

Sherando Band Booster Parent Information Session

2026



2027

Welcome to the Family,
We're So Glad You're Here!!



Deep Breaths: You've Got This!

From "Why are we here?" to "Pro. Band. Parent!"

Believe it or not, every parent here once felt overwhelmed by the schedule, the fundraisers, and the terminology. We are here to help you survive your first year as a band parent!

Tonight: Information Overload

"Tomorrow": Getting the hang of it

End of Season: Cheering louder than anyone in the stands





Information Overload



There's a Lot of Information Being Thrown at You Tonight!
Please Don't Try to Remember Everything!

This presentation will
be on the website
later this week!

1. **SherandoBand.org:** Your central hub for the calendar, registration, and information for students and parents.
2. **The Band App:** Real-time updates for parents (unique codes provided).
3. **Weekly Newsletter:** Immediate band happenings via email. Starting soon!
4. **Social Media:** Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the fun stuff. Post sharing is encouraged.

SHS Band Boosters Band App Channel



Working as of 5/7/2026 ;)



SherandoBand.org/calendar

May 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 2:45 PM Apple Blossom: Firefighters' Parade	2 All Day Leadership Assignments Posted
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3	4 6:30 PM Color Guard Spin Day 7:00 PM Band Booster Meeting	5 2:45 PM New Leadership Meeting (for 26-27 school year) 4:00 PM New Member Workshop #3	6 6:30 PM M 20	7	8	9 All Day Chantilly Jazz
10	11 All Day "RaiseRight" Orders Due	12 4:00 PM New Member Workshop #4 6:30 PM Fall Guard Rehearsal	13 4:30 PM Jazz Combos Performance - Arts Extravaganza	14	15	16
17 1:30 PM "School" Senior Awards Ceremony - Jazz	18	19 6:00 PM Prop Planning Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	20 7:00 PM Spring Band Concert	21	22 6:30 PM Band Awards Ceremony	23 1:00 PM Newtown Heritage Festival Parade - Battery/Drumline

Calendar Notes

over over each event and
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 u can see any event
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 ormation.

Volunteers Needed

Summer Car Wash #1
June 13, 2026 @ 11:45am
Sign Up to Volunteer

Summer Car Wash #2
July 18, 2026 @ 11:45am
Sign Up to Volunteer



2026-2027 Booster Board

President - Adam Stein

Vice President - Phil Benson

Secretary - Mirazz Lystrup

Treasurer - Rachel BeDell

Recorder - Paul Austin

Logistics Coordinator - Justin San Agustin

Volunteer Coordinator - Shannon Damron

Communications - Lora Jarrell

Uniforms - Jennifer Boycourt

Member-At-Large - Tara McGaugh





Band Booster Meetings

Consider This Your Open Invitation

All supporters of the Sherando Band are **welcome** and **encouraged** to attend our monthly Band Booster meetings.

This is a great way to meet other band parents, see how you can get involved, help plan for future events and learn more about the 2026-2027 school year.

Monthly Booster Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Band Room.

*No meetings in June or July. First full Booster meeting will be August 5, 2026.



Who Are The Boosters?

Our sole purpose is to support the Band.

We all are!

How We Make It Happen:

1. **Volunteering:** Parents power everything, from events and chaperoning to uniforms and logistics.
2. **Fundraising:** Fills the gap above the school funding to sustain a \$100K+ program
3. **Donations:** Supplies, wishlist items, business support, and essentials like bottled water
4. **Student Support:** Meals, uniforms, props, and event logistics
5. **Presence & Advocacy:** Helping keep students safe and championing the program in our community



***Everything we do directly benefits the students,
and it only works with parent involvement!***



Isn't Boosterin' A Lot Of Work?

Sometimes, but not always!

