



**NORTH GREEN BRIGADE  
MARCHING BAND  
HANDBOOK**

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## **Band Booster Board Duties**

### **President**

- Preside at all the meetings
- Call extra meetings when necessary
- Appoint all temporary Committees with approval of Officers
- Assume all extra responsibilities that should arise

### **Vice President-Fundraising**

- Preside an any meeting in the absence of the President
- Assist President in all duties
- Chairperson For the Fundraising Committee

### **Vice President Pit-Crew**

- Preside at any meeting in absence of the President
- Assist President with all duties
- Responsible for Pit Crew obligations including collaborating with Director(s)

### **Secretary**

- Record all activities at the meetings of the Association and make a report of the same by providing minutes from previous meetings
- Keep all committees' reports
- Keep an official role of the membership
- Send out notices of each meeting
- Be responsible for all correspondence(thank you notes)

### **Treasurer**

- Keep an accurate account of income and expenditures
- Make a full report at each monthly meeting
- Have the board approve any expenditure over \$500.00
- Make any deposits
- Provide a starting band for all activities as provided by the budget
- Have the books audited in December
- Provide W-9's for all instructors at the time of hiring/contract signing
- Provide 1099s for all instructors by the end of January
- Keep a copy of all signed contracts and W-9's
- Help with budget

## Committees

**All committees need a Chairperson and Co-chairperson to operate efficiently**

### **BUS CHAPERONES**

- Parents who wish to chaperone must register with and be approved by the EVSC prior to chaperoning students. Use the following link or go to [www.district.EVSCschools.com](http://www.district.EVSCschools.com)
- [http://ditrict.evscschools.com/about\\_us/volunteer\\_in\\_our\\_schools](http://ditrict.evscschools.com/about_us/volunteer_in_our_schools)
- Required to travel to and from competitions and other performances, special events, overnight travel, and any other events that takes students off campus
- Take attendance and insure students are complying with bus rules(no standing, not sitting on the floor, aisle must be clear).
- Bus Chaperones will obtain parent signatures for students signing out.
- Make sure bus is clean of trash and lost items after competitions.
- Chaperones may obtain “stamps” for free admission to invitationals. Bus chaperones will need to purchase tickets for ISSMA events(Regionals, Semi State, State at Lucas Oil) to watch from stands.
- Overnight accommodations will be paid for if sharing a room with other chaperones. If room available, can stay with your family, but will need to pay a portion of the room costs.

### **CHUCK WAGON – Anything food related**

- Adults needed to help plan/prepare meals. Meals are provided to band/guard during the three weeks of Band Camp. Meals are served on Saturdays with full day rehearsals and on Competition Saturday, where two meals are provided.
- Sells food for Friday Night Football games/practices. Students are given approximately a one hour break between practice and the Home Football Game. To encourage our students to remain on campus, for safety, we are selling food in the commons for \$3.00. We alternate between Pizza and Chick-Fil-A. The students can get 2 pieces of pizza (pepperoni, sausage, cheese) a bag of chips and a bottled water. If leftovers are available, they will be \$3/sandwich. We will announce what the menu will be at the Tuesday/Thursday practice and will need a count for ordering purposes.
- Serving food in Room D107 when at North High School. We use the Home-Ec Room to prepare and serve the food. We use an on-line site to sign up to help. All are welcome whether you sign up online, or not. Preparation begins around

3pm and served between 4:45-5:30. If you can't make it until after work, we are busy prepping for the next day's meal, Come Join us.

- Assist with the collection of drink/food donations from NGB Members and organizations in the Band Storage Room (C121).

### **PITCREW/PROPS**

- Help design/plan/build props for band performances, under the direction of Chairperson and Band Director. All designs must be approved by the Band Director.
- Help set up and remove during band practices, football games and competitions.
- Help Load/Unload onto Semi, trucks and trailers.
- Help transport to competition, as needed
- Ensure all equipment is present and transported to/from the field for competitions.
- Must be involved and help during season/competitions to get a "PASS" to participate as pit crew for ISSMA competitions. Regional, Semi State and State.
- Must be 14 years of age or older.
- Pit Crew shirt will be provided with commitment.

### **SECTION MOM/DAD**

- Obtain names of the students in each section from Secretary (Low Brass, High Brass, Woodwinds, Pit Drumline, Guard).
- Parents/Volunteers for a section of the band may recognize band members. Recognition can include locker decorations (school approved), posters, goodie bags

### **SOUND CREW**

- Help determine sound needs under the direction of Chairperson and Band Director(s)
- Responsible for ensuring all sound equipment is present and working at all competitions.
- Help set and remove equipment at rehearsals, football games and competitions.
- Help load/unload equipment onto semi, trucks and trailers.
- Ensure all equipment is present and transported to and from the field for competitions.
- Must be involved and help during season/competitions to get a "PASS" to participate as pit crew for ISSMA competitions. Regional, Semi State and State.

