



Westerville North Marching Band

# Parent Volunteering~

It takes a village...

Talk to any active band parent and they will tell you that getting involved was the best thing they ever did. There are so many things that need to get done — big things, little things — and every contribution is appreciated. You can help load or unload the trucks. Push a piece of equipment into the school. Fit uniforms. Donate Food. It truly takes a village to raise a marching band

There are different types of parents in the band program. There are the people who come in and 'just do it.' They do whatever needs to be done. You see them all the time, working, laughing, and celebrating the experience. There are the people who hold back a bit but will help if asked. They wait for someone to give them a task. Don't wait. Volunteer for something you think you would like. Trust us, we need you!

Not every parent can give large blocks of time to the program. We completely understand. Some are worried that they do not have the right skills. We have many tasks that require little or no skill -- just a pulse and a willingness to help. New parents worry that they will be harassed and sucked into something they don't want to do. We respect your boundaries and your time; we all have commitments and know what a challenge it can be to balance everything. Give what you can, when you can, and we will all be better for it.

There is work that has to be done, lots of work and funds that need to be raised, lots of funds; two separate but mutually important endeavors. If you don't help, someone will have to do it. Whatever you can do will be appreciated without question, especially by those parents who are trying to cover all the bases.

Volunteers are organized through *VolunteerSpot* online and all information is sent through the *Band Mom Memo*. Memo's are full of vital information and are kept brief and sent weekly unless additional information is needed to be shared.

Even for the parents, the WNHS Marching Band is not meant to be a spectator sport. Your child is going to be on their own in a couple of years. This may be your last chance to share something very special with your son or daughter. You will be close enough to enjoy their experience, and far enough away to give them their space. You will meet *wonderful* people -- directors, staff members, parents, and students. These are the best of times and we want you to come in and enjoy them with us. The band programs need you to help Warriors continue ***to be their best***.

**Thank you for helping our students "BE THEIR BEST"**

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**Band Mom- Tiffany Thompson** [tst10@wowway.com](mailto:tst10@wowway.com) 890-3635 (h), 648-1496 (c)

## **Uniforms- lead needed**

Organize/ distribute band uniforms; maintain uniforms throughout the season (~3-4 days during summer; attend home/ away games and competitions additional time throughout the season, sewing skills not required)

**Sewing uniforms and/or flags-** repair uniforms; make flags for Color Guard (sewing experience needed)

## **Pit crew** - Erik Thompson, lead [elt8@wowway.com](mailto:elt8@wowway.com)

help with front ensemble and props entering and leaving the field during football games, competitions (~15 x's/ year; not necessary to attend all games/ contests)

**Help load /unload the equipment truck-** move equipment during football games, competitions (~15 x's/ year; not necessary to attend all games/ contests)

**Repairing equipment-** make any necessary repairs to the band equipment (as needed)

**Sound equipment-** assist in maintaining sound equipment during football games, competitions (~15 x's/ year; not necessary to attend all games/ contests)

**Making props/carpentry-** Assist band director with premise and production of props to complement show theme

## **Yard Sale** – Tim & Lori Rolph, lead [rolph@wowway.com](mailto:rolph@wowway.com)

collect and price items for the Annual Yard Sale, staff the sale (3-4 hours prior to event and/or day of; August 9)

## **Tag Day-** Amy and Jim Girvin, lead [girvin1of5@yahoo.com](mailto:girvin1of5@yahoo.com)

drive group band students to neighborhoods in Westerville to collect donations (~4-5 hours August 9, 17, 24)

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Cookies- lead needed**

serve cookies and drinks during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of home football games to the band and the opposing teams' band (~1 hour for set-up/ clean-up at 4 home games; attendance at all games not required) All students are required to donate cookies for the sections designated game

## **Krispy Kreme Team-** Julie Doel, lead [julie@doelfamily.com](mailto:julie@doelfamily.com)

Sell donuts at home football games (~3-4 hours 5x/year)

## **Game/ Contest Chaperone-** Lynn Cook, lead [tygers1984@yahoo.com](mailto:tygers1984@yahoo.com)

Ride busses and monitor students at away games and contests

## **Meal Coordinator for games/ contests-** Amy Francis, lead [amyjfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:amyjfrancis@gmail.com)

Donate items for meals **or** provide entire lunch/ dinner for the band before games and during competitions (serving ~80 students/ staff; great to coordinate with other families; attendance at competitions not required)

## **Bleed for the Band Blood Drive**

Donate blood to benefit the marching band and the Red Cross (1x/ year, July 24)

## **Water for band at parades**

walk with the band during parades supplying water to the students (~3-4 hours 2-3 x's/ year, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Holiday, don't need to commit to all parades)

## **Marching Band Banquet**

assist in organizing end of season banquet, coordinate food, decorations, theme, etc (November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 WNHS)

## **Band Camp- July 28-August 1- lead needed**

Organize activities, snacks for evenings at camp both at school and at Canter's Cave; At North- provide/ donate items for meals (lunch/ dinner) chaperone trip to DCI show

At Canter's Cave- overnight (4 days- 7/29-8/1); chaperone students during band camp; including non-marching band times, evenings, arrange evening activities; time can be split between chaperones; both male and female chaperones needed)

**Nurse/ EMT-** during band camp (4 days- 7/29-8/1; time can be split between qualified chaperones)

## **Middle School Liaison- lead needed**

coordinate the flow of information between marching band and middle school parents

## **Color Guard Liaison- lead needed**

coordinate the flow of information between marching band and color guard

## **WNHS Marching Band Invitational-** Tiffany Thompson lead [tst10@wowway.com](mailto:tst10@wowway.com)

Assist in a multitude of different areas before, during and after this **all hands on deck** event on October 4<sup>th</sup>. A separate planning/ volunteer meeting is scheduled for May 12 6:30p in the band room. All students are required to volunteer for this event.

Westerville City Schools has recently updated their volunteer policy. All adult volunteers must now complete a Volunteer Form. Most of volunteers will be Level 1 (moving equipment, passing out cookies, etc.). Anyone who will be supervising students without a district employee present (especially on overnights) will be Level 2 and will need a background check. Contact Mr. Vilanova for a form and with any questions.

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