- Our band is amazing, but they need **continual support** to operate at this high level.
- With nearly **170 students** to help take care of, many hands make light work.
- There are **opportunities for everyone** to be involved and help out based on your comfort level.
- They may never tell you , but, your kids **NEED** and **WANT** you to participate.
- **It's a lot of FUN, Seriously!!!**
(Make friends with your kids' friends and their parents!)



Uniforms – Summer Fittings

All Students Should Attend A Summer Fitting Session

Things to know about our uniforms.

- There are **no direct uniform costs** for families. It's built into the band fee.
- We do **require** each student purchase **band shoes** as needed. **Cost – \$48.**
 - **Shoe Form and Fee due by 7/31.**
- ALL students need to sign up for **fittings 7/20–7/23 5:30pm–8:00pm.**
 - Sign up will be opening soon. Watch for updates in your email.
- **Volunteers needed** to help maintain these uniforms. No experience required.





Logistics & Volunteer Coordinators

The **Logistics Coordinator** oversees the **WHAT**—if the band needs to eat it, move it, or perform on it, they make it happen.

- **Builds:** Turning staff's vision into physical props.
- **Transport:** Coordinating drivers for props, large instruments, and equipment.
- **Fuel:** Providing meals and supplies to keep the band powered up.
- **The Game Plan:** Condensing event packets into a simple parent "battle plan."

NEW this year:

- **Prop Master (for lack of a better term):**
To be defined
- **Increased Support for Indoor Groups:**
Expanding our focus beyond the outdoor fall season.

The **Volunteer Coordinator** organizes the people power (the **WHO**) for tasks.

- **Builders/Decorators:** For those handy with tools or who like to paint.
- **Prop Crew:** Move props and get a front-row seat to the show.
- **Bus Chaperones:** Ride with students to events to ensure everyone is safe, accounted for, and supported.
- **Hospitality:** Help fuel the students.
- **Uniforms:** Help with uniform fittings and care.

The Volunteer Coordinator acts as your volunteering concierge, managing sign-ups, sending requests, and directing you.



Volunteer Opportunities

All Sorts Of Things To Be Done At Any Comfort Level

Thinking about all the things our boosters do each year can be very intimidating. However, there are vital roles for everyone, with any skill set, at any comfort level.



Ideal for introverts
Behind-the-scenes



Task oriented roles with minimal social expectations. Great for those who don't like being the center of attention.



Balanced roles, Working in teams within specified timeframes.



Direct engagement with strangers and public facing roles, including fundraising and other outreach efforts.



Perfect for the always extroverted. Juggles personalities, multitasking, and dealing with the unexpected.

Volunteering opportunities are displayed on sherandoband.org/calendar and in the **weekly newsletters**. We use SignUp Genius to manage our events/volunteers.



Volunteer - Band Camp

Estimated Social Battery: 

Time Commitment: Varies depending on shift selection.

When: Monday - Friday (7/27-7/31 & 8/3-8/7)

What You'll Do: You'll meet everyone, including 159 kids who don't know where their water bottle went. You'll be the glue that keeps camp running smoothly—hydrated, fed, organized, and maybe even have a little fun.

Your duties may include:

- setting up tents, refilling water jugs,
- handing out ice packs,
- being the calm in the storm of 100+ marching musicians learning to step off on the correct foot.
- You'll be a lifeline for students and staff—and possibly the reason the flutes don't mutiny by Wednesday.
- This is ideal for helpers with flexible summer hours, parents who want a sneak peek at the marching show, or anyone who enjoys saying "drink more water" 500 times a day.





Volunteer - Logistics Team

Estimated Social Battery: 

Time Commitment: Varies - 3 to 10 hrs/wk

When: Throughout the year

- Supports band staff and the Logistics Coordinator.
- Ensures the marching band's mechanics run smoothly.
- Responsibilities include prop construction/maintenance, trailer loading/unloading, and prop assembly at events.
- This hands-on group is crucial for moving the band.
- Ideal for parents who enjoy working with others and using skills like carpentry, fabrication, or 3D printing.