- Must be 14 years of age or older.
- Responsible for unloading sound equipment for semi, trucks and trailers after competitions and secure in band room.

### **SPIRIT CLUB**

- A committee that is responsible to boost the unity of the band and provide fun events.
- Collaborate with section Mom/Dad to promote Wacky Wednesdays, Manic Mondays, themed days for Band Camp Week and Block Party for Parents Preview

### **UNIFORMS**

- Responsible for issuing and maintaining marching band/color guard uniforms.
- Scheduling fittings, assists with alterations and repairs to uniforms, as necessary.
- Oversees the disbursement and storing of the uniforms for all marching band functions
- Assist in uniform cleaning.

## **FUNDRAISING**

The Green Brigade Fundraising committee is a group of parents that come together to help raise funds for the Green Brigade Band. Fundraising continues throughout the year not just during band season. The Fundraising Committee is dedicated to helping keep our band fees more affordable by offering student and parents fundraising opportunities. **FUNDRAISING ONLY WORKS IF EVERYONE PARTICIPATES!!!**

### **EXPECTATIONS**

1. Students are expected to participate in five (5) of the Sales/Order Fundraisers. There is a potential for student to earn credits toward their fees, if a certain level of sales are met. This is fundraiser specific, please check details for each fundraiser.
2. Students are expected to participate in one of the event fundraisers, not including the mandatory events.
3. Parents are expected to participate in two (2) of the events, not including the mandatory events.
4. Fall Festival and North Invitational are the two mandatory events.

## **YEARLY SPONSORS**

Looking for sponsors for the band companies or individuals.

Several levels available for sponsorship with sponsorship recognition throughout the entire band season.

See Fundraising Chair for details.

## **FALL FESTIVAL**

- North Green Brigade is booth #68. The booth sells funnel cakes and drinks(Apple Cider, Soft Drinks, Water, Tea and Iced Coffee). Only adults are allowed in the booth because of fryer. Drinks are sold outside the booth, under the tarp. Each family is required to sign up for a minimum of one shift. Sign-ups online.

## **NORTH INVITATIONAL**

- The invitational held at/by North High School Green Brigade
- An afternoon/evening where bands from other high schools come to compete in separate classes.
- Committees for invitational:
  - Band Invitational Chair and Co-Chair
  - Concessions
  - Band Parking
  - Publicity
  - Water Tables
  - Judges Accommodations
  - Hospitality Suite
  - Funnel Cakes Booth
  - Scorekeepers
  - Video
  - Announcer
  - Trophy
  - Shout Out and People's Choice
  - Ticket-Admissions
  - Warm –Up Supervisor
  - Program Layout
  - Advertising
  - Guides
  - Clean Up
  - Medical/First Aid

Sign-ups online. Due to the importance of this event, there are meetings specific to this event.

### **SALE/ORDER FORM FUNDRAISERS**

- Car Wash: coupons for car washes at local vendor.
- Butter Braids: Order form Sale
- Geraniums: Annual Geranium sale. Order form sale. Held in April.
- Ribs and Butts: Order Form sale providing Dewig ribs and butts.
- Cheese Balls: Order form Sales
- Mattress Sale: Held at NHS. One day only event where Green Brigade receives a portion of sales.
- Detergent: Order form sale.
- Spirit Wear: Watch for announcement for these sales throughout the year.

### **EVENT FUNDRAISERS**

- Car Show: held in April. A fun time at North High School to showcase local classic/hot-rod cars. Door prizes and awards given.
- PEF Concessions: NGB sells Concessions to the summer musical cast/crew at the Career and Tech Center on Lynch Road. Parents and Students are needed to prepare and sell food. Sign-up online.
- Spaghetti Dinner: Meals at NHS in the commons held in August. Good time for alumni, current and future band members to mingle. Auctioned items.
- Breakfast with Santa: Saturday morning in December where families can come and enjoy pancakes/sausage, visiting/pictures with Santa and listen to music provided by North High School Jazz Band (and other ensembles). Tickets may be purchase prior or at door.
- Football/Funnel Cake Booth: Home Football games will have the Funnel Cake Booth open for business during game. Sign-ups online.

