill Master.

***Scholarship Committee Chair:** This chair is responsible for finding 3 people not associated with DHS band that can evaluate all the DHSBB scholarship applications and select the recipient. This will occur around April each school year.

***Booster Auditing Committee Chair:** This chair is responsible for finding 3 people not associated with DHS Band that can review the DHSBB financial books two times a year. This will occur in January and July of each year.

***Golden Triangle Contest (GTC) Organizer:** This chair will work closely with the DHSBB Board and is responsible for all preparation, oversight, volunteers, and materials needed for the Golden Triangle Contest in September. This is our largest fundraiser and will require many volunteers to be successful. Full support for this position is given by the entire Band Booster Board as a backup; however, this chair will be the immediate point of contact and final decision maker for the event.

- ✓ Volunteer Check In
- ✓ Parking Lot Monitors
- ✓ Water Stations
- ✓ Concessions
- ✓ Field Logistics
- ✓ Hospitality
- ✓ Gate Monitors
- ✓ Ticket Takers
- ✓ First Aid

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*Chaperone for away games and contests (4-hours credit) – This volunteer arrives approximately one (1) hour prior to the departure time for the event. When they arrive, they will have a meeting with the Chaperone Leader and discuss specific details regarding the trip. Upon loading the bus, chaperones will call roll and notify the directors when they are ready to leave. Once at the location, chaperones will serve as communicators to the students as to where they need to report to and when. After the game, chaperones will again call the roll and notify the directors. Once we have returned to DHS, the chaperone will conduct a walkthrough of the bus where they will pick up any remaining trash and personal items left behind by students. Chaperones will need to return any binders, bags, or materials given to them at the beginning of the trip back to the band hall and check out with the Chaperone Leader before leaving.

*Golden Triangle Classic Volunteers (1-hour credit per every hour worked) – The POBC hosts the Golden Triangle Classic (GTC) marching contest annually at C.H. Collins. This all-day marching contest is our largest fundraising event of the year and takes approximately 100 parents, students, and volunteers for it to be successful. Each volunteer is encouraged to work at least one 4-hour shift but signing up for more than one shift is very much appreciated. Volunteer shifts can begin as early as 6:00 AM and the event can end as late as midnight. Volunteer duties include, but are not limited to, stocking, prepping, and manning concessions stands, barricading the parking lot and warm-up areas, setting up food in our hospitality rooms, redeeming tickets during the event, manning entrance gates, clean up at the end of the event, etc. Both students and parents will be needed for this event. More information will be posted and communicated as we get closer to the event.

*Bandwiches (1-hour credit) – The booster club feeds the band students “bandwiches” at all away football games. These are a variety of simple sandwiches (ex. ham/cheese on sandwich bread) that are premade, labeled, and given to the students after the football game. The number of bandwiches and type will be added to Charms in the volunteer section.

*Supplies (1/4-hour credit) – The booster club provides water bottles and snacks to the band at all games and marching contests. Cases of water should have a minimum quantity of 24 bottles and the snacks should be in individually wrapped packages with a minimum quantity of 12 if possible. Snacks could include items such as, but not limited to: chips, cookies, Oatmeal Cream Pies, cereal bars, peanut butter or cheese crackers, popcorn, Goldfish, Cheez-Its, peanuts, etc. The number of snacks and water needed for each event will vary and you can sign up for these items in the volunteer section of Charms. Items should be brought to the band hall no later than the morning of a football game day and the day before for a marching contest.

*Pit Crew (1-hour credit) – Pit Crew will be a dedicated pool of volunteers assigned to moving percussion equipment. The percussion teacher will train this group on where to place equipment and be briefed on any specifics necessary for their role.

*Bronco Barn (1-hour credit) – These volunteers will help set up the table at home games and sell DHS Band merchandise using cash and/or Square device.

*Prop Movers (1-hour credit per performance) – Prop Movers will help set up, move and tear down props for all performances. This is per show, so at marching contests, if the band makes it to finals and performs a second show, an additional hour will be credited to the volunteer. Prop Movers will receive free entry into the game/contests in addition to receiving volunteer hours.

*Ladder Movers (1-hour credit) – For football games, Ladder movers will move the ladders onto the field while the band takes the field for their performance and stay with their ladder while the band plays for the Filly Block. Following the Filly Block, these ladders will be moved to a designated location along the home sideline for the band's performance. Following the performance, these volunteers will then remove the ladders from the playing field. Each of the three (3) ladders are on wheels, so they're easy to move, and you get an awesome view of the band during the Filly Block performance since you'll be on the field between the band and the ladders. For competitions, ladder movers will walk with the pit crew to place ladders in designated locations.