Volunteer – Bus Chaperones

Estimated Social Battery: 

Time Commitment: Varies – 4-15 hrs/event

When: Saturdays during marching season.
Various parades throughout the year.

What You'll Do:

- Ride with students to competitions and parades—making sure everyone's safe and accounted for.
- Assist with headcounts, snacks, minor crises ("I forgot my shoes!"), and be the grown-up presence that says, "We're watching, but with love." =)
- Have a front-row seat to the joy, nerves, and excitement of band travel. The kids might pretend they don't notice you... but they notice. And they're grateful.

This is perfect for calm, friendly adults with a good sense of humor, a charged phone, and a backpack full of band-aids and snacks.






Volunteer - Uniforms Team

Estimated Social Battery: 

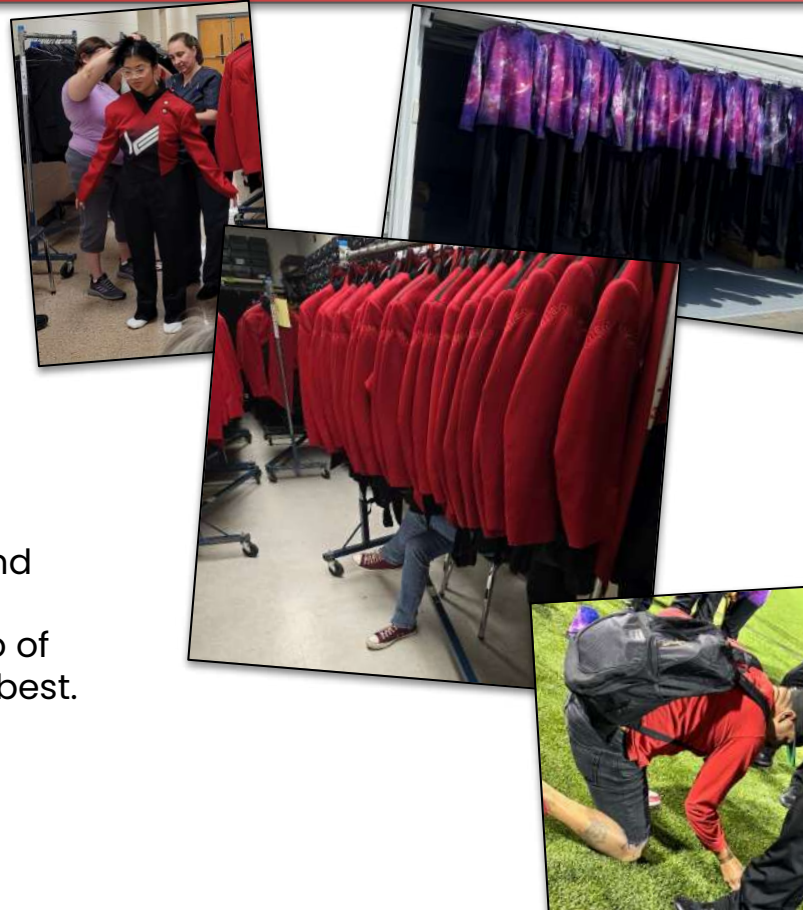
Time Commitment: Varies depending on event and season.

When: Year-round opportunities

What You'll Do:

- Help make sure students look sharp, stay clean, and has a uniform that actually fits.
 - From initial fittings to weekly maintenance, you'll help manage our wardrobe of magic.
- Be the go-to hero for lost gauntlets, wrinkled jackets, and grass stains.
- Be a superstar in the shadows, Run an extra load or two of  laundry after events to keep our uniforms looking their best.

It's part fashion, part logistics, part minor miracle.





