



The Woodlands High School 2018-2019 Band Booster Handbook

*We are driven to excel as musicians and performers, but
overall...as good people.*

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BAND GUARD

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TWHS Summer Band Schedule 2018

Attendance is required at all rehearsals to be considered for a contest marching spot.

July 3	First Band Payment due \$250	
July 3	July 4th Parade Practice @TWHS	9:00 AM-12 Noon
July 4	July 4th Parade - Meet @TWUMC	9:00 AM-11:00 AM
TBA	Leadership Team Training	
July 23-27	Full Band: Percussion-location TBA Guard @9th Grade Campus Brass/WWDS@TWHS	8:00 AM-5:00 PM 8:00 AM-5:00 PM 12:30 PM-9:00 PM
July 30/31	Full Band - Locations TBA	8:00 AM-12 Noon 4:00 PM-9:00 PM
Aug. 1-3	Full Band - Locations TBA	8:00 AM - 12 Noon 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Aug. 4	Possible choreography day@TWHS - Please keep open!	
August 6	2 nd Band Fee Payment Due \$250	
Aug. 6 Mon	Full Band @TWHS	8:00 AM-12 Noon 4:00 PM-9:00 PM
Aug. 7 Tues	Full Band @TWHS	3:30 PM-9:00 PM
Aug.8 Wed	Full Band @TWHS	4:00 PM-9:00 PM ONLY
Aug.9 Thurs	Full Band @TWHS	3:30 PM-9:00 PM ONLY
Aug. 9	Booster Meeting in Band Hall	7:30 PM
Aug. 10 Fri	Full Band @TWHS	1:00 PM-8:00 PM ONLY
Aug. 10/11 Fri/Sat	ROCK-A-THON @TWHS Cafeteria	11:00 PM Fri-7:00 AM Sat
Aug. 14 Tues	Full Band @TWHS	3:30 PM-6:30 PM

Aug. 15 Wed	First Day of School	NO REHEARSAL!
Aug. 16 Thurs	After-School Rehearsals Begin (Standard schedule is: Tue/Thurs 3:30-6:30 and Wed 3:30-5:30)	3:30 PM-6:30 PM
Aug. 17 Fri	Full Band Rehearsal	6:00 PM-9:30 PM
Aug. 18 Sat	Full Band Rehearsal Exhibition for Families Band Family Dinner Band Dance in Band Hall	4:30 PM-6:30 PM 7:00 PM @TWHS 8:00 PM in Cafeteria 9:30 PM - 11:30 PM
Aug. 19 Sun	Meet the Players Leaders, Drum Majors & Drumline Required	3:00 PM @ TWHS
Aug. 24 Fri	After School Rehearsal	6:00 PM-9:30 PM
Aug. 25 Sat	Possible Woodforest Stadium Rehearsal	Times TBA
Aug. 27 Mon	Main HS Campus Open House	7:00 PM
Aug. 28 Tues	9 th Grade Campus Open House	7:00 PM
Aug 28 Tues	Shortened Rehearsal for Open House	3:30 PM-6:00 PM
Aug 29 Wed	Full Band Rehearsal (time adjustment due to shortened rehearsal on Tues.)	3:30 PM-6:00 PM

2018 Marching Season Important Dates

Band Fee Payments:

- May 26, Deposit \$100
- Monday July 3, First payment due- \$250
- Friday August 6, Second payment due - \$250
- Monday September 4, Third payment due - \$250
- Friday October 1, Fourth payment due - \$250

Rock-a-Thon

Friday, August 10th

11:00 PM – 7:00 AM Sat. @ TWHS (all night lock-in)

Note: This serves as a small fundraiser for the band's activity account with the school. On an Indy year, 90% of the raised funds go directly to your child's band account while 10% go to the band. The activity account is used for various supply items and other unforeseen expenses not covered by the band fees and is a vital part of our school budget.

