



Band Handbook

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BAND DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Foothill High School has an outstanding Band program for all students. Classes are offered in Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Auxiliary Units, and Percussion. The Foothill Band provides many performance opportunities for its students, which include: home football games, band reviews, special performance opportunities, tours, jazz festivals, concert festivals, and hosting the Foothill Band Review and Field Show Competition.

Past Foothill Band performances include a tour of England on New Year's Day in 1995, where the Band set a Guinness World Book record for the longest distance a Marching Band has played. Among the Band's other achievements are a tour of Nice, France, four performances at the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, performances in Hawaii, Canada, the Fiesta and Sun Bowls, Southern California, and the Portland Rose Festival Parade.

The Foothill Band Boosters is a very active organization that provides the Band with funds for music, special clinicians, instruments, and uniforms. Our Band Boosters are without question THE BEST.

The Foothill Band has earned over 1,500 awards in its short history, with most of the awards being sweepstakes and 1st place. This is due to the hard work of our music students, parents, and instructors.

We offer students a quality music education and an advantage for college. Band students are accepted to a college or university 40% more often than non-Band students. Past Foothill Band students have attended many of the most prestigious colleges and universities, including Stanford, University of California, USC, UCLA, Yale, Harvard, and Annapolis.

I look forward to your participation in the Foothill Band Program!

- Bob Moorefield, Foothill Band Director

BAND BOOSTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome all new and returning students and parents. Hope your summer was wonderful and you are ready for a fun-filled and rewarding year.

The Foothill Band has a long tradition of excellence that is based on teamwork, dedication, hard work, fulfillment, and fun that you will remember for the rest of your life. To keep the music program "marching" forward, thousands of volunteer hours and dollars need to be provided by the Band Boosters. **We are a team, and to have the best team every Band parent must be involved in some way.** There is a project, activity, task, fundraiser, or trip to accommodate each Booster's interest and schedule. Participating in some way is an enjoyable way to share the responsibility with others. Remember, the more people that help, the more fun (and less work) it is for each of us!

Band Boosters has several ways of communication, such as:

- **Handbook**: Contains a summary of the programs, rules, policies, financial matters, and other helpful hints. Please browse through this Handbook and other materials included in your folder. Keep it in a convenient place to use as a reference.

- **Newsletter:** Ten months a year, Band families will receive “Band Notes”, which provides up-to-date information about Band and Band Booster Activities. Names and phone numbers of the Executive Board members and Standing Committee Chairs will be printed monthly.
- **Web Site:** The best way to obtain the most accurate and current Band information is via the “Band Room”, our dedicated web site, at www.foothillband.org. There you can find schedules, performance results, photos, videos, and much more in the Band Room. Make it a part of your daily routine.
- **General Band Boosters’ Meetings:** Generally held the first Thursday of each month during the school year. These meetings include monthly updates about past and future Band events, upcoming fundraisers, etc. These gatherings are also a great way to meet other Band families.

Don’t be in the dark! Read the Handbook and newsletters, hit the web site, attend monthly meetings, or give me a call to answer your questions. Also, feel free to call any one of the other Executive Board members, committee members, or ask one of the Band staff.

I look forward to meeting and working with each of you.

- Angela Mogannam, Band Boosters President

THE FOOTHILL MARCHING BAND

The Foothill Marching Band is one of the most successful high school bands in the state of California. In the past 29 years, the Band has won nearly 1,000 Sweepstakes Awards and 1st Place Trophies. We also have the prestigious honor of representing Northern California four times in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. No other Northern California band holds this honor. Other recent past performances include:

- Hyack Festival, Vancouver, B.C
- Portland Rose Festival
- Hawaii Music Festival, Honolulu
- Portland Rose Festival
- Tournament of Champions
- London Challenge, Paris to London
- Victoria Days Parade, Victoria, British Columbia
- San Francisco 49’ers Halftime Show
- Pac Bell Park Opening Day
- Dick Cheney Campaign Rally (Alameda County Fairgrounds)

Also, the Marching Band has received many distinguished invitations, including:

- Fete de Geneve, Geneva, Switzerland
- Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, New York
- Fiesta Flambeau, San Antonio, Texas
- Marching Bands of America National Championship, Whitewater, Wisconsin
- Mardi Gras Parade, New Orleans
- St. Patrick's Day Parade, Dublin, Ireland
- Vienna Music Festival, Vienna, Austria

Components

□ Auxiliary (Color Guard)

The Auxiliary is the visual "frosting on the cake." It's the glitter, the pizzazz, the dancing part of the performance. The three units of the Auxiliary are:

- Letters: The Auxiliary holds the letters while performing precision, military routines in front of the Band.
- Rifles: The Auxiliary performs military style routines while spinning simulated wood rifles.
- Flags: The Auxiliary waves and twirls the flags to the rhythm of the music.

The Auxiliary students meet each morning at 7 a.m., have a class during the school day, and meet with the Band on Tuesday evenings. The Auxiliary instructor may schedule additional practices. During competitions, Auxiliary is judged with the Band for showmanship and judged separately for additional unit trophies. Besides Marching Band expenses, additional costs will be incurred by the Auxiliary member. These include some costume expense and travel fees for the Winter Guard competitions. It is strongly recommended that the Auxiliary members attend the USA Camp for Color Guard and Drum Majors. This camp is usually held the beginning of August.

□ Percussion

The Percussion unit of the Band performs both during parades, field show competitions, and in separate percussion competitions. The Percussion unit practices with the Marching Band during the 7 a.m. class, with the Band on Tuesday evenings, and attends a Percussion class during the school day. After the marching season is over in the fall, the Percussion ensemble prepares for winter percussion competitions. Then supplementary Thursday evening practices begin. Additional Percussion fees are incurred for the winter competitions.

□ Jazz Band

Some people just can't get enough music! This is how one might describe the musicians who comprise the Foothill Jazz Band. Individually and collectively, the students expand their musical abilities and work on perfecting their techniques. The group plays a variety of charts, ranging from songs by Glen Miller and Count Basie, to the more modern sounds of Stan Kenton and Maynard Ferguson. Although Mr. Moorefield has the final say in the choice of tunes played for a performance, the students do have an influence. The Jazz Band competes in several festivals during the school year. Besides the Marching Band expenses, additional costs will be incurred by each Jazz Band member. Also, those students who, after try-outs, are selected for "A" Jazz Band are required to enroll in a Jazz class. All Jazz Band members participate in the Marching Band and meet at 7 a.m. with the rest of the Band Students.

□ Drum Major

The Drum Major is the stabilizing force of the Band. The student shows leadership, gives directions, and conducts the Band during parade and field competitions. As leader, the student must show compassion, patience, and a genuine sense of humor in dealing with various responsibilities.

To qualify for this position, a Drum Major must have previously played an instrument in a band or been a member of a Color Guard. When marching in a parade, the Drum Major competes for honors. During a field competition, the Drum Major is judged with the Band for showmanship, as well as individually

for conducting. Drum Majors are requested to attend Drum Major Camp in the summer and are required to provide a portion of the parade uniform.

❑ **Wind Ensemble conducted by Mr. Moorefield**

As this is an advanced-level class for the serious musician, entry into the Wood Ensemble is by audition at the end of each school year. This band plays all types of music including marches, classical, popular, etc. Most of the music played in class will be used in competitions and performances.

❑ **Symphonic Band conducted by Mr. Cloyd**

Comprised of sophomores, juniors and seniors, this band plays all types of music: marches, classical, popular, etc. Most of the music played in class will be used in competitions and performances.

❑ **Concert Band conducted by Mr. Moorefield**

This is the entry-level class for most incoming students. This band plays all types of music: marches, classical, popular, etc. Most of the music played in class will be used in competitions and performances.

Activities

The Foothill Marching Band participates in many activities. In the fall, there are home football games and band reviews. Band reviews are competitions that usually involve a parade, concert, and/or field show. Band reviews are held on Saturdays and are usually an all day affair. A Christmas Concert is usually the final event of the fall semester. During the winter, the Marching Band gets some time off while the Jazz, Color Guard, and Percussion units participate in winter competitions. The Marching Band usually participates in some spring band reviews and has their annual Spring Concert(s). The Band also participates in community events, such as the Pleasanton Christmas Parade and Concert in the Park. Because of our notoriety, we are sometimes asked to perform for local Bay Area events such as 49'ers games, Giants games, and other special events.