Volunteer - Hospitality Team

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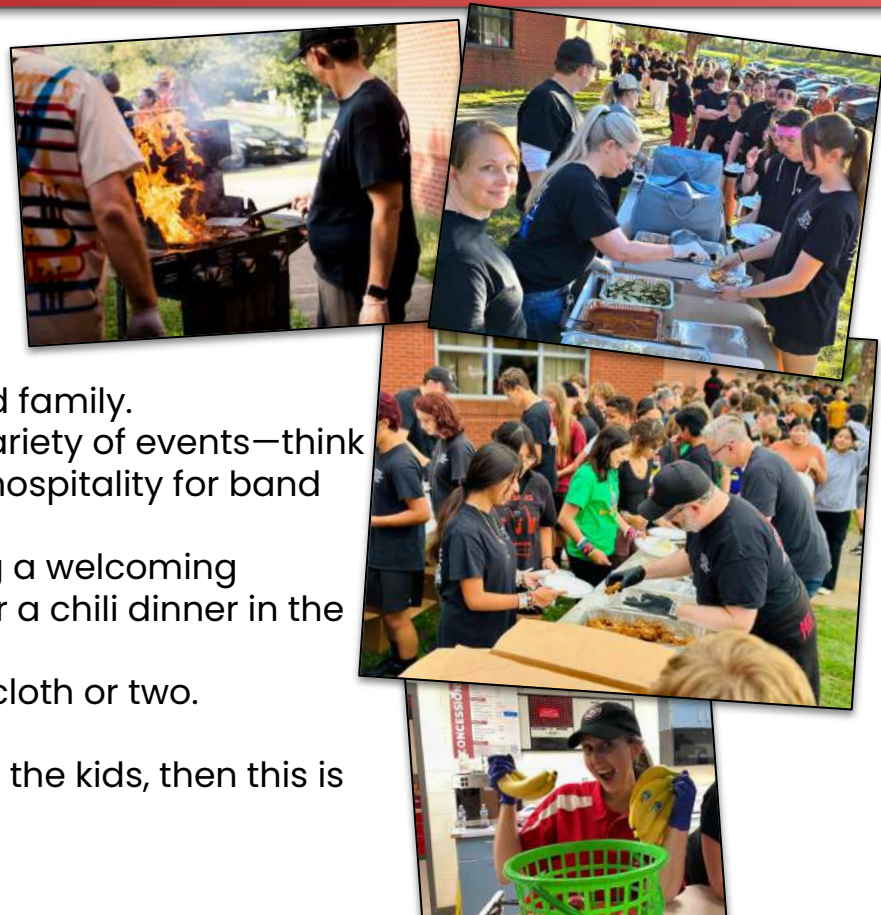
Time Commitment: 2-3 hrs home football games
4-5 hrs for other events

When: Year-round opportunities

What You'll Do:

- Nourish the spirit (and the stomachs) of our band family.
- Sets up and serves meals or refreshments at a variety of events—think band camp lunches, potluck dinners, and event hospitality for band directors and competition judges.
- Hospitality volunteers are also known for creating a welcoming vibe—be it a potluck table under a pop-up tent or a chili dinner in the cafeteria.
- Bring the warmth, the plates, and maybe a tablecloth or two.

If you enjoy planning fun activities and interacting with the kids, then this is the team for you!





Volunteer – Prop Crew

Estimated Social Battery:

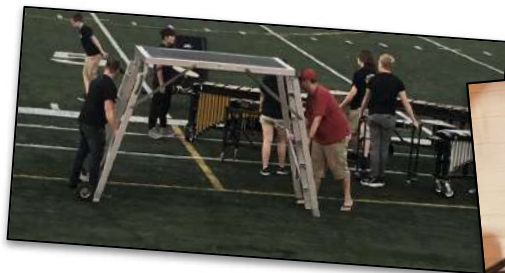


Time Commitment: 2–4 hours per event
When: Football games and competitions

What You'll Do:

- Help get large props onto and off the field before and after performances—quickly, quietly, and heroically.
- Assist the Logistics Team with trailer loading and unloading as needed.
- Be a vital part of the band's visual storytelling, helping the show come to life.

