



Waxahachie Band Booster News

Waxahachie Band Boosters

July 2005

High School Band Summer Schedule

Lake Highlands Drum Corps Show.....	July 21
Drum line/Color Guard Camp.....	July 25-29 (8:00-12:00, 1:30-4:00)
Band Leaders/Section Leaders/DM's.....	July 28 (8:00-12:00, 1:30-5:00)
Freshman Marching Camp (includes ALL Band Leadership)..	July 29 (8:00-12:00, 1:30-5:00)
Full Band Camp (all day).....	August 1-5 (8:00-12:00, 1:00-5:00)
Full Band Camp (Evenings).....	August 8-9, 11 (5:00-9:00)
Full Band Camp (all day).....	August 12 (8:00-12:00, 1:00-5:00)

All Band Activity (6th—12th Grade)

Ice Cream Social.—Lumpkin Stadium.....Fri., August 26 (7:00 PM)

Booster Meetings

All Boosters, WHS Band Hall.....Mon, July 11 (7:00 PM)
 Execute Committee Meeting, WHS Band Hall.....Thu, July 7 (7:00 PM)

Booster Officers 2005-2006

President.....Chris Buse
 cbbuse@hotmail.com, 972-938-1329 (home)
 VP Concessions.....Marty Reese
 Secretary.....Jennifer Dacy
 Treasurer.....Robert Ashley
 WJHS Rep.....Cheryl Stephens

The Waxahachie Band Booster Organization provides support for all students in the Waxahachie Band Program. Every band parent and friend of the band is invited to join the Waxahachie Band Booster Organization. The Waxahachie Band Booster Organization meets on the second Monday of each month, 7:00 P.M. in the WHS band hall.

www.waxahachieband.org

Working Together, Achieving More

WE WILL ACHIEVE great things in a program of our size when we come together to get things done collectively.

I must take this time and let everyone know of the great things our parents and students have been doing to make the Waxahachie band program great.

Southwest Specialty Fundraiser

Gary Wyatt has assembled the most incredible team of top notch plaque refinishers Texas has ever seen. Thanks to you Gary and all of your workers.

Newsletter

Lisa Popp has been instrumental in making sure we have quality information in a timely manner. We appreciate your efforts Lisa.

Band Hall Organization

Thank you to all of the students who have given great amounts of their time to help clean, arrange, and organize the band hall this summer. This dedication does not go unnoticed.

Executive Booster Board

Thanks for your time and energy in planning and preparing for a great new band season.

Rich Armstrong, Director of Bands



Ice Cream, Ice Cream, We All Scream for Ice Cream!

The Waxahachie Band Boosters would like to invite all of our band students in grades 6-12 and their families to attend the Annual Ice Cream Social. This event will take place on Friday, August 26th, at 7:00 PM in Lumpkins Stadium.

Come experience the thrill, the excitement, and the absolute energy of this year's marching band.

This year's Latin/Jazz show is incredible. Enjoy the entertainment, the free ice cream, and the great time being with our extended band family. We look forward to your presence at this fun-filled event.

If you have any questions about the Ice Cream Social, please contact the band office at 972-923-4600 ext. 102 or e-mail Mr. Armstrong at rlarm@wisd.org.



Drum Majors Refine Technique and Style!

*Jaci Wyatt and
Elizabeth Buchanan*
represented Waxahachie

with immense PRIDE at the UTA Drum Major and Leadership Camp the week of June 19-23. The girls spent a busy week learning new conducting tips and tricks, leadership methods, band management ideas, and effective rehearsal strategies. Both girls came back from camp excited about the new marching season and ready to get to work. With their leadership the band will succeed.



ATTENTION!

Look for a new band website to go live during the month of July!

