

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are an important part of our year round music program. There are many opportunities for everyone and a need for many types of skills and talents! After reviewing this information, please use the Key Player Form and check the jobs that you are willing to assist with or chair! When it is time to prepare for the event or activity, you will be notified as to any meetings or assignments that you will need to participate in. Thanks for volunteering for our Millard West Band program!

College World Series

MWBB works concessions each year at the College World Series. We are also required to work additional games at TD Ameritrade Park before and after the CWS. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. Under the direction of two coordinators, teams of stand managers are trained to run the stand and manage the volunteers. The number of volunteers needed may vary depending on what type of stand is assigned to the Boosters. The average crew is 12 workers including the stand managers. Every parent and student over the age of 16 should plan to work 2-3 games during this fundraiser.

Spirit Wear

Each year spirit wear items are sold during Band Camp and at the beginning of marching season. These chairpersons handle advertising, ordering, and inventory. Helpers are also needed to assist with set-up and sales each time spirit wear is sold.

Band Camp Coordinator

Oversee all aspects of Band Camp – ensuring that volunteers are lined up and everything is ready to go for these 2 important weeks!

Band Camp – Water Tents

Both the freshman and varsity band camps require volunteers. During the hours that students attend freshman camp there should be 2 volunteers to man the water tents and be available for emergencies. Four volunteers are utilized for varsity and/or mass band water tents – 2 at the parking lot and 2 on the field. Someone must also be responsible for setting up, refilling and putting away the drum line and color guard water coolers.

Band Camp – Uniform Fittings/Alterations

This involves ensuring each student is wearing a properly fitted and hemmed band uniform for marching season and concert season. Many hands are needed for fitting and for alterations. A coordinator is responsible for acquiring the volunteers. One person is needed to check-in students, 2-3 people should help with fitting, and 6+ people for sewing. Alterations are made during morning band camp hours, and a few night sessions as well.

Band Camp – Buddy Lunch

Every incoming freshman band student is paired up with an upperclassman for this lunch on the last day of Freshman Band Camp. A coordinator is needed for planning the menu and securing the supplies. About 3-4 helpers are needed for set-up, serving, and clean-up.

Band Camp – Family Picnic

The Family Picnic takes place on the final day of varsity band camp. All students and families are invited to have a meal at the school for a nominal cost. Afterwards, the students do a music performance and a marching exhibition. This event requires a chairperson, set up crew (6), ticket sales (2-4), servers (6-8), and cleanup crew (6).

Band Camp – Student Celebration

After the band camp family picnic, a celebration for the students is held later in the evening. This event needs a coordinator and approximately 20 chaperones. Snack donations are also needed.

Gold Card Fundraiser

Assist the directors with this fundraiser during the 2 weeks of band camp. Your main responsibilities would be to secure 6-8 volunteers who would collect cards and money from the students at the band camp family picnic.

March-a-Thon

This exciting event was started in the fall of 2009 as a fundraiser and practice for the 2010 Tournament of Roses® Parade. Coordinators are needed to secure a parade permit, map the parade route and plan breakfast, snack, water and lunch breaks. Helpers are needed to stake out the parade route with signs and flyers, march along with the band collecting donations, provide first aid, host water stops, etc.

Prop Construction

Help build the props for the marching show! Many talents are utilized!

Uniform Check-in/Check-out

One person is needed to coordinate this procedure. Uniforms will be checked out 1) prior to home football games, 2) marching competitions, and 3) band concerts and returned immediately after these events. 3-6 volunteers must be available to assist with this. This committee will also be responsible for checking uniforms for missing parts, repairs, and cleaning.

Truck Drivers

Truck drivers are needed to get the equipment to the Millard Days Parade, home football games, and marching competitions. A person is needed to pick up the rental truck, drive it to school, monitor and assist with loading, deliver instruments and equipment to events, monitor and assist with reloading and unloading, and return the truck after these events. Experience driving a 26 foot truck is needed. Additional adult assistance (aka pit crew) is needed and will be provided for the loading and unloading process.

Bus Chaperones

Throughout the school year, the band will participate in various marching competitions and performance contests. Bus chaperones (2 per bus) are needed to assist the staff with students to ensure appropriate behavior while on the bus and during the competitions/contests. Chaperones are responsible for roll call each time the bus is loaded. Marching competition chaperones must also participate in the pit crew. Chaperone opportunities take place during school hours, evening hours and Saturdays.

Pit Crew (marching season only)

The size of the pit crew varies each year depending on the marching show. There will be one person responsible for the pit crew at home football games and marching competitions. This person will work closely with the directors, be familiar with instrument and prop assignments, as well as, the general layout of the show and field. Pit crew members also help load and unload the equipment truck. Each pit crew member will be assigned equipment, props, or instruments to take on and off the field in a designated amount of time. Practice with the band is helpful and may be required.

Wildcat Classic Marching Competition

The Millard West Wildcat Band hosted its first very own marching competition in the fall of 2010! Many volunteers will be needed in order to make this event a success. Volunteer areas include overall event coordinator, admissions, programs, concessions, logistics/parking, hospitality, press box, field crew, runners, band guides, tabulators, videographer, First Aid, signage – just to name a few.

Hy-Vee Receipts

Work with the band office and Hy-Vee stores to coordinate this fundraiser. Duties include promoting this fundraiser, collecting Hy-Vee receipts from the band students and delivering them to the Hy-Vee stores. This fundraiser usually runs from September – December.

Tailgate Fundraiser

A committee chairperson and 2-4 committee members are needed to plan and implement this event which is held prior to a home football game. Approximately 10-12 volunteers are needed to set-up, serve and clean-up during this fundraiser.

Senior Night Chairperson

Each year at the final home football game, we honor our senior students and their parents during the half time show. The seniors are introduced, walk out with their parents and are given a rose by the director. The chairperson is responsible for sending each senior band family an invitation, providing the announcer with senior and parent names, lining participants up in alphabetical order before the half time festivities, securing a photographer to take pictures of the seniors and their parents, and arranging for the roses (these could be donated or purchased). Additionally, seniors are honored at the final concert in the spring by wearing a boutonniere on their uniform. The chairperson may need 2 volunteers to help on those evenings.

NSBA Decorations

Many volunteers are needed to decorate the band hallway before the NSBA Marching Competition to show our support and wish our band "Good Luck" at State. Bring scissors, tape and your creative flair!

NSBA Marching Competition

During certain years, the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association State Marching Band Contest will be held at Buell Stadium. The three Millard high school band and booster programs will be responsible for running the event, selling tickets, printing programs and providing concessions. This is a labor intensive event and many, many volunteers will be needed.

End of Season Celebration

A chairperson is needed to coordinate this seasonal celebration which occurs after the completion of the marching season. Students and families are invited for dessert, student superlatives are awarded, volunteers are recognized, and a season wrap up video is shown. Helpers are needed for set-up, decorating, and clean-up.

Concert Reception Coordinator

This coordinator requests donations for cookies/treats for each concert. A few volunteers are needed also to set-up, serve cookies/treats, and clean-up after each concert.

Bake Cookies/Provide Treats

Several times throughout the year cookies and treats are needed for concerts and events. If you can bake (or buy), this is the volunteer opportunity for you!!!

Spring Fundraiser

Coordinators are needed for this NEW band department fundraiser that replaces the Winter Bash/Winter Formal. Scheduled to be held in the spring, and in partnership with Hy-Vee, many volunteers are needed to help with planning, public relations, ticket sales, refreshments, set-up and clean-up, just to name a few.

Recruiting Concert

Each January, a concert is held with the eighth grade bands from the local Millard middle schools. Additionally, a meeting is held for the incoming freshman parents to provide them with information about the Millard West band program. A cookie reception is held after the concert. Volunteers are needed to serve and clean up; cookie donations are needed as well.

Cans for the Band

A coordinator is responsible for promoting this lucrative fundraiser, renewing/securing the agreement with CanPac (recycling company), contacting Millard West (and other Millard schools) regarding the Cans for the Band schedule so that it can be included on the website and on the school sign. Signage announcing the Cans for the Band weekends is placed in visible areas along Q Street. Cans for the Band is scheduled for the third weekend of every month.

Volunteer Coordinator(s)

One volunteer sends out mass emails to all of the MW Band Boosters – announcements, requests, updates, etc. Two volunteers are also needed to help make phone calls.

Donations/Solicitations

Periodically, someone is needed to seek out and pick up donations for the band and/or booster programs. This might include food items, paper products, copier service, etc. If you are good at asking for or don't mind going to pick up donations – WE NEED YOU!

Volunteering for the band is a great way to get to know other band parents and students. As you can see, there are many opportunities for all interests and talents! Be sure to complete and turn in your Key Player Form. If you have any questions, email us at MWBandBoosters@cox.net.