This is ideal for those who don't mind running in closed-toe shoes, enjoy a challenge under pressure, and think moving scenery is the most fun part of Broadway.





Volunteer - Trailer Drivers

Estimated Social Battery: 

Time Commitment: Varies depending on event and season.

When: Year-round opportunities.

What You'll Do:

- Haul the band's equipment trailer(s) to and from competitions, football games, and other performances.
- You don't need a CDL, but you do need confidence, common sense, and an appreciation for how many instruments it takes to create a halftime show.
- Work closely with the Logistics and Prop teams to make sure everything arrives in one piece and on time.
- The Logistics Team will handle the actual packing (unless you're one of those folks who needs to rearrange it... in which case, have at it)

Bonus points if you've ever said, "Let me handle the tie-down straps."



Volunteer Information Tables

- **Meet some members of our Booster Board and seasoned volunteers.**
- **Learn more about the volunteer roles we've discussed.**
- **Get answers to your questions.**
- **Let us know how you are able to help as we head into the summer/fall seasons.**



The BIG SIX!

The Backbone of our Annual Fundraising Strategy

Tag Day

Students collect donations door-to-door.



hundredx[®]

Complete brand reviews/surveys and earn money for the band. No money out of pocket. Nothing to purchase.

Safe Halloween

Sherando transforms into a Haunted Hallway with games and prizes.



Touch A Truck

Title says it all...



Sherando Showcase

We host an Indoor Color Guard and Percussion competition.



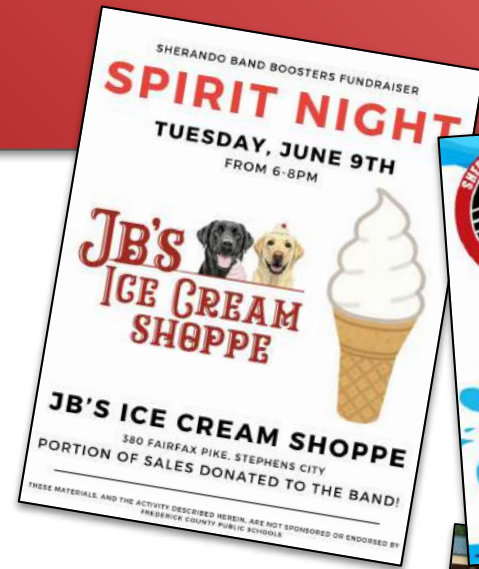
It's like Tag Day, but digital. Mainly targeting family, friends, and supporters that are not local to the Sherando communities.



Fundraisers

Upcoming Fundraisers

- **hundredx**[®] May 18 – June 9
- Spirit Night at JB's Ice Cream Shoppe
 - Tuesday, June 9
 - 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Summer Car Washes – Bank of Clarke – Stephens City
 - Saturday, June 13 and July 18
 - 11:45am–3:00pm
- Calendar Fundraiser – Month of July
 - Due Friday, August 7 (last day of band camp)
 - First \$220 used for band fees





Sherando Band Spirit Wear

Support the Band and Look Cool Doing it!

Spirit Wear store will **open during band camp** with the hopes of having delivery before our first home football game.

We expect to have the store open again before the holidays.

* Watch your email or facebook for updates





SherandoBand.org/band-fees

2026 – 2027 Band Fee Info

The Band Fee for the 2026-2027 school year is \$220.00 + \$48.00 for shoes (if needed). The Fee will be broken out into two parts and you will be responsible for paying for both.

Band Fees are due by August 7, 2026!

1. **\$30.00** will need to be paid to the Sherando High School directly. You can pay this through [MySchoolBucks](#) or a check to the school. If paying by check, please make sure it includes your phone number.

NOTE: The Band Boosters can not transfer the funds so please don't pay this to the Boosters.

