

# Critical Volunteer Needs for the Competition Season

Please check off what area(s) you can help with!!!!

Parent Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Number (s) \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPETITION DAY VOLUNTEERS:**

Provides support to the band on competition days. This may include driving the trucks, loading the instruments and props after practice on Saturday, meeting the trucks at the competition to unload the instruments and props, helping to get the instruments and props on and off the field, providing water to the students after they compete, reloading the instruments and props on to the trucks, helping to unload and put away instruments and the props once we return to the high school. This group will get divided into "pit crew" and "prop crew". The number of volunteers will depend on what is required for the show. See details below

**PIT CREW:**

Pit volunteers load instruments into the trucks at the school after the band is done practicing. Volunteers then meet the truck at the competition to unload instruments and move them to the warm up area and field for the competition. Volunteers then move instruments back to the truck to load them for the ride home. These volunteers need to stay with the pit students throughout this time in case they are asked to change location.

**PROP CREW:**

Prop volunteers assemble the props before competition, help move them on and off the field, and then disassemble the props so that they can be loaded into the trucks.

**MEAL PLAN:**

Meal plan provides food for participating students prior to Friday night home football games and Saturday competitions. For Friday night home football games the time is fairly consistent. For Saturday competitions the time will vary depending on show time and what time the band directors end practice. Tasks include: Weekly shopping for dessert snacks, soda, water, paper goods. Set up, serving food and cleanup after each meal.

**BAND MECHANICS (Instrument/Cart repairs):**

This group repairs the pit carts that are used to move the instruments. These carts see a lot of wear and tear as they are used on a daily basis. Tasks include: Repair carts as needed; repaint frames, repair brackets, replace wheels, etc. Anyone with special instrument repair talent is especially welcome. Repair podiums as needed. Repairs are done as needed throughout the season. We do not provide individual instrument repair that you would receive at a music store.

**BAND BANQUET:**

Approximately six volunteers are needed for the band banquet which is held in mid-November. Tasks include: planning the banquet and the night's festivities. Help is also needed the night of the event with sign-in and running the bag raffle. We also need volunteers to solicit items for the bag raffle.

**CHAMPIONSHIP TAILGATING (GIANTS STADIUM/ALLENTOWN)**

Volunteer appeal will go out during the competition season. Each year, we grill hamburgers and hotdogs for the kids and adults when the band goes to championships. We also bring deserts and side dishes. Volunteers are needed to help server the kids. A great time is had by all.