

Illinois Valley Central High School Band Boosters

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Dear Band Parents,

As this school year comes to a close, we already look forward to the 2009-10 season of our IVC band program. Each year brings new challenges and opportunities that are best achieved through optimism, enthusiasm and hard work. And we're not just talking about the students! Our contributions as parents have a significant impact on the band, which is why we are currently looking for volunteers to become part of this outstanding program.

We need people like YOU to help each band member be the best they can be. IVC Band has a long history of strong parental participation. This program requires lots of helping hands and many different skills. It doesn't matter what you can do -- each person has talents that can help the program! Whether it's with Marching, Jazz, or Concert Band, we just want you to be a part of this program with your child or grandchild.

Please continue to read this letter, fill out the survey and return it! Regardless of your child's year in school, we hope you will get involved and experience the fun and excitement of the awesome music tradition at IVC.

Who We Are and What We Do

The IVC Band Boosters support and promote the band programs in the IVC School District including the Marching, Concert, and Jazz Bands. While most of the Booster efforts are directed at the high school level, we also reach out to the Junior High schools.

The Boosters conduct projects which provide funding necessary to supplement the limited resources available through the school budget. These funds enable the band to participate in activities beyond those normally offered through the school district. The Boosters also provide significant manpower to carry out a myriad of behind the scenes activities that help the band program function smoothly. It may sound like a lot of work, but mostly it is a lot of FUN, FUN, FUN. More importantly, experience has taught us that the kids honestly appreciate seeing their parents supporting their hard work.

Talent Survey

Enclosed is a Talent Survey along with descriptions of our various programs and activities. **Please complete the survey (yellow sheet) and return it to the address provided by April 27.** Your personal information (address, phone, email) is needed so that we may contact you when necessary.

The future quality of the Band program largely depends on the continued involvement of the parents and boosters. Therefore, please fill out the survey and seriously consider what you can do to help YOUR student and YOUR band!

The IVC Band Booster Nominating Committee:

Leo Vandewulgt, Chairman

Matt Chapman

Darrell Durig

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Barb Wolter

IVC Band Booster Activities are listed on the other side



IVC BAND BOOSTER ACTIVITIES

INTERESTED IN HAVING A GOOD TIME?? MEETING NEW PEOPLE?? THEN VOLUNTEER!!

Each year we must say good bye to seniors and their parents. At the same time, we would like to offer an opportunity to new members to also serve and become involved. Please read through the descriptions below and find your niche. Remember! The strength of our Organization depends upon each individual to willingly give of their time and support. Experienced boosters are ready to help you learn a job.

BAKING [ALL YEAR LONG] - Baked Goods are needed for Booster events such as the spaghetti supper (fall), the pork chop dinner (spring).

CALL TREE [ALL YEAR LONG] - Volunteers are needed to coordinate communications with a group of assigned students/parents. Urgent information is provided to the call tree captains and the captains then contact their assigned group.

CHAPERONE [Aug, Feb] - Adults are needed to chaperone activities requiring an overnight stay including BAND CAMP (6 days), Rolling Meadows).

CHEERLEADER [ALL YEAR LONG] – All adults are encouraged to come to the competitions and concerts. It truly helps the kids perform better when they hear you cheering them on.

CIVIC CENTER CONCESSIONS [After Marching Season thru Spring] - Adults and some students work events at the Peoria Civic Center. This involves prepping the stand prior to the event, selling food/beverages during the event and cleaning up after the events

CONTESTS / CONFERENCE EVENTS [Usually Early Spring] - - Many volunteers are needed if we host a contest or conference event. Help is needed for concessions, ushers, admissions, and much more

FLOWER BULB SALES [Early Fall]- Volunteers are needed in distributing information and collecting money from students. Help is also needed to unload bulbs on Delivery Day and put the order together for distribution.

FRUIT SALES – [Early Fall] - Volunteers are needed to unload fruit on Delivery Day and put the order together for distribution.

HAIR AND MAKE-UP HELP [Marching Season] - Volunteers are needed to help the flag girls with their hair and make-up before each performance.

HOSPITALITY [ALL YEAR LONG] - Volunteers needed to help with set up & clean up of refreshments for varied get-togethers.

KITCHEN HELP [Fall – Spaghetti, Spring –Pork Chop] Serving and clean up help is need for the spaghetti and pork chop dinners. Also donations of money and/or food are a valuable contribution.

PIT CREW [Marching Season] – Volunteers are needed to help build props. In addition help is needed with moving props and equipment on and off the field and other logistics required during football games and competitions.

RAFFLE CAPTAINS [Oct – Mid Dec] - Volunteers provide help for the raffle by supporting a small group of band parents during the raffle process. Also every band parent is asked to participate by selling raffle tickets.

ROOKIE BUDDY - Volunteers provide support and information to Rookie Parents (must have completed a season in band).

SETUP / CLEANUP [ALL YEAR LONG] - Volunteers needed to help with set up & clean up of refreshments for varied get-togethers. In addition, adults and students are needed to set up / clean up the various concerts during the year (Christmas, Winter, Spring Concerts, Jazz Night).

SUMMER CAMP FESTIVAL [Memorial Day Weekend Thurs-Sun] – MANY adults and students are needed to work this local festival. Tasks may include parking cars, collecting admissions, selling concessions.

TALENT NIGHT [SPRING] - Volunteers are needed to plan, secure talent and coordinate activities.

TRIVIA NIGHT [FALL] - Volunteers are needed to prepare for, set-up and conduct the annual Trivia Night. Tasks include developing questions, securing teams, collecting admissions and keeping score.

UNIFORM CART HELPERS [Marching Season] - Adults needed to help students ensure that uniforms are hung up correctly after each event.

UNIFORM FITTINGS AND CLEANINGS [ALL YEAR LONG] - Many volunteers are needed to help fit marching and concert uniforms in the summer and winter. Also help is needed to prepare the uniforms for cleaning and getting them back in order when they return. This is done several times a year

WATER FOR THE STUDENTS [Marching Season] - Volunteers are needed to provide water after parades and during competitions.