2. **\$220.00** will need to be paid to the Sherando Band Boosters. We have set up several ways to do this. See the grey box on this page.
3. **\$48.00** – If your student needs new marching shoes.
 - o **Cash/Check**
 - o **Credit Card** through SwipeSimple – [Marching Band Shoes](#)*
 - o **Money that is in your students account.**

***Convenience fees may apply for SwipeSimple transactions.**

Ways to Pay the \$220 Fee

1. **Cash or Check** (payable to **SHSBBA**). You can have your child put the payment in the Black Box. Please make sure their name is on the envelope or check memo.
2. **Credit Card** through SwipeSimple – [Band Fee](#).*
3. **Money that is in your students account.** Please contact our Treasurer if you need to get your total and then advise if you'd like to have the money transferred to their fee and/or their band shoes.
4. **Payment Plan** – 5 Payments during the fall season.
 1. **August 3rd** – \$50*
 2. **September 14th** – \$20* + \$30 MySchoolBucks
 3. **October 12th** – \$50*
 4. **November 9th** – \$50*
 5. **December 7th** – \$50** Pay to SHSBBA in band room black box
5. **Calendar Days Fundraiser.** The first \$220 raised will go towards their band fee so it's a great opportunity for them to raise money for themselves and for the band. Learn more about the [Calendar Days Fundraiser](#).



Student Account Fundraisers



RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip

- **RaiseRight**

Purchasing gift cards for stores/services you already use.

A percent of your purchase will go directly to their student account.

- See www.sherandoband.org/raiseright-scrip/ for more information!

- **Fall Fundraiser – To Be Determined for 2026**

A percent of your sales will go directly to their student account.

- Typically happens in late October / early November

You can use the money in a student account for any of the following expenses.

- Help pay off part or all of the \$220 band fee.
- Purchase of new band shoes.
- Spring Trip



RaiseRight



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Ongoing – Earns Money For Your Students' Band Acct.

Purchase gift cards for your everyday purchases:

- **Hundreds** of companies to choose from.
 - Gas, Grocery, Shopping, Entertainment, Travel, etc.
- **Percent of purchase** (up to 25%) will be applied directly to your student's band account. (% decided by retailer)
- You can **earn** up to **\$1000/yr** per participant.
- Purchase Physical, egift Card, or Reloadable Gift Cards on their website or mobile app, small fees apply per transaction. \$0.29 trans fee, debit card (1% fee), credit card (3% fee)
- Physical cards can be shipped to you or the coordinator.
- Egift cards are available in the RaiseRight app after purchase.
- **Family and Friends** can participate, helping your student.



Learn more in the RaiseRight section of our website!



RaiseRight



RaiseRight™

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Ongoing – Earns Money For Your Students' Band Acct.



Make Sherando Band more affordable with RaiseRight

Raise money for your student when you buy gift cards to pay for purchases, shop online, dine out, or book travel through RaiseRight. It's a fundraiser that works with your routine—not against it.

Start Earning in 3 Easy Steps

1. Scan the QR code
2. Create your RaiseRight account, with enrollment code.
3. Start shopping and earning for your student, Without changing your budget



SCAN TO JOIN

code: ECL535F33L136



How to Be a Pro Band Parent!

1. **Support** Fundraising Efforts
2. **Volunteer** at Events
3. **Attend** Monthly Band Booster Meetings
4. **Promote** Band Events in the Community/Social Media
5. **Attend** Performances and Competitions
6. **Assist** with Transportation
7. **Provide** Resources, Expertise, and Connections
8. **Celebrate** Achievements and Milestones
9. **Build** Relationships with Other Band Families
10. **Advocate** for Music Education



QUESTIONS?

Thank you for coming tonight!

... But, Before You Leave ...

1. Make sure you've completed the Band Registration and Medical Form.
2. Visit the table in the back to meet some of our awesome band parents.
3. Join the SHS Band Boosters Band App Channel
4. Make sure your student has their water bottle! 😊



Working as of 5/7/2026 ;)