Exhibition, Dinner and Dance

- Saturday, August 18th
- Exhibition 7:00 PM Dinner 8:00 PM
- Student Dance 9:30 PM until 11:30 PM

Football Games

Friday, Aug. 31	@CY-Fair	Away @ 7:00 PM
Thursday, Sept. 6	vs. Lamar	Home @ 7:00 PM
Friday, Sept. 14	vs. Oak Ridge	Home @ 7:00 PM
Friday, Sept. 21	@College Park	Away @ 7:00 PM (8 th grade night!)
Friday, Sept. 28	vs. Klein Oak	Home @ 7:00 PM (Homecoming!)
Saturday, Oct. 6	@Klein Cain	Away @ 6:00 PM
Saturday, Oct. 13	vs. Klein	Home @ 6:00 PM
Friday, Oct. 19	@Conroe	Away @ 7:00 PM
Friday, Oct. 26	OPEN	
Friday, Nov. 2	vs. Klein Collins	Home @ 7:00 PM
Thursday Nov. 8	Klein Forest	Away @ 7:00 PM

Competitions and Exhibitions

Saturday, Oct. 6	BOA Houston Regional
Saturday, Oct. 20	Lone Star Preview - @Woodforest Stadium - early AM/late PM
Tuesday, Oct. 23	UIL Region Marching Contest - @Woodforest Stadium (time TBA)
Saturday, Oct. 27	UIL Area Marching Contest- @San Antonio Alamodome (All day commitment!)
Saturday, Nov. 3-6	BOA Super Regionals and UIL State in San Antonio, TX

Band Booster Meetings

All Booster meetings are on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in Band Hall, unless otherwise noted. Meetings occasionally change due to schedule conflicts, but in that case, e-mail notice will be sent.

ALL volunteers for any position must first complete the CISD background check form here:

<https://apps.conroeisd.net/volunteer/>

It only takes a few minutes, and you are good to go!

Bus Chaperones

Chaperone Guidelines:

Thank you for your interest in chaperoning our band! Chaperones travel with the band to make sure that our students are safe. We accompany them to football games, marching contests and exhibitions. We try to accommodate chaperones who want to ride the same bus as their child; however there are times when we have too many parents wanting to ride the same bus. Be flexible and have fun! ☺

Students sign up for their buses at the start of the school year. They'll have three different bus number assignments, one for home games, one for away games, and one for charter buses (competitions and games outside the Houston area). The guard will generally be on their own buses so they have room to style their hair and apply makeup on the way to an event. We do not let the students switch buses after they make their selections.

Students can be VERY loud on the way to an event. This is okay, as long as they stay seated and the bus driver can operate the bus safely. Different bus drivers have different standards of discipline on their particular bus and will often dictate what is acceptable on their bus. The band students, for the most part, are very respectful and know what behavior is expected of them. If you have any problems, please find Heather Brown and she'll talk to a band director if necessary.

Travel Procedures:

When you arrive, you'll receive a numbered chaperone bag that corresponds to the bus you'll be on. Attendance sheets for your assigned bus will be inside. You'll need to take attendance twice- once before we depart TWHS, and again before we leave the venue to return to TWHS. All students MUST be accounted for.

One of the chaperones will check each student in as they come onto the bus. The other chaperone will use the Group Me app and text the bus # and the bus driver's name and cell phone #.

A student may only ride with their own parents IF prior arrangements have been made with Ms. Perez and she has received a written note from the parents. If a student rides home from a game with their parent/s, they must give you a WRITTEN note (turn this in with your clipboard when we get back to TWHS). It is also advisable to physically SEE the parent/s before releasing the student!!!

It is very important that the students clean up after themselves. There are trash bags in the chaperone bag; it's a good idea to pass the bags back several times to keep the buses clean.

No instruments may be played on the buses. No hands or limbs outside the bus windows –ever. Never open the back door of the bus unless you are instructed to. Nothing is thrown

out of the bus windows. Students know that they are representing TWHS and are usually well behaved. They are an amazing group of students! ☺

The students must stay seated until we approach the football stadium. They must be fully dressed before they exit the bus. Always wait for Ms. Perez to text us the okay to let the students off.

Check the bus after the students get off. Remind the students to pick up their hats, gloves, and shoes before they depart the bus. We find countless single gloves, socks, and shoes after games. You cannot emphasize this enough with the students. Always tell them to check and double check for their hat boxes, two shoes, two socks and two gloves. **Everything they have is black, and the bus floor is black!**

Because so much of our communication during games is by using the app GroupMe, you must have a working phone with a full battery and a reliable backup battery!!