*Uniform Inspectors (1-hour credit) – These volunteers will work closely with our Vice President of Uniforms prior to and after all performances by assisting with putting long hair in buns and making sure the student is wearing the right uniform parts with long black socks prior to any performance. Uniform inspectors will also ensure uniforms are hung correctly on their hangers.

*Flip Folder Collector (1-hour credit) – These volunteers will follow the band down the visitor sideline before their halftime performance and remain there until the band has completed playing for the Fillies (Filly Block) before the band's performance. Following the Filly Block, the band will drop their flip folders either onto the field or into buckets on the field. This volunteer will then pick up the buckets with the flip folders and return them to the endzone area. After halftime, your job is done.

*Contest Bus Chaperones (4 – 8 hours credit) – These volunteers are like bus chaperones for football games and have the same roles. Contests are typically longer days since all bands perform in prelims and possibly finals. If DHS is a finalist, then there will be a second performance later that evening.

*Family Dinner Monitor (1-hour credit) – Our Grill Master will organize group meal orders for home games. This will be where a specific meal is ordered in advance and paid for by the student. Once it is delivered to DHS, volunteers will need to help with the setup and serving of food to students. Once the students are done eating, these volunteers will make sure everything is cleaned up and all food is put away. This position might also include any other meals that are prepared or served to the students including helping the Gridiron Club with tailgating.

*Band Banquet Set-up and Clean-up (2 hours credit per Set-Up OR Clean-Up) – These volunteers will assist our Hospitality Chair in setting up the band banquet as well as clean up afterward.

*Concert Reception (1-hour credit per concert) – Volunteers will need to coordinate snack food (dessert/drinks/etc.) for a reception after each band concert. This is a great time for parents and students to mingle and enjoy each time celebrating the success of the concert. This 1-hour credit will include set-up and clean-up afterward.

*Spring Trip Chaperones (15-hours credit for the entire trip) – Chaperones will be responsible for a select group of students throughout the trip. Adults will assist the directors in maintaining proper student behavior and expectations.

*Winter Guard Chaperone (2-hours credit) – Volunteers are needed for winter guard contests throughout the spring semester. Chaperones will be needed for the bus ride (to and from) as well as during the contest. Specific duties for each contest will be assigned by the Color Guard director.

*Photographer/Videographer (1-hour credit per event) – Photos taken by these volunteers will be uploaded on the Band Google drive and potentially posted on the Facebook page and selected for use in publications or the end-of-year band video. Additionally, the video made of each performance will be given to the directors for educational purposes. The videographer will follow Mr. Woolery to be given access to the press box during events to film the performance.

*Chet Baker Festival (4-hours credit) – Volunteers are needed to organize meals throughout the day for our judges and guest performers as well as selling tickets at the evening concert.

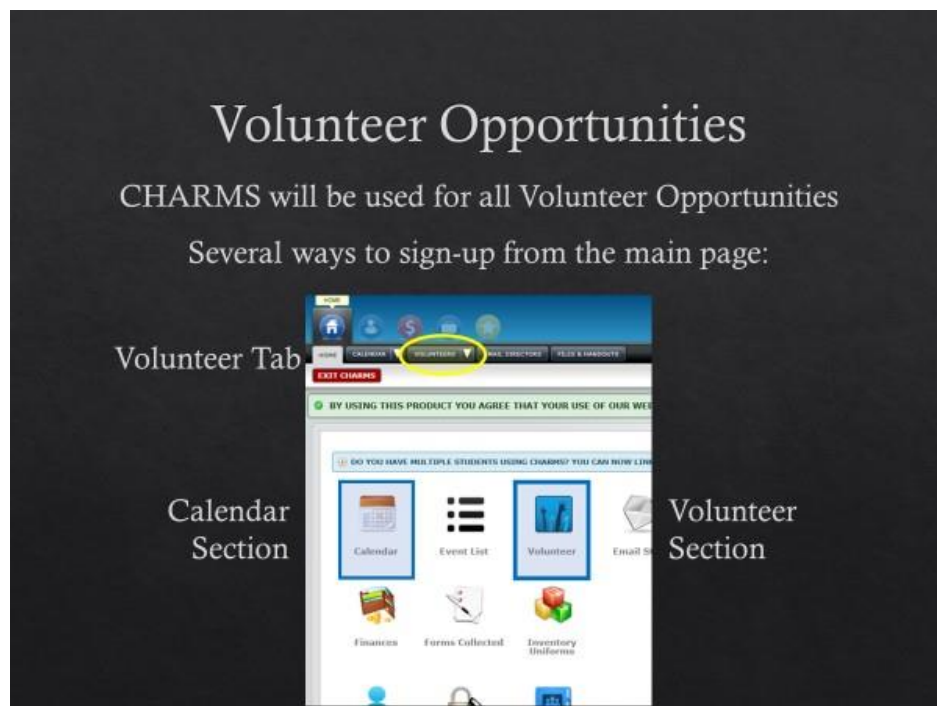
*Uniform Fitting (4-hours credit) – Volunteers are needed during the initial uniform fitting at the beginning of the school year to ensure that the process goes smoothly and to support the band directors. These volunteers will work with our Uniform Inspector.