Responsibilities

❑ **Uniforms**

Uniforms used during the parades and field shows are provided by the Band Boosters. Light colored T-shirts must be worn under all uniforms. If girls choose to wear a sports bra, a **light colored T-shirt must also be worn.** If the uniform becomes dirty between cleanings due to the student's negligence or carelessness, the student's account will be charged for an additional cleaning.

Each student must provide his/her own **black socks.** The student who forgets their socks will be charged \$5 per pair. Cotton socks are the most comfortable and can be purchased 6 to a bag at WalMart.

❑ **Practices**

The Band Director is responsible for scheduling practices. Early morning Band is a scheduled class that lasts the entire school year. Students receive credit for this class and regular attendance is required. Tuesday evening practices are held from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Additional practices are required for Color Guard, Jazz B, and Percussion. Parents are welcome to come and cheer the students on for their hard work and witness the improvements from week to week.

□ Bus Etiquette

To insure that bus trips are pleasant for everyone, bus riders must observe the following:

- Headphones must be worn when listening to music.
- Pick up your garbage on the bus and put it in the trash bags provided.
- Stay seated at all times—this is for your safety!!
- Foul or abusive language will not be tolerated.
- Take your Band instrument on the bus, if directed.
- Have your **BLACK SOCKS** with you before entering the bus.
- Changing into uniforms on buses is allowed **only under special circumstances**. If allowed, girls change on the designated girls' buses and boys change on the designated boys' buses.
- Be on the bus by the specified time.
- Possession or use of drugs and alcohol on any Band trip is against the rules of the California State Education Code and will be dealt with accordingly.

□ Helpful Tips – How to Survive Band Reviews

Band Reviews include parade, concert and color guard competitions. It is a long day away from home. Some helpful hints to make the day the best!

- Have your student take warm clothing (sweatshirt, thermals, coat, gloves, etc.) if the event extends into the evening. The autumn evenings can be quite cold.
- Have your student eat or bring a good breakfast so s/he has enough energy to walk and perform during the parade. Most parades are about one mile long; some are up to three miles and last several hours. An empty stomach makes for very wobbly legs!
- Send a good lunch and snacks, or send money (between \$10 & \$20) for your student to buy food. Some students take a small cooler (it has to fit under the bus seat) with soft drinks, fruit juices, sandwiches, and other goodies. **Not all Band Reviews sell food. The Band Boosters usually provide either lunch or dinner at Band Reviews.**
- Request a map from a Band Director or download one from our website and join us at the Band Review to watch our students.

□ Parade Inspection

Before the Band steps off for parade competition, there is an inspection by a judge. The judge looks for uniform neatness, cleanliness, uniformity of pant/shirt length, and general condition of the equipment and instruments. Points are deducted if the judge notes anything out of order. Awards are won or lost by an inspection. Therefore, it is essential that students have all pieces of their uniforms, black socks, shoes, plumes, and other accessories. Inspection includes:

- Hair inside the hat and not below the collar—applies to both boys and girls.
- No jewelry - no rings, earrings (even those just pierced), watches, bracelets, etc.
- No nail polish or artificial fingernails. **Remove nail polish before arriving at school.**
- No lipstick, and only moderate make-up. (Many girls wait until after competition to apply their makeup.)
- Boys must be clean-shaven with trimmed sideburns.

□ After Each Performance

- Hang uniforms neatly in the appropriate garment bag and place it and your shoes on the proper rack. Please do not throw uniforms on the ground or floor, because this increases cleaning expenses. The student will be charged for extra cleanings, if their uniform becomes dirty due to negligence.
- Store only the uniform in the garment bag. **Dirty shoes and socks, etc. do not belong in the garment bag. Imagine the smell! Place band shoes on the uniform racks.**
- Return hat(s) to the assigned hat box and plumes to the plume box. **NO HATS ON THE BUS!**
- Keep instruments in designated locations only.