You will receive chaperone reminder emails on the week you are signed up. If you cannot chaperone that week, try to give as much advance notice as possible. We always try to have two chaperones on each bus so we'll need to find a replacement.

We look forward to seeing you during marching season!

Email me with any questions! Hope to see you on the bus!!

Heather Brown

TWHS Band Chaperones

chaperones@twhsband.org

TWHS Color Guard

Welcome to TWHS Color Guard! We are excited to have you as part of our band family! The Woodlands High School Band is "ONE BAND". This means that no matter what grade, instrument you play, if you're in guard, or if you're a percussionist, the entire band functions as one unit. The entire band stays together during events and activities.

The Woodlands Band website is www.twhsband.org and is one way to stay up to date with what is happening with the band. Charms, Remind 101, Private Parent Guard Facebook page and email are the best ways to obtain detailed information. Be sure to sign up for Remind and update your student's information in Charms to be added to the email distribution list. Please visit the Charms calendar first before contacting a staff member about rehearsal dates and times. Your Guard member will receive the most up to date information from his/her Squad Leader. Color Guard members follow the yearly band calendar and fee schedule. There may be additional fees for Color Guard items as well as additional fees for the spring Winter Guard competitive season.

Color/Winter Guard Class

There is a class for Color/Winter Guard. It is held during 4th and 8th period in both the fall and spring semesters. 9th grade students will be bussed over from the 9th grade campus to the senior campus at the beginning of fourth and eighth period each day. The team will change into rehearsal attire for class.

Rehearsals

To get the team ready for the competition show, the Color Guard will hold camps during the summer. In addition, Color Guard members attend Summer Band, which begins in late July and continues through the end of the week before school starts (approx. 3 ½ weeks). After School rehearsals take place weekly during Marching Season with some Saturday and evening stadium rehearsals. Flexibility is key as well as staying positive and supportive with your Guard Member. These rehearsals are mandatory in order to participate in the marching show. Second semester is Winter Guard season, consisting of two different units, A Guard and World Guard. The Guard will go through an additional audition process to be placed into one of the two Winter Guards. A new weekly after school rehearsal schedule will be in place, and there may be some Saturday Rehearsals as well as most competitions. Most Winter Guard Rehearsals take place at the 9th Grade Campus.

What Does My Guard Member Need for Color/Winter Guard?

(More information provided during the summer)

- Practice Attire: School Appropriate T Shirts –or—tank tops sports bras for women, mid-thigh athletic shorts, or “Soffe shorts” with spandex/leggings underneath, tennis shoes, socks
- Water jug (1 gallon)
- Rifle
- Guard Warm Ups (jacket and pants)
- Equipment Bag
- Duffle Bag
- Member T Shirt(s)/Tank(s)
- Several pairs of tan fingerless padded gloves
- Tan, slip on, split sole dance shoes
- Body Tight
- Convertible, Clear Strap Bra for women
- Electrical tape- Black and White. The Guard will probably use a roll of each per month (found at Home Depot and most hardware stores)
- Strapping Tape (found in the mailing/packaging aisle, it is clear and called strapping tape)
- Hanging/Garment Bag
- Make-Up and Hair Accessories

Volunteering

There are several opportunities for parents to volunteer to help with needs for the Color Guard during the year. Volunteer opportunities during the Marching season go through the Band, during the Winter Guard season they will be through the Guard. It takes a dedicated group of parents to make our Guard run smoothly. All help is appreciated. More information will be communicated through the Guard Liaison and/or the Guard Director.

For additional information or questions email:

Stephanie Jenkins - Guard Liaison at colorguard@twhsband.org

Band Parents Rock!

At the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion

Band Rocks!! You're going to hear this statement a lot this coming year. These words excite and energize the students – the MEMORIES, the FRIENDS, the MUSIC, the CHAMPIONSHIP! As parents, we love this but we also know there's going to be a cost, for students and the band as a whole.

