

BOOSTER OPPORTUNITIES

Chaperone – needed to accompany students for all events when travelling from Grove City High School, including the week-long band camp.

Color Guard/Flag Corps – assistance is needed for uniforms, flag design and construction, and other needs for both the fall marching season and the winter competition season.

Committee Chair/co-Chair – if leadership is your strong suit we would appreciate your help! Positions come available every year in some area. Please indicate your area of interest, and you will be contacted!

Concerts – help is often needed behind the scenes with concerts at the high school, and when travelling to another location. From chaperoning, to sitting with a student who may become ill, sitting in a practice room with instruments and coats while students are eating lunch/dinner – many things come up. Also, some assistance with set-up and tear-down of the performance area may be needed.

Concessions- the boosters have their own concession stand on the visitor side of the stadium for football games and the invitational. Order takers and fillers, cashiers, cooks, and other food prep help is needed. We have lots of fun while working, and it is a great way to get to know other band parents. A hearty “thank-you” concert from the band is played for the workers after every game.

Equipment maintenance – it takes lots of equipment to keep a band going -everything from music stands and instrument cases to golf carts and a semi-trailer! Sometimes breakdowns occur and assistance is needed. Do you have a special skill in this area?

Directory – data entry and lay-out skills are needed for this position. Every year a directory of students is published and distributed to band members/band families.

Fundraisers – boosters are needed to chair, as well as volunteer to work, our ongoing fundraising opportunities. We are always looking for new ways to raise money to support the students and the band program, so people with great ideas and/or contacts are desired!

Historian – The Grove City High School band program has a decades-long history. The historian is responsible for keeping our historical files up-to-date with pictures, newspaper clippings, etc. This can be a shared position.

Hospitality – several times throughout the year a reception will follow a concert or other event. The Hospitality team is responsible for coordinating these events.

Invitational – the marching band invitational is a competition that we host here at the high school in September every year. We produce and sell tickets and programs. The concession stand is open for the entire event. Hosts for the visiting bands are needed, as well as parking lot attendants and stadium personnel. We are generous with awards and a person is needed to coordinate the sponsorships and presentations. Additionally, we provide meals and snacks for the judges. Lots of help is needed for this event, and there is a job for every talent or skill you may possess.

Medical – qualified doctors, nurses, EMT’s, physical therapists, and others with medical training staff our medical team. If you have this ability, please join our medical team. With over 200 students at practices and competitions and band camp we don’t go anywhere without the medical team!

Membership – updates booster membership records and coordinates the booster opportunities, notifying chairpersons of willing volunteers.

Mentoring - Incoming families are matched with an existing family who will help guide them through the band program during their first year, especially during the summer and fall marching season. Squad leaders will take care of the new students, making sure they have the information they need. Mentors are in place to assist the parents of the new students, as new parents have many questions their student is may not be able to answer. We have found that this program really contributes to each student’s success. Please consider mentoring an incoming family!

Parades – in addition to chaperones, parents are needed to hand out water to the students, and attend to other things that may come up on parade days. There are a lot of details in moving 200+ students and their equipment from point A to point B.

Pictures – a professional photographer comes in take group and individual pictures on the Thursday of pre-band camp. Several people are needed to help with on that day, and to distribute the pictures when they come in. Pictures are also taken on Senior Night.

Props – are you creative? Do you know how to swing a hammer? We construct several props to complement the marching show, and we can use help with design and construction.

Publicity – persons are needed to contact the media about band events, and get the word out about our fantastic program!

Sewing and mending – if you are handy with a needle and thread we can always use assistance with mending uniforms, hemming to shorten or lengthen sleeves and pants, cutting and sewing flags, and other items to go along with the theme of the marching show, and sewing skirts for the concert season.

Special Events – such as the Concert on the Lawn at Pinnacle Golf Club, the Swinging Santa Spaghetti Dinner, and the Jazz Dinner Dance. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate events such as these.

Street Concerts – each August, the band takes to the streets for five nights to give mini-concerts in our neighborhoods. This is a big fundraiser. We need drivers for the trucks that transport the students, and cars/vans to transport the student runners who go door-to-door for donations. Navigators are needed in the trucks to assist the driver, and 2-3 parents to accompany the runners in each car/van. We also need counters for the donations when the trucks return each evening. It's a great way to spend an August evening!

Transportation – from loading and unloading to driving and navigating of equipment trucks, golf carts, and the white band bus – skilled and able-bodied helpers are needed during the marching season, and anytime the band goes on the road.

Uniforms – this involves helping to organize uniforms that are turned in, assisting with fitting the students, handing out plumes before marching events, and being available for last minute needs (forgotten gloves, loose button, rain poncho, etc.). With a summer uniform, a concert uniform, two different marching uniforms – this is a big job and many hands are needed.

Videotaping – videos are made of rehearsals, performances, and other events.

Web Site – assist in maintaining and coordinating the booster website.

Water – be part of the team that provides water for the students at every event. You will fill large coolers with water, and distribute to the students on Friday nights, at competitions, street concerts, and parades.

Fall and Spring Bazaars – the craft bazaars held each fall and spring are by far our largest fundraisers. Lots of help is needed in many areas as described below:

Admissions – we do charge for admission to the bazaar, so helpers are needed at each entrance.

Auxiliary Kitchen – located in the ERC, refreshments are made available for shoppers and vendors.

Bake Sale – several people are needed to staff the bake sale table at the bazaar. Baked goods are needed also.

Cookie Contest – parents are needed to help with this event during the school day. Students (usually squads) prepare baked goods based on the theme of the marching show. The entries are judged and prizes awarded.

Food Carts – take food carts with refreshments available for purchase, to the vendors who are unable to leave their tables.

Kitchen – breakfast and lunch is cooked and served each day of the bazaar. Cooks, servers, food prep help, cashiers, dishwashers, and more are needed to staff the kitchen.

Parking – attendants needed to direct parking of vendors and shoppers.

Popcorn- pop and sell popcorn at popcorn stand

Raffle – vendors donate items to be raffled. Raffle table needs to be staffed, winning names drawn, and prizes distributed.

Security – we provide overnight security in the school building on Friday and Saturday nights of the bazaar. 2-4 people are needed who are willing to spend the night.

Set up-tear down – Set-up involves taping of spaces for vendor's displays in the commons, ERC and wings, covering the gym floor with mats, and marking spaces there. Tear down involves putting the school back in order for classes the next day, which includes vacuuming the carpets, rolling up and storing the mats in the gym.

Set-up and tear down also includes assisting the vendors with carrying their goods from their vehicles to their spaces in the building.

Signs – posting of large signs around Grove City, and distribution of yard signs. After bazaar, signs must be taken down and placed in storage until the next bazaar.

Vendor Liaison: This is like customer service. It's talking to the vendors whether in general conversation, problem solving, answering questions, etc.

Chair/co-chair– positions come available every season. If you prefer to lead, your skills would be appreciated.