Volunteer Hours

Each year the school district asks us to keep track of all volunteer hours. The district uses these hours to apply for grant money. At each monthly booster meeting you will be given the opportunity to log your hours for the proceeding month. Band boosters are extremely busy and prove to be one of the largest sources of volunteer hours for the district.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways to become involved with the Waxahachie Band Boosters. Everyone is needed for our organization to be successful. You know your talents and your availability. Check the following list to see if you can help with one or more of the following committees or activities. The list is no way exhaustive. There are many other ways to volunteer. Each month check the newsletter for additional volunteer opportunities. To volunteer contact *Chris Buse—Booster President*.

- **Band Photograph Committee ***

Photos of our students are displayed at area businesses during the marching season. Photo sessions will be scheduled on the same day as uniform fittings. Parents are needed to produce the posters and distribute them to the local merchants.



- **Car Wash Committee ***

The car wash date will be set at the next booster meeting. We need persons to assume the responsibility of organizing the event. We want this event to be a great community building time for our band students.



- **Ice Cream Social Committee ***

Volunteers are needed to serve ice cream at our annual social as well as sharing planning ideas for making this a fun and festive evening.



- **Uniform Fitting ***

Calling all needle-workers! Join us at the band hall for a Saturday of hemming jackets and pants. Come prepared to laugh and have fun, but also be ready to stitch to your hearts content.



- **Phone Committee ***

Many times each year we need persons to make phone calls to band parents to line up volunteers for various things. This is a great way to get to know other band parents.



- **Volunteer Coordinator ***

This person needs to love making thousand of phone calls and be tenacious enough to keep calling, even when it feels futile. This person also needs to be good at keeping track of volunteer hours to turn into the school district. All joking aside, it does require a commitment of a good amount of time, but it is also a great way to learn the names and talents of other band parents.



- **Hospitality Committee ***

This committee will be responsible for security volunteers to provide refreshments for concerts and booster meetings. We want concert patrons and boosters to have the opportunity to fellowship and get to know one another.



- **Band Banquet Committee**

This year the boosters will be hosting the band. As honored guests, our students will only need to show up and have a terrific time. We need persons to begin preparations and making reservations for the end-of-the-year banquet. As the time for the banquet approaches, additional volunteers will be needed to help with decorations, chap-eroning, and clean-up.



- **Benevolent Care Committee**

These persons are responsible for spreading bits of sunshine and cheer to those boosters who have been hospitalized, ill, or experienced a loss. This can be as simple as writing a short note or making a phone call. You can be as creative as you choose. We need volunteers for all of our campuses.



- **Bus Chaperones**

This is a great opportunity to get to know more of the students your child spends so much time with each fall. Chaperoning buses can be a lot of fun. The rewards



are felt for years to come when students recognize you around town and stop to share what has been happening in their lives since high school. They remember you giving your time to be with them.

- **UIL Contest Week Committee**

Each year the boosters provide special treats for our students after marching rehearsal during UIL Contest week. All three campuses participate in various contests during the spring. We want to expand this effort to show our support for all of our bands. We need volunteers and coordinators from each campus to make this effort a huge success!



- **UIL Marching Contest**

This fall we will be hosting the UIL Marching Contest at Lumpkin Stadium. Many, many volunteers are needed throughout the day, from filling cups of water for the bands, to helping park buses. It is hard work, but it is a lot of fun.



- **Away Game Food Committee**

Each Friday before an away game, this committee meets at the concession stand for about one hour to make sandwiches for out band students. We need workers and a coordinator who will make calls to line up parents to donate chips, snacks, or drinks for the snack suppers. If you cannot meet to make sandwiches during the day, you can volunteer to provide food for the meals. The boosters provide the sandwich meat, bread, drinks, and condiments.



- **Concession Stand Workers**

The concession stand is the booster's largest fundraiser for the entire year. Income from the concession stand provides support for the entire band program. We need volunteers from all campuses to help.



- **Contest Food Committee**

This fall our band will be traveling to out-of-town marching contests. Performance schedules and locations often complicate mealtime. However, with careful, advanced planning and preparation, we can be sure that all of our students are properly fed and cared for. Funds for the food are budgeted by the boosters.