This is where the **TWHS Concession Stand** comes in – it's a great way to earn money for band fees, Winter Guard fees and other band programs. Based on past seasons, between tips and commissions from Aramark, shifts pay between \$75 and \$95 – we won't know the exact amount until all funds have been collected. It's more than just a fundraiser. You get to hear great music as well as get to know your fellow band parents and this is what really makes it so much fun!

Just like our kids have their "band friends", we do, too! We spend so much time together and we miss each other during concert season. By joining us in the **TWHS Concession Stand**, you'll get a jump start on catching up with your band friends – and have plenty of time to arrange those all-important carpools for Summer Band - because driving to the band hall 4 times a day gets real old, real fast! Just saying.

We have a **Super Fun** team of Parents and Friends! And there's room for **you!**



Sign me up! You KNOW you want to! Visit TWHS band volunteer page at www.twhsband.org/volunteer-info.html, scroll down to Concessions. The first step is to click on **Concession Signups-HERE**. This will take you to a volunteer information form. We need all information filled in. Next step is to click on **Concession Forms/Info**. Fill these out electronically (or print-sign-snap a photo) and email back to us at: concessions@twhsband.org. Once we have your documents, we'll give you the okay to sign up for concerts! You can sign up to work concerts through Signup Genius links on the **Concession**

Schedule - Here. We have openings for cashiers, runners, cooks, and kitchen staff. You can work in different roles or stick with your favorite. This will also get you added to the email distribution.

A TABC License is REQUIRED. *** This allows you to serve alcohol in Texas. Visit www.learn2serve.com/TABC to learn more. It may be obtained online for about \$15 and 2 hours of your time. Aramark, the vendor at the Pavilion, will often offer free classes at the

beginning of the season (March/April). Everyone needs a valid TABC license in order to work anywhere in **TWHS Concession Stand**.

Uniforms! Snazzy blue Pavilion polo shirts, a TWHS ball cap, closed toe shoes & khaki shorts, pants or skirt. Shirts are \$17.50. Hat are \$15 each. This cost will be taken out of your shift earnings. Closed toe black or white athletic shoes with same color no show socks and khakis are on your own.

The fine print

Paperwork: Yes, there are some forms for the band and some for Aramark. They are on the band website under the concessions volunteer section. They have to be completed and sent to us before you can work.

Concert Schedules: The concert season runs from April to November. We try to include everybody but sometimes we just don't have enough space for popular concerts. We strive to make sure everyone gets to work as much as they want, when they want. Aramark reserves the right to change the schedule at any time. Signup Genius links are on the Concessions Schedule on the Volunteer Website.

TABC Licenses: These are not optional, even if you won't be serving alcohol. We need these on file before you work your first shift. (If you don't want to serve alcohol, you can work in the kitchen!)

Uniforms: The guidelines are: tucked in blue pavilion shirt, black belt, khaki bottoms--shorts (not short shorts), pants, capris or skirts, closed-toed shoes that are at least 75% black or white, and same colored socks. These must be followed or you won't be allowed to work the concert. This is Aramark's rule.

Driver's License or State ID Card: All volunteers must have these during all shifts. Cashiers swap theirs for the cash drawer and will get it back at the end of the night after they turn in the cash drawer.

Stand Clean Up: We have a great stand! It's one of the cleanest in the whole pavilion and everyone knows it! To keep it this way, everyone participates in the opening and closing clean up. Many hands make light work!

Free Parking: Volunteers park in the Green Lot between Timberloch and Riva Row.

Please consider joining our team! We have an incredible group of parents and friends and we would really love to have you join us. Friends and family 18 and older can all work and direct funds to a specific student account. If you don't need this program for your student, you can direct your funds to another student, the general band fund, or a specific band program.

We welcome any questions and hope to have you onboard!!!