□ What Time Should My Student Be Picked Up?

Buses usually arrive from a day competition or an overnight trip at the designated return home time. Mr. Moorefield, because of his many years of experience, is very accurate in estimating the return times. Pick your student up, **by the Band Room** especially after a late night trip. **PARENTS, PLEASE BE THERE to pick up your son or daughter or make sure a ride is arranged. DO NOT WAIT FOR A PHONE CALL FROM YOUR STUDENT!** It takes a long time for 250 students to call home. Chaperones cannot leave until all students are picked up, so please think about the adults who have chaperoned all day. They are tired, too, and want to go home.

Costs

Fees are based on the travel expenses that will be incurred during the school year. The fee is charged to each student's account at the beginning of the year. **Travel expenses incurred by the Band are not covered by the School District!** Some other costs, such as shoes, rain ponchos, and uniform maintenance may be incurred by Band students. Jazz Band, Percussion and Winter Guard students incur additional fees to cover travel expenses associated with their competition season.

□ Student Accounts

Each student in the Foothill Band has an account of his/her own. This account is used to pay their portion of Band expenses, such as entry fees and travel expenses. Students are able to create credits in their individual student account through either fundraising activities or by direct cash deposits. Money can be deposited into an account at any time. Some parents and students make monthly deposits, so money is there when needed. Whatever way or combination of ways you decide to use is acceptable. If you have any questions about your student's account, please contact the Treasurer-Student Accounts.

The money in these accounts may only be used for Band travel expenses and mandatory Band expenses. Due to IRS regulations regarding non-profit organizations, NO cash for personal spending may be distributed from the student account to individual students. Surpluses in the individual student account, after a student leaves the Foothill Band program, will be returned to the Band Boosters general operating account. Parents are advised to maintain an appropriate balance that will cover fees, since there is NO cashing out of your student's individual account.

□ Supplemental Costs

The total cost of the Band Program varies from year to year. Each year the fee will be announced as soon as determined, and fees will be charged directly to the individual student account. The student fees only cover travel expenses and do not include other possible expenses, such as:

- Shoes required for Band Student \$25-\$30 per pair

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| • Shoes required for Auxiliary Student | \$25-\$30 per pair
(Sometimes two pairs required) |
| • Sweats - Auxiliary | \$80-\$100 |
| • Winter Guard Outfit | varies |
| • Summer Camp - Auxiliary | \$80 |
| • Drum Major Camp | Varies |
| • Drum Major Uniform Accessories | \$200-\$400 |
| • Uniform Maintenance | \$100 per year |

FOOTHILL BAND BOOSTERS

Overview

The Band Boosters is a parent organization dedicated to providing volunteers and raising funds to support and maintain a quality Band program at Foothill High School. They are governed by an Executive Board who meets monthly to discuss, plan, and manage the business affairs of this non-profit organization.

A general membership meeting, open to all Band parents and interested individuals, is usually held the first Thursday of each month. Along with the monthly newsletter (Band Notes) and website (www.foothillband.org), these meetings offer the latest news about the Band and its activities. The meeting is also an opportunity to socialize with other Band parents and to ask questions of the Band Director.

In 1975, when the Band Boosters was established, it operated on a much smaller scale and received most of its financial support from the School District. Now, the District only provides the Band Director and Assistant Band Director's salaries, and some sheet music.

The Band has grown significantly, and the Band Boosters and the Band families now pay most of the program costs. The Boosters provide funding for sheet music, new instruments, additional uniforms, special clinicians, teaching assistants, a monthly newsletter, Color Guard equipment, and more.

The Band Boosters are proud to step forward and keep this wonderful music program alive. With on-going parental support, Band Boosters will continue to provide an opportunity for our students to participate in a top quality program.

The Organization

□ Executive Board

The following is a brief description of the Executive Board positions. For more details, see the *Position Description Book* (ask any Board member). President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer General Funds are elected for one-year terms by majority vote of the Band Boosters membership at the June General Meeting and begin their office on July 1. All the other Board positions are appointed by a majority vote of the Board members.

- **President**: oversees all Band Boosters' operations; works closely with the Band Director(s); conducts Band Boosters' meetings; meets with committee chairs and members of the Band Boosters.
- **Head Chaperone**: oversees the recruitment and management of the volunteer chaperones, including setting chaperone policy and delegating chaperone assignments
- **Vice President (in charge of Membership)**: fills functions in absence of President; chairs the Membership chair position by encouraging all parents to become a member of Band Boosters, who are eligible to vote on Band matters; organizes and maintains roster of Band students; works closely with Newsletter Editor.
- **Ways and Means**: is the backbone of the organization and its primary purpose to raise funds; comprised of the Financial Strategy Committee and Fundraising Chairpersons; establishes what fundraisers the Boosters will do each year and finds chairs for each event. The on-going success of events has resulted in one of the best high school band programs in the state of California.
- **Secretary**: takes minutes at both General and Executive Meetings; sends hospitality notes on behalf of Band Boosters.
- **Treasurer, General Funds**: maintains checking account; pays all general bills; works closely with vendors and the Band Director(s).
- **Treasurer, Student Accounts**: maintains individual student accounts and a separate bank account; pays bills associated with student activities; works closely with Band families and the Band Director(s).

□ **Standing Committees**

In addition to the Executive Board, there are many Standing Committees who are actively involved in the successful operation of Band Boosters. Some committees are a one-year position (January to December), and others are established for an event as needed. Committees are one person or a team of people. Standing Committees include:

- **Band Review**: planning takes approximately six months; oversees and coordinates all aspects of the Band Review; works closely with the Band Director(s); requires approximately 20 coordinators and over 300 volunteers to put on the one-day event; see Fundraiser Section for a more detailed description.
- **Budget**: short term; after reviewing the needs of the Band, establishes the Band Boosters' budget; works closely with the Treasurer; the committee consists of, but not limited to, the Vice President, Treasurer(s), two general members, Band student, and Band Director(s).
- **Chaperones**: consists of Head chaperone, head bus chaperones and other parent volunteers who chaperone Band events; work closely with the Band Director(s); maintain emergency cards for each Band student; before inspections make sure every student looks their best; keep an inventory of all necessary emergency and Band items needed for a Band event.
- **Crab Feed**: planning takes approximately five months; plans, coordinates, and oversees this fun event; it is held once a year—the first Saturday in February; see Fundraiser Section for a more detailed description.
- **Financial Strategy**: on-going; works closely with General Ways & Means and Student Ways and Means; reviews the budget and reports discrepancies with the Treasurer to the Executive Board; establishes which fundraisers Boosters will sponsor; develops guidelines on financial matters; sets fundraising guidelines; establishes corporate sponsors and matching funds programs.

- **F.B.I. (Foothill Band Information)**: ongoing; greet parents when they arrive at meetings; a group of individuals who help parents feel a part of the Band program.
- **Newsletter Editor**: on-going; gathers information, assembles, and sends a monthly newsletter to all Band parents 10 times a year.
- **Publicity**: on-going; helps encourage community support of our fundraisers and events; gathers information from the Band Director(s) about upcoming events; attends monthly meetings to gather the latest Band happenings; submits competition standings after an event; submits press releases to the community and school newspapers and radio stations.
- **Scrip**: on-going; consists of a chairperson and several Drop-Off Houses who coordinate all SCRIP activities; see Student Fundraiser Section for a more detailed description.
- **Souvenirs**: on-going; handles the ordering and selling of Band and Boosters' souvenirs during the year, such as: T-shirts, buttons, pins, key chains, bumper stickers, baseball hats, picture frames, and license plate frames.
- **Student Ways & Means**: can be on-going or can be done short term; coordinates and implements student fundraisers; provides students an opportunity to earn funds to cover their Band fees; relies on parent and student volunteers to run individual events; under the Financial Strategy Committee.
- **Telephone & Email Alerts**: on-going; has phone numbers of all Band and Auxiliary students and parents; passes on information about upcoming events, such as: meetings, fundraisers, emergencies, and schedule changes.
- **Transportation**: on-going; reserves trucks for Band excursions; arranges loading times; drives the trucks full of Band instruments and uniforms to the Band events; coordinates the moving of the golf cart and trailer; moves equipment to the Band competition area.
- **Uniforms**: on-going; responsible for fitting all students in uniforms (field and show); maintain uniforms for Band, Auxiliary, and Drum Major; sews and puts together Auxiliary uniforms; sews flags; does repairs as needed; coordinates cleanings.
- **Volunteer Coordinator**: on-going; recruits all Band and Auxiliary parents to fill volunteer positions for all fundraisers and events.
- **Winter Guard Competition**: short term; Guard and Percussion Show is held once a year in March; plans, coordinates, and oversees this fundraiser; see Fundraiser Section for a description.

General Fundraisers and Social Events

□ Pancake Breakfast

This very tasty breakfast is hosted by Band alumni parents and held every Labor Day at Donlon Elementary School, 4150 Dorman Road, in Pleasanton. Band families, friends, and neighbors are invited. It is a great start to the new school year.

□ Foothill Band Review

The Annual Foothill Band Review is held the fourth Saturday in October. We host more than 40 bands who compete in a parade competition down Main Street. After the parade, a concert competition and an awards ceremony are held at Foothill High School. This is followed by a field show competition at Foothill's Sweeney Athletic Complex. After the field show competition, an awards ceremony is held in the stadium. As part of this fundraising event, we:

- Sell ad space in the Band Review Program
- Solicit donations for the trophies that are given at the awards ceremonies
- Sell refreshments all day at Foothill High School
- Sell souvenirs

The Foothill Band Review is one of our largest annual fundraisers. Many corporations provide donations and advertising support to help sponsor the Review. It is a great day! We receive many compliments on our hospitality from other band organizations; we raise a significant amount of money; and the community and the Band receive much public recognition. It takes **EVERY PARENT** in the Band to make this a success, especially two weeks prior to the event and the day of the Band Review. Please plan on helping some time during the “Big Day,” which begins at 7:00 a.m. and continues until 11:00 p.m. It would be most helpful if every parent could do more than one job. The day is a great reward—well worth all our efforts! All profits go directly into the Boosters’ operating account.

□ **Crab Feed**

The Foothill Band Boosters’ Crab Feed is the most enjoyable and our largest spring fundraiser. We host approximately 500 people for an evening of crab, food, prizes, entertainment, dancing, and fun in early February. Each family or student is asked to buy or sell two tickets. All profits go directly into the Boosters’ general operating account. Every parent and all our Band students are needed to help on this event.

□ **Foothill Winter Guard and Percussion Show**

The Foothill Guard and Percussion Show is held the fourth Saturday in March. We host approximately 20-30 Guard and Percussion units, who compete for various awards. This is one of the largest Guard and Percussion competitions in Northern California and requires the help of ALL Band parents, even if your student isn’t in Auxiliary or Percussion. It is also a wonderful opportunity for friends and families to see our Color Guard and Percussion units perform their winter competition routines. These performances are different from the fall field shows, and only showcase the Auxiliary and Percussion sections. Proceeds from this fundraiser go into the Boosters’ general operating account and help carry us through the summer.

□ **Recycling**

Sign up your place of business and/or turn in your used printer/copier cartridges and old cell phones. We receive cash for your “trash.”

□ **Bowl-a-Thon**

This fun event is held at Dublin Bowl ~ students get pledges from friends and family then get-together with their band friends to bowl a few games.

Student Fundraisers

Along with the great experience and fun of being a member of the Foothill Marching Band, every student has their own financial responsibilities. **Please Note: Travel expenses are not funded by the School District.** See the monthly calendar to help you determine which fundraisers fit your schedule and which ones sound the best for you. By planning the fundraising year in advance, you have an opportunity to do the fundraisers you enjoy. Also, it gives you an opportunity to budget how much additional money will be needed to cover the rest of the Band expenses. We encourage you to participate in as many fundraisers as possible. They are a great way to lower your out-of-pocket expenses. If a student or family does not participate in fundraisers, it is strongly suggested that \$100 per month (especially the first eight months of the year) is put in your student's Band account. Also, remember when budgeting, fees could be higher, when the Band goes on larger trips.

Please keep in mind that when student accounts are delinquent, bills such as bus charges and hotel bills cannot be paid in a timely manner. Be a team player by participating in fundraisers and keeping your account current. Student fundraisers include:

□ Scrip

The SCRIP program is a pleasant and easy way to add money to your student's Band account because there is no additional cost associated to buying SCRIP. Are you wondering what SCRIP is? SCRIP is gift certificates and nothing more. The "profit" or discount paid by the participating companies is credited to the Band student's account. SCRIP certificates are available for local grocery stores, national and regional department stores, gas stations, and many restaurants and specialty shops. SCRIP can be spent exactly like cash and is often sold to family, friends, and neighbors.

The procedure goes like this: You place your SCRIP order twice a month. Payment (by check made payable to Foothill Band SCRIP) must be made at the time the order is taken. On the first and third Tuesday of each month, you turn in your order, along with a check, to your SCRIP Drop-Off House. The following Wednesday, your scrip will be ready for pick-up at the Drop Off House. The "profit" from each order you turn in will be credited to your Band account. It's as simple as that!

Since its beginning in 1992, this fundraiser has put thousands of dollars into student accounts. So start now!! Regular purchase of SCRIP can cover many of your Band expenses and fees. It just requires a little bit of planning and becomes an easily acquired habit. Everyone eats and everyone wears clothes, so why not take advantage of this wonderful program! If you have any questions, please contact the Scrip chairperson and get started today.

□ Other Student Fundraisers

Several other fundraisers are held during the school year, such as:

- On-going See's Candy Sales
- Holiday Candy Sales
- ANG Newspaper Sales at the Alameda County Fair (summer)
- Entertainment Books

Students who participate in these fundraisers earn fundraising dollars for their account. To obtain information about these fundraisers, to offer other fundraising ideas, or to volunteer to help on one or more student fundraisers, please contact the Ways and Means Chairperson.

Besides student fundraisers, Band students are expected to support their Band program by working at Band Booster fundraisers, such as Foothill's Band Review, Winter Guard Show, and Crab Feed. The profits from these fundraisers are for the good of the whole Band and are used to buy Band equipment, music, and supplies.

Volunteering

□ Chaperones

Chaperones are a critical component of the Band. Chaperones are needed for **ALL** Band activities, and dads are especially needed to oversee the young men on overnight trips. The Head Chaperone is a Committee Chairperson in the Band Boosters' organization, and most chaperones are Band parents who volunteer their time. The School District has the right to approve all chaperones, and may perform a background check on all volunteers filling these positions. Being a volunteer is a way of sharing your student's experiences in the Foothill Marching Band, as well as making new friends, and seeing other bands perform. If interested, and for more information in becoming a chaperone, please call the Head Chaperone. If you can help in any way, please volunteer—**THE REWARDS ARE GREAT!**

□ Fundraisers

- Foothill Band Review
- Crab Feed
- Foothill Winter Guard and Percussion Show

□ Other Volunteers

- **Truck Crew**: We need volunteers to help load and unload the truck and Band Trailer at Foothill High School, prior to Band excursions. In addition, truck drivers are needed to ensure the equipment gets to its designation and back safely. We also need someone with a trailer hitch, who can pull the golf cart trailer to and from events.
- **F.B.I. Members**: This group of approximately 10 parents calls on incoming band families to welcome them into the Band and Boosters Organization and becomes a contact for any questions or concerns.
- **Bleacher Monitor**: short-term: Several volunteers cover the bleachers with white paper to protect those uniforms during home football games. After the band is dismissed, the volunteers remove the paper.

AND IN CLOSING...

We hope that this has helped answer many of your questions. Please call any Board Member or Standing Committee Member to answer your questions or concerns. If you have a question, others probably have the same question.

To help keep current with events and the latest news about the Band, join the Foothill Band Boosters, read the monthly newsletter, hit the web site, and attend the General Meetings as often as possible. Remember, the Band meetings are almost always the first Thursday of the month.

Your active involvement is welcomed and is a necessary ingredient for continued growth. “To be the best that we can be”, we need everyone’s support, ideas, and participation.

JOIN THE FUN!

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING.