

Minnetonka Marching Band Parent Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are a very important part of the Marching Band Program. As you plan your school year, please consider how you can help to support this program. Hope this information helps you decide what you can do!

Throughout the season we will send emails listing volunteer opportunities, and we will have sign up sheets for much of this at the Family Potluck on August 10th. You can contact Martha Ebner, our volunteer coordinator, at mbjae25@msn.com or Beth Moore at bigredharley@msn.com.

Uniform Fitting

- Students will be fitted for uniforms on August 2.
- If you know how to sew, you could help with minor alterations to uniforms (mainly shortening sleeves and hemming).

Band Camp at Koinonia - Chaperones

- MOMS needed during the week of camp. This is a fun and easy volunteer time. Chaperones have their own room/bathroom.
- Just be there and help as needed. Duties include a lights out check in girls' dorm at evening and again right before breakfast.
- Daytime hours are mostly free as the kids are busy with drill. Nighttime activities are planned, and the kids are tired.
- Koinonia is a beautiful spot. You can volunteer the entire week, or just a day and overnight – let us know what works for you.

Family Potluck Dinner

- Potluck dinner for families and students.
- Boosters will supply main dish, families provide sides and deserts.
- Volunteers needed for set up and clean up.

Band Competitions

- Competition days usually start with an early rehearsal for band members, break for lunch and then off to competition, mid afternoon. Report time for volunteers is usually between 3 pm and 4 pm. Volunteers receive free admission to events.
- Parent volunteers are needed to help as follows:
 - Help with equipment: load the trailer with instruments, equipment, uniform racks at the school; unload it at the competition; move the pit equipment on and off the field and reload the trailer after the competition.
 - Help with uniforms: mainly after the competition: making sure uniforms are properly hung up, all uniforms and hats are returned, and returning uniform racks to trailer.
 - Be the parent volunteer who carries a backpack with first aid and other items for quick uniform repairs, extra socks and gloves.
 - Unload trailer back at the high school
- Another volunteer opportunity for band competitions is to provide water or treat bags (either donated or expense reimbursed)
 - Assemble treat bags (granola bars, candy, etc) and bring them the day of the competition.
 - Provide bottled water; preferably in a cooler with ice.
 - We will need treats and water for approximately 75 – 80 people.

Football Games

- Football game volunteers arrive about an hour before the game to help with uniforms and loading equipment onto the carts to haul down to the field. Volunteers receive free admission to the games.
- A parent carries the first aid backpack as well.
- Students play pregame and perform their program at half time, then return to the band room.
- Parents help bring equipment back to the band room and help with uniforms.
- Cookie sales: set up and sell cookies before and during the game. Volunteers arrive before the game and stay until the cookies are gone.

Homecoming

- Our students will be performing in the Homecoming Parade thru Excelsior, then return to school, and perform at the game.
- We provide a pizza dinner for them.
- Volunteers needed to organize and serve this dinner

Fundraisers

- Throughout the year we schedule fundraising events and need parent or student volunteers to assist.
- Activities include grocery bagging or carwashes, distribution days for products sold (i.e. wreaths), book fair sales

End of Season Banquet

- We will be needing lots of help with this from decorations, to student gifts, to set up, organization etc. More on this to come.