Stephanie Jenkins and Stephanie Gunter

TWHS Band Concessions

concessions@twhsband.org

Corporate Donations

Dear Band Parents, Students, Families and Friends:

My name is Mike Saltikov and I will be your 2018-2019 Corporate Donations chair for The Woodlands High School Band and Color Guard. I am honored to take this position and will do my best to secure needed funds for our championship musicians and performers. We are fortunate to be a part of a generous school district and band family. However, district funding and band fees simply do not cover all the expenses associated with an award-winning band such as TWHS Marching Band and Color Guard. My objective will be to solicit monetary sponsorships by researching, identifying and aligning interests with local and national corporations who are looking for ways to be good corporate citizens while at the same time promote their products or services with a target audience. What better way to achieve these goals than by sponsoring the distinguished Woodlands High School Band and Color Guard? 350+ Woodlands High School Band and Color Guard members, staff and families will be giving their total commitment to excellence this 2018-2019 season and there are generous corporations that would benefit by being part of this tremendous band experience.

We are seeking the help from our awesome band families and friends to help in building our base of corporate sponsorships that will not only help with expenses but enable support for the best educational enrichment for our students. Houston area companies are very generous and many donate to nonprofits.

Please consider being a Corporate Sponsor. Your company can donate to the TWHS Band and Color Guard. I am happy to contact any company on your behalf to ask for a sponsorship and explain the valuable marketing exposure the company will receive in return.

Utilize your company's Corporate Matching Program. If you donate as an individual or family to the TWHS Band and Color Guard, many companies will make a matching donation for the same amount. Note that band fees are not eligible for matching gifts programs.

Partnering with The Woodlands High School Band and Color Guard is a powerful way for companies to promote their products and services and I look forward to meeting with you to explain in detail our fantastic band program.

Thank you for your commitment to The Woodlands High School Band, Color Guard and Booster Club. We're looking forward to a great year!

Mike Saltikov

Mobile: 951-232-6174

donations@twhsband.org

FEED THE BAND!

During the Marching Band season, the Feed the Band team provides meals, beverages and snacks within budget guidelines to provide reasonable nourishment to band students when they are otherwise unable to get a meal on their own due to attendance at required practices, football games, competitions and when traveling with the band.

Our Marching Band season begins with May Day on Memorial Weekend and ends with the final band competition or final TWHS football game, whichever comes last. During this time, the FTB team provides about 40 meals and snacks for students. The cost for this is included in the students' band fees.

When students are required to be at school to practice and then to perform with the band at a football game, they will be provided a meal that they select from one of our vendors. Gluten free, dairy free and vegetarian options are available. The Game Day Meal form is available on this website. The meal selected remains the same for all football game days during the season.

When students are required to travel or are required to be at school for competitions or other events at mealtime, they will be provided a meal from a selected vendor that FTB will choose. Gluten free, dairy free and vegetarian options will be made available as needed at each meal or snack.

In the event that a student has dietary restrictions, a form available on this website must be completed by the parent. FTB will then meet with that student to determine what substitutions, available from our vendors and within budget guidelines, will be provided for them to eat.

It takes many hands to feed our hard-working band students and we welcome volunteers to the team! A volunteer form is available on this website for you to let us know how to contact you if you are interested in being a part of this terrific team of parents.

The Feed the Band team is looking forward to a nutritious and fun 2018 Marching Band season!

Beth Velkoff

feedtheband@twhsband.org

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Follow these directions if you have never used the KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

First you must have a registered Kroger Plus Card account (that is the card you swipe to get the sale price). If you do not have a Kroger Plus Card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

Next register online with your Kroger Plus Card account at www.krogercommunityrewards.com

New online customers must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.

1. Sign up for a Kroger Community Rewards Account by entering your zip code, clicking on favorite store, enter your email address, create a password, and agree to the terms and conditions.
2. You will get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
3. Then click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
4. Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
5. Update or confirm your information.
6. Enter your NPO number (82693) or The Woodlands High School Band, or select TWHS Band from list and click on confirm.

To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after you register your card(s).

Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Plus Card number.

You must swipe your registered Kroger Plus Card or use your Alt ID when shopping for each purchase to count.

To enroll again for 2018-19

1. Log in to your account at www.krogercommunityrewards.com
2. Click on Account Registration at the bottom of the page under Customer Service.
3. Your Account Summary page should be up. Scroll down to the bottom to community rewards. Add TWHS Band to your account.