- **Friday Night Drinks**

Drinks are provided by the boosters, but we need persons to transport the coolers to our away games. You would need to be able to transport four large coolers as well as water jugs.



Summer Fundraisers!

The Boosters are involved in a new fundraiser activity involving recycling award plaques for **Southwest Specialty Co. (Music T's)**.

We will be recycling 50,000 to 100,000 plaques by unpacking, removing an adhesive backed metal plate, cleaning off residual adhesive and repacking the clean plaques into boxes.

Southwest Specialty Co. is donating \$.20 for each plaque recycled giving us the **potential** to raise between **\$10,000 to \$20,000** and hopefully eliminate the need for other fund raiser activities.

On our first workday we recycled 3,776 plaques and earned a donation of \$755.20 for the Band. On our second workday we recycled 4,173 plaques in only 8 hours and earned a donation of \$834.60 bringing the current **total earned to \$1589.80**.

Participating **students can earn Community Service Hours** toward their DAP diploma and NHS students can also earn hours toward their requirements. This project is located in an **air conditioned** location of the Music T's facility and **free drinks** are provided.

The number of shifts has changed from three to two and the number of people per shift has changed from 10 to 15. This will increase the number of plaques per hour and reduce the number of total work hours for the boosters.

Shift 1: 6:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Shift 2: 10:00 A.M. — 2:00 P.M.

Additional work days will be scheduled soon, beyond 7/9 and 7/16. We need more people and work days to complete the project by 9/1/05, as Music T's busy season begins and they need all of their facility for regular production at that time. For more information contact *Gary Wyatt* at 972-923-0738 or wyatt.gary@sbcglobal.net.

Booster Executive Offices

Currently, there are two open positions on the Booster Executive Committee: *Assistant Vice President of Concessions* and *Vice President of Fundraising*. If you are interested in obtaining more information or volunteering for either of these positions, please contact *Chris Buse*—*Booster President*.



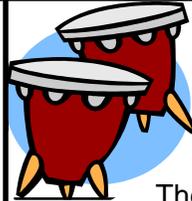
UTA Color Guard Camp a Huge Success!

Congratulations to *Lyndi Ashley, Tori Popp, Ramie Waters, Kiera Wade, Brianna O'Daniel, Stefani Lund, and Alicia Cranford* for attending the University of Texas At Arlington color guard camp the week of June 26-30th. These girls learned new techniques, routines, and strengthened their fundamentals while building a strong sense of TEAM. Thank you ladies for continuing to improve your skills and talents and make the band look great.— *Rich Armstrong*

Honors and Awards from the Camp

- Most Outstanding Beginner Guard
- Outstanding Intermediate Rifle-Lyndi Ashley
- Outstanding Beginner Flag-Tori Popp

Please watch your mailboxes for important band information during the month of July.



2005-2006 DRUM LINE IS PUMPED!

The drum line finished their June camp on fire to play and perform this season. The kids learned new cadences, exercises, and some new percussion ensemble pieces. I am proud of these musicians for devoting their time during the summer to making themselves, the line, and the band better. This drum line is awesome. Congratulations to *Yesenia Hernandez* (snare) and *Will Zimmerman* (bass) for earning positions in the battery.

- *Rich Armstrong*



Marching Band Show Design Nears Completion

The planning and development stage of this year's marching show is almost completed. The musical arrangements, written by our very own Al Thomas, come from the great jazz classics, "A Night in Tunisia", "One More Time Chuck Corea", and an original composition from the pen of Mr. Thomas. The Latin-Jazz show will groove hard and will prove to be a most exciting musical presentation. To achieve the success that we desire we will be writing a visual position for every student enrolled in band. We will be big, we will be loud, and we will be fast. You do not want to miss this year's show.

- *Rich Armstrong*