*Drivers (TBD/Event) – There are times throughout the school year when we will need carpool drivers to transport smaller groups of students to and from events. These events might be anywhere local throughout the DFW Metroplex. Details will be posted if the need arises.

*Solo/Ensemble (4-6 hours credit) – Denton High School will sponsor the solo and ensemble auditions and concerts. Each of these will require many different volunteer positions and longer shifts. The volunteer positions and needed shifts will be posted closer to the dates needed.

TO SIGN UP FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

DHS Band Boosters uses CHARMS for volunteer signups and to track volunteer hours. Access the website: <https://www.charmsoffice.com/> and click on the login button. Your login information should have been provided to you by Mr. Wilson. Once you are logged in, you can access volunteer information from the “Volunteer” tab on the bar, through the “Calendar” button or the “Volunteer” button on the screen. See the image below.



You can also gain volunteer hours by donating to our Amazon wish list <https://a.co/bv8yYsN>. Be sure to add a note with your student's name and ID number to get credit.

The Band Booster Board and/or the Band Directors reserve the right to remove a volunteer from duties if that volunteer violates the rules of conduct or behaves in a manner that does not represent the DHS Band in a positive manner.

BAND DEFINITIONS AND TERMS THAT ARE GOOD TO KNOW!

- Bibbers – band uniform pants.
- Shako – (“Shay-ko”, not “Shack-o”) - band uniform hat.
- Band T-Shirt or Show Shirt - Each year a shirt design is created to reflect the theme of the show. Each student receives a band t-shirt through their band fees. Families are encouraged to purchase extra show shirts to help show support for the band.
- Color Guard or “Guard” (what some of us “more mature” parents may remember as “Flag Corps”) – These students move and dance with the music, with colorful flags and equipment known as rifles and sabers that add visual excitement to the marching show presentation. They are also called the winter guard in the spring season.
- “The Drill” (UDBApp) - This refers to the formations the band makes and the movement from one form to another. It creates the actual marching part of the program. The drill that is learned at summer band camp will be built upon throughout the season to become the band’s outstanding visual performance.
- Drum Major – These students are the conductors on the field and the band’s primary liaisons between students and directors. The selection process for these students begins in January.
- Section Leader – These are students who have been chosen to ensure that everyone within their section is prepared for all rehearsals and performances. The selection process for these students begins in January.
- “If you are early, you’re on time; if you’re on time, you’re late.” It is important that your student arrives early enough to gather all their equipment and walk to the rehearsal field before rehearsal starts. Some students have a lot of equipment that needs to be moved so it will take them multiple trips. As their parent, close attention to the online “POBC Calendar” will assist you in knowing exact details on when rehearsals start. If rehearsal starts at 5:30 pm, and you are dropping your student off to the school at 5:30 pm, your student is already late. For performances, an itinerary will be posted online with details on drop off and pick up times.
- “Last Time.” This can mean one more time, a few more times, it can mean you’re beginning to approach the road to the last time, or it can mean we’ll keep doing it until you get it right.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A BAND PARENT WHEN . . .

- You no longer speak of your child as a fourteen-year-old son/daughter, but as a “freshman trumpet.”
- You prominently display a band calendar in your kitchen, a band magnet/sticker on your car, and you have performance dates marked in your work calendar, your phone, and on the family calendar on the refrigerator.
- You cannot pick your child out of the crowd because they all look exactly alike. You just know they are “on the left with the other trumpets.”
- You know you will be wearing something purple or gold (or purple AND gold!) every Friday night and on competition days.
- Early is on time and on time is late.
- You do not leave home without cushions to sit on, a camera, and a camcorder and cash for the concession stand (for you and for your student).
- You carry spare black socks, needle and thread, safety pins, more black socks, duct tape, and a rain poncho in your pocketbook.
- You know all the cadences by heart and can tap along.
- Your newest best friends are fellow band parents!

We hope this handbook will be helpful. Anytime you feel lost, tap a “veteran” parent on the shoulder and ask for help. Our main goal is for every student to have a great experience being a member of the Denton High School Band. Regardless of the capacity that you serve as a band parent, the choice to support your child is something that you will not regret. If you are not currently involved in the Band Boosters, then we invite you to get involved. Please be assured that we want and need your help. If you are already an active band parent, on behalf of your child, the directors, and staff, we would like to say, Thank You!

Sincerely,

DHS Band Boosters Board