Questions or concerns? Email Rachael Barlow at fundraisers@twhsband.org

Fundraising Program

Fundraising is a way to earn money that benefits the whole band and the students in it. Funds are used to purchase items and equipment that is not covered by CISD. Many times t-shirts, patches, and items are purchased for every student. We appreciate your participation and support of fundraising events.

Restaurant Spirit Nights

There are 2 to 3 of these through the first semester. The band can receive 15% to 20% of the amount taken in.

Band Fee Raffle

Tickets are sold and one winning tickets is drawn out at Band Exhibition, The person has their students band fees paid for the year.

Christmas Evergreen Sale

Sale Brochures are passed out in late Sept. for students to take orders. All money is collected and items are delivered to the students the first Monday after Thanksgiving (pick up is at TWHS 9th Grade). Customers can also pay to have item sent directly to people. This is our only major fundraiser where the student/parent is asked to sell something.

Band Individual Pictures

The week before Thanksgiving Break will have one day designated for individual band pictures. During their band class period students will get in their marching band uniform and pose with their marching and/or concert instrument for a picture by a professional company. Pictures are prepaid and the band does receive a donation back from the company as a fundraiser.

Questions or concerns? Email Rachael Barlow at fundraisers@twhsband.org

Pit Crew

The Pit Crew moves the Band and takes care of the show props and equipment. We handle Color Guard gear, sound equipment and instruments. We load, unload, and stage equipment at football games, stadium practices and competitions. The Pit Crew also gets, constructs and maintains the show props. And, we eat well. Some members feed and water the Crew to keep us going.

Pit Crew operates on a 'drop in' basis. If you sign up, we will add you to our mailing list. If you can come to one event, great. Ten? Wonderful. All? Awesome. There is no minimum and no expectation beyond your being generally wanting to help us at some point.

All are welcome! After reading the fine print below, a simple email to pitcrew@twhsband.org stating "Yes, I will help!" completes your application. We do require a background check of all of our volunteers, as with all people who work with our students. Our Pit Crew Lead for the 2018-2019 marching band season is Tim Donoughue.

What We Do

Props

Early during the summer, the Pit Crew begins work with the show designer and directors to figure out the prop design and how to accomplish it. We create the props and maintain them. Depending upon the complexity of the props, we may meet many times and will do everything from drilling to nailing to painting to sewing to prepare the props for use.

Stadium Practices

The Band and Guard will have a number of practices at Woodforest Stadium throughout the season. Some will be on Saturday morning, others will be after school. The Pit Crew helps move to and from the stadium, similar to a football game (see below).

Football Games

The Pit Crew helps get the Band and Guard to all football games, home and away. On game days, the Pit Crew meets at TWHS shortly before the end of practice (or during school if there is no practice). Students load their instruments into cases and onto equipment racks, which we push up into the semi. We help the Band and Guard members load the rest of the equipment into the truck(s) and address anything that must be repaired. The Pit Crew leaves before the Band and Guard to get to the game and will begin unloading, typically before the busses arrive with the students. The Pit Crew assists staging the equipment and props for the show. We then eat and/or watch the game.

At about 10 game-clock minutes before halftime, the Pit Crew returns to the staging area. Some Pit Crew members will help the Band onto the field and help set up equipment. Field entry and setup is timed. Once the Band is set, the Pit Crew will generally stand back on the track area in front of the front ensemble and watch the performance. After the performance, the Pit Crew helps strike and remove the equipment, again timed.

Back at the truck(s), the props and equipment are prepared for reloading. After everything is prepared, the Pit Crew returns to watch the game.

After the game, we again load the truck(s) and return to TWHS, usually arriving after the busses with the students. At TWHS, we unload the truck(s) and store all of the props and equipment at the school, where it can be used for practices.

During periods of inclement weather, we cover equipment and instruments with tarps as needed.

Band Competitions

The Pit Crew works with competitions much as we do for football games. Times and durations of the performances and practices vary and require greater flexibility of the Pit Crew. Especially on overnight trips, loading and unloading may occur late in the evening or early in the morning. Pit Crew members pay for their own accommodations and food at these events (though frequently some members will volunteer to bring food for all of us). Competitions frequently limit the number of Pit Crew members allowed on the field, so we usually use those who have been at most football games for the field work. However, we always need additional Pit Crew to help with off-field operations at all competitions.

