

# **West Carrollton Band Boosters**

## **Mission Statement**

My responsibility as a member of the West Carrollton High School Band Booster organization is to support the programs of the West Carrollton High School Band and Guard both financially and physically. My financial support will be in the form of paying my fees in a timely manor and supporting fund raising efforts of the organization. I will provide physical support by giving of my time to ensure my child is where they need to be on time, assist in fundraising efforts of the group and attending performances. I will ensure that the band has the help necessary to carry out its mission.

The groups that are supported by the West Carrollton Band Booster Organization are; Concert band, Marching Band, Fall Guard, Pep Band, Winter Guard, and Jazz Band.

Parent Service Credits: Each family can earn \$150 credit in their band fees by working 6 fund raising events, of which at least 3 must be UD Concession. Anyone other than students can work to earn credits; this includes parents, grandparents, and friend. In addition, a \$50 credit can be earned by working the separate, special event each year. Parents can work for other parents to help them get needed credits, but it must be designated the student's account that is to be credited when you sign in.

Traditions – the band has many traditions that go back into the 60's and 70's in some cases, listed are just a few.

1. Biggs and Littles – Each year every first year student is partnered with a senior to give each new student a contact to go to with question as you learn how the band works. These students hold a picnic each year on the Friday before leaving for band camp so the new students can meet their Big and have some fun.
2. Family Picnic – The Sunday after band camp the boosters host a family picnic for all band members and their families to get together and meet all of the new friends that the students made at camp.
3. Band Camp – West Carrollton Band goes away each year for one week of intensive instruction at a residential band camp.
4. Awards Celebration – In May of each year all of the band and guard groups celebrate their successes. Seniors each set up a table outside of the auditorium with items and pictures of their choice to celebrate their memories of their life in band.
5. Senior Night – One night in the fall season set aside to recognize the seniors from all of the fall sports. The underclassman booster parents host a cake and punch reception for our students where the seniors have pictures taken with their littles.

### Competitions

- Marching Band and Guard – the band travels to a number of competitions each year and parents are needed to drive the van and trailer, load and unload the trailer, chaperone the students on the bus, assist with uniforms and hair, plumes, and pit crew.
- Winter Guard – the guard travels to numerous events during the winter and into the spring, parents are needed to chaperone on the bus and to assist with moving the performance floor to, from and at the event.

Football games

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- Away – parents are needed to drive the trailer to and from the event, load and unload the trailer, assisting with the pit crew, and chaperone on the bus and in the stands.

What can I do to help?

1. Be a Board member.
2. Chaperone
  - Bus trips
  - Band camp
  - Biggs and Littles Picnic
3. Prop Building – assist in the planning and building of any needed props for the show or support items for the band
4. Drive the Band van and trailer
5. Help load and unload the trailer - load all equipment, pit carts, golf cart, uniforms, props and instruments on the trailer in a manor that is safe for all of the property on the trailer as well as balanced on trailer so it can be safely driven.
6. Uniform Parent(s) – see that all students are measured and fitted in uniforms for both marching band and concert band, given the uniform inventory on hand. Also over see the use and care of the uniforms throughout the season to ensure the longest life possible for the garments.
7. Pit Crew – assist in getting the pit equipment and props on and off the field for games and contest. Ensure proper set up as directed by the band staff.
8. West Carrollton Invitational Planning and working
  - Program ad sales and set up
  - Volunteer coordinator
  - Event chairperson
  - Physical assets coordinator
9. Attend Meetings – have a voice, offer an opinion, it is your money and your child after all.
10. Assist with or run a Fundraiser:
  - Concessions
  - Pirate Table
  - Hospitality Table
  - Cookie Sale
  - Candy Sale
  - Car Wash
  - Cub Foods
  - Entertainment books
  - UD Concessions
  - Craft Sale
11. Support your student
12. Support the staff