



Lakota West Band Volunteer Opportunities



Band Camp

Support band directors and band camp coordinators by chaperoning social events, signing up for a shift during band camp to help with daily setup, lunch, dinner, and take down each day. Volunteers may be asked to fill water coolers, work with Child Nutrition to prep/serve/clean up lunch, set up tents, and make last minute runs for supplies as needed.

Bus Chaperone

Chaperone a bus of appx. 40 students to and from competitions with several other band parents. Ensure all students are accounted for, have their belongings, and comply with bus rules.

Concert Uniforms

Fit and distribute concert uniforms in the fall and collect in the spring. Order cummerbunds, bowties, winds dresses and pearls and handle payment and distribution. Attend concerts and ensure students have all the needed uniform pieces and uniforms are in good repair.

Jazz 'n Cakes Pancake Breakfast

This is one of the bands largest fundraisers and requires many volunteers in a variety of roles. Positions include flipping pancakes, making coffee, check-in or supervise student workers, and more. Shifts are approximately 2 hours in length. All jazz bands 7-12 perform so lots of great entertainment while working! 2020-21 Date is 3/20/21.

Marching Band Uniforms

Assist in caring for marching band uniforms and pluming students for performances. Help is needed at all competitions and games. Flexible on number of events.

Band Photographer

Take photos at marching, concert, jazz events, football games, and band events. Edit and upload photos onto Flickr site to be shared with all band members. Flexible on number of events attended.

Pit Crew

Load and unload band trucks, move frontline and props for band competitions and games, and some rehearsals. Group tailgates at games and competition, you won't go hungry! Flexible on number of events attended.

Solo & Ensemble Contest

Check students in at performance rooms, announce performance, or help in the process of picking up, sorting, recording, creating certificates, and posting ratings. Sell concessions or help organize judges or directors lunches. Shifts are two or more hours on a Saturday in late January/early February.

Split the Pot

Sell 50/50 raffle tickets during one or more football games, before game and until halftime, leaving you free to watch the band's performance at halftime.

Sponsorship Team

The Lakota West Upbeat Club developed a new corporate sponsorship program in 2018. Local businesses have the opportunity support the band in exchange for advertising on our concert program, website, and/or truck. We're looking for a few volunteers (ideally parents of freshmen and sophomores) to help with the program. Local business owners with fundraising experience or community contacts would be a great help soliciting sponsors and designing the structure of the program. Finally, if your business would be interested in sponsoring in the band, please contact us at sponsorship@lakotawestbands.org. Some of the items this group may work on include concert programs, solo & ensemble guide, potential truck wrap, senior pic keepsake, banners, Jazz n' Cakes placemat, video, and program, and sponsorship promotional materials. This team would work closely with the Upbeat Exec Board and Communications Lead.

Swing Dance

Help set-up, teardown, sell tickets, or serve refreshments during the Swing Dance (usually an early Friday in December). High School Jazz bands perform, and event is open to all students and community. 2020 date is 12/11/20.

Tag Day Driver

Tag Day (8/29/20) is our biggest fundraiser of the year; and funds are used primarily for the purchase of uniforms for marching AND concert band students. It is requested that all band students grades 9-12 participate, and many parents (100+) are needed. Parent's role is to drive 4-6 students the morning of 8/29/20 through a designated neighborhood within the Lakota west attendance zone. Students go in no less than 3 in a group door to door in our neighborhoods asking for tax-deductible donations. Lakota East will usually conduct their tag day on the same day. August 29 will be support Lakota Bands Day!

Third Quarter Refreshments

Serve pop and cookies to Marching Firebirds and visiting bands during the third quarter of home football games. Flexible on how many games attended.

Try Band

Held on 1/30/21, on a Saturday morning, parents serve as hosts to 6th graders from west schools, and their parents as the 'try band'. Symphonic Winds students set up in various classrooms at the Freshman building to allow kids to stroll through and try any instrument they wish. Parents are needed to guide families and answer questions.

Thank you for volunteering!

If you have questions or would like to be on the contact list for any of the areas above, please email us at president@lakotawestbands.org or LWUpbeat@gmail.com and you will be contacted by someone in the Upbeat Club. Many of the positions above will also use Sign-up Genius to communicate volunteer needs and fill open slots. Be sure to sign up for emails at www.lakotawestbands.org in order to stay up to date on events and volunteer needs, as well as other important information.