Our Tools

Generally, Pit Crew members bring their own tools to build props and move the Band and Guard. Everyone moving or building things is strongly recommended to bring work gloves. Additionally, we have several other toys:

The Band Trailer

The Band is fortunate to have a custom-modified 50' semi-trailer for the transportation of instruments and equipment. We contract a professional driver and tractor to haul the trailer to events.

The Auxiliary Trailer (aka Guard Trailer)

The Band also features a 16' fully-enclosed trailer that we use to haul props and other equipment. The guard trailer is pulled by one of the Pit Crew who has a truck with sufficient towing capacity.

Box Trucks

Some years, the size of the props or instruments requires us to rent large box trucks (up to 26') to move the Band. Pit Crew members take turns picking up, driving, and returning trucks as needed for events, including the San Antonio trip if needed.

Pit Crew Communication

The main communication method for the Pit Crew is its group on GroupMe (https://groupme.com/join_group/40492055/D5YnzH). The GroupMe app is available for all smartphones and by web browser. The calendar on the app features Pit Crew events and details and allows members to let everyone know how many people we will have available to help. Several days before an event, an email will also be sent to confirm details of the event. To add yourself to the list or get help with the GroupMe, email to pitcrew@twhsband.org.

Pit Crew Attire

The Pit Crew assists with a professional show. Pit Crew members assisting on the field should please wear an official Pit Crew t-shirt (or green official Band/Guard shirt). Pit Crew t-shirts will be available for purchase from Embroidery Studio via the normal Band/Guard website (<https://embrstudio.com/collections/twhs-band>). All Pit Crew Members are identified with a current-year ID badge, which should be worn to all games (and is your pass into all football games and some competitions).

Questions?

If you have questions, please feel free to reach us at pitcrew@twhsband.org. We would love to have you join us.

Spirit Committee

Spirit

The Spirit volunteers will help with the travel bags for either San Antonio or Indy, depending on the year. This includes making pompoms, stuffing good bags, filling the sports sacs and passing them out to the kids. Goodie bags are also made for the Color Guard, the Highsteppers, and the Twirlers on behalf of the band.

Donations of popsicles, Gatorade, water, and snacks, etc. will be requested throughout the marching season. It is also requested, but 100% voluntary, that each family make a monetary donation to the Spirit committee to help cover the costs of items which are not donated. Spirit operates mainly on donations. Everything the Spirit Committee does benefits the entire band, and the students truly appreciate their supportive efforts.

Any questions or to volunteer or donate, please contact Melanie Marglous, the Spirit Committee Chair, at spirit@twhsband.org

Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee hosts the Exhibition Barbeque at the end of summer band and the ticket sales for it. They also organize the directors' meals throughout the year and host the meals for the Chamber Music Festival judges. They are available as well for any other events for which we may need to provide a meal.

Uniforms

Band Family,

- If you are willing to learn new skills
- If you are not afraid of needles
- If you and your washer/dryer have a good relationship
- Most importantly, if you would like to plug in right away and get to know the band students

Uniform Fittings

(no experience required)

- Fittings will begin the first week of summer band. They are usually held in 2 hour shifts (each morning and each evening) spanned over two weeks.
 - ** Dates and times to be determined
 - ** Sign up for the shift(s) that work into your schedule once we have the dates
- Training will be provided on how to determine sizing of all uniform parts ... It's EASY! And FUN!
- We prefer to have 5-6 fitters on a shift.

Uniform Hemming

(on the job training provided)

***NO sewing machine required ***

- Hand sewing of hems on pants is the primary work in this area
- Use of seam ripper will be required in some cases
- Hemming rotations begin the first week of summer band

Uniform Washing

(Washer & Dryer required)

- Washing of uniforms occurs after every 2-3 events for most of the band.

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- (Percussion uniforms are washed after every event – we would love to have all of the percussion parents assist in a rotation of these washings!)
 - We will assign two rotations of “washers”, which means you will wash after every 4th-6th event.
 - You will be assigned a cubby that has approximately 14-15 uniforms.
 - Uniforms are picked up on an assigned day and normally returned 2-3 days later.
 - Washing/drying instructions will be provided.

We need you....Can You Help?????

If so, please email , the Uniform Chair:

at uniforms@twhsband.org

Thanks so much!

Uniforms

“Ready to March” Checklist For Games/Contests

Label, Label, Label Everything!!!!!!

Bring with you from home

- Tote Bag
- Garment Bag
- Marching shoes (label with silver sharpie on underside of tongue of shoe)
- Black socks (over the calf)
- 2 pair of gloves (recommend purchasing extra pairs to keep at home)
- Uniform t-shirts (green)
- Black compression shorts/soffe shorts to wear under uniform
- Black hand towel to sit on at games (uniforms can snag on metal bleachers)
- Red Water Jug
- Sunscreen
- Hair elastics/bobby pins (HAIR MUST BE SECURED UNDER HAT FOR EVERYONE)
- Rain poncho (as needed)

Pick up from Uniform Room

The items below will be picked up prior to loading buses for games/contests and should be placed in garment bags immediately upon receipt:

- ASSIGNED jacket
- ASSIGNED bibs (pants)
- ASSIGNED gauntlets in gauntlet bag
- ASSIGNED hat/hat box with hat wrap (picked up from hat room in band hall)

- Students are responsible for keeping track of assigned hat in order to be able to march at games/contests.
- After games/contests, assigned marching band hats must be placed in their assigned spaces in the hat room. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE HATS/BOXES ON FLOOR OF BAND HALL OR PERCUSSION ROOM.

ALL 4 ASSIGNED ITEMS ABOVE MUST BE RETURNED TO UNIFORM ROOM AND HAT ROOM AFTER EACH MARCHING EVENT!! DO NOT TAKE THEM HOME!!

Items Recommended for longer trips/bus rides

- Pajama pants or sweatpants
- Sweatshirt or clean T-shirt
- A change of shoes or socks
- Cell phone & charger
- Small pillow or blanket

TOTE MERCHANDISE

Mandatory Items

Marching shoes and gloves (woodwind/brass) must be purchased from “Tote Unlimited” by Band Members. There are no required items for Color Guard from this supplier.

Gloves are required for woodwind and brass Band Members. Woodwinds have the option of full finger gloves or fingerless gloves. Brass typically order Sure Grip gloves. Both Sure Grip gloves and regular cotton gloves are available for order. Percussion does not require gloves. It is recommended that Band Members purchase at least 3 pairs of gloves for the marching season.

Optional Items Recommended

A rain poncho, personalized uniform garment bag, and personalized travel tote bag are not required to be purchased from this supplier. However, Band Members will need to have these items for the marching season. Both bags are embroidered with the band logo and the first initial of the first name, and the full last name.

TWHS Band Booster Club

The TWHS Band Booster Club is a non-profit organization (501(c)3) that exists to support the entire band program of The Woodlands High School through volunteer service and financial assistance. Our goal is to develop an outstanding band program. To achieve this goal, it takes many dedicated volunteers all working together as a team throughout the year. Every band parent is a member of the organization.

Duties of the booster club include:

- Financial support
- Chaperoning all games, contests, trips
- Loading/unloading trucks/equipment
- Organizing and hosting parties for the band,
- Uniform maintenance
- Water/snacks during games & contests
- Maintaining equipment
- Assisting band directors
- Capital improvements
- Spirit
- Web posting and sending information

TWHS Band Boosters 2018-2019 Officers

President(1 yr.)	Susan Armstrong	president@twhsband.org
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Uniforms (2 yrs.)	Shelly Benish	uniforms@twhsband.org
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Concessions (2 yrs.)	Stephanie Gunter Stephanie Jenkins	concessions@twhsband.org
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Publicity	Tracy Carlson	publicity@twhsband.org

Additional Booster Board positions that are not officer positions include:

Hospitality	Dina Hafley	hospitality@twhsband.org
Totes	Stephanie Gunter	tote@twhsband.org
Bus Chaperones	Heather Brown	chaperones@twhsband.org
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