### **GIVE BACKS**

This is where NGB partners with a local restaurant and they donate a percentage of their proceeds during a certain time and day back to the band. Most times patrons will have to express they are participating in the event.

#### **The things you should know as a Band Parent:**

- **Time Management is KEY:** You will be busy (especially from August until November). You will receive a lot of information regarding Band and you must keep track of everything. More importantly, your student will have to balance band and schoolwork.



The time management skills they learn will help them throughout their life. Your student is capable of managing. It is now that your student needs to learn to be responsible and accountable for their own stuff. If you are inclined to help them, help them create strategies to stay organized.

- **Band Directors:** are very BUSY! They work long hours and their main focus is the kids. If you have a specific concern about your child, set up a time to discuss it. Please email Mr Emmert at [Jay.Emmert@evsc12.com](mailto:Jay.Emmert@evsc12.com), Mr Farmer at [Noah.Farmer@evsc12.com](mailto:Noah.Farmer@evsc12.com) or Mr. Daily at [Daniel.daily@evsck12.com](mailto:Daniel.daily@evsck12.com). If you need general information, try a fellow parent or Band Booster first. On another note, Marching Band requires dedication and discipline from your student. The job of the Directors (and staff members assisting the Directors) is to help your student and the band be successful and excel in all components of the performance. Directors speak loudly and pointedly. When mistakes are made, especially due to inattention or lack of effort, there are consequences. You will also hear praise for a job well done. Relax and let the process work. Encourage your student to do their best, listen, and work hard.
- **Get out of the car and come join us:** Parents are always welcome! Please be respectful of practices and instructional time for the students. Watch the kids on the practice field, go to the semi-trailer or circle drive by Door 10 to see how you can help with props; come inside to the Commons at any time – someone's working on something. This is a great time to make introductions and let people know you are new to the band program and would like to get involved. Let us know what talents you have, or what you are interested in doing. There is a place for you!! The last 15-20 minutes of practice will often be a run-through (Top of the Show) of what the students have learned so far. Watching the evolution of the band is really inspiring. If you park on the east side of the practice field and leave your car running, remember to turn off your lights. Even in the day the lights can be disruptive to practice.
- **We can't do it without you:** You will be asked to commit time, energy, donations and band fees to the band program. All are vital components of a successful program. We must have parent volunteers for the program to run smoothly, and it is the best way to get to know others. Join a committee. Plan to attend as many Booster meetings as possible. They are only once a month and for about one hour in the Band Room. Mr. Emmert and Mr Farmer will address the parents with updates on the show and answer parent questions. It is time well spent!

- **Yes! It's worth it!** The time spent preparing your child and taking them to and from practice is worth every second. You may not be able to appreciate that in the beginning and your student may get discouraged at first. It is hard work but please continue to encourage your child because there is nothing more exciting or tear-jerking than watching your child be a part of something so amazing! You will find your child has learned to be disciplined, teamwork/camaraderie, time management, sacrifice, resilience, manners/respect, generosity and trust.

**PARENTS: Very Important Info to be aware of:**

- **ALWAYS BE ON TIME!** This really means being 10-15 minutes early. When practice starts at 12:15pm, that means that the band/guard are on the field with instruments and equipment ready for practice! And, when the band is scheduled to perform at 6:13pm: they will be performing at 6:13pm. Please plan ahead: Marching Band performances are better seen from the stands, then heard from the parking lot. And on another important note: Please pick your child up on time! Due to safety, we don't want your child sitting on the curb waiting for a ride. The person/people staying to watch your child has been away from their family and home all day. Please be respectful!
- **If you don't know, please ask.** There are a lot of aspects to a Marching Band program. Even in trying to disseminate all information, there is more than likely a question or thought we forgot. If you want to know, someone else probably does too. Please find a parent that's been around a few years, email a Band Booster member and we can get that question answered. Another good way to keep up on information is to be involved. Come to the Booster meeting and read your emails. Visit the website. The same concept holds true for your student. If they have a question, ask them to go to their Section Leader. The Section Leader is an upperclassman that has been in the band several years and helps guide and direct a section of the band.
- **WHERE DO I PARK/DON'T PARK?** You may drop off your student from the Bus Lane (Do Not Enter the Circle Drive by Door 10). When you pick up your student: **DO NOT USE BUS LANE!** Pick up will be from the parking lot North of the semi-trailer and box truck. Why?? When the band/guard members are finished with practice, they must return to the school to put up instruments and equipment. Many of them have instruments/equipment (props/sound) that must be pushed back to the school. That requires crossing two roads, in the cross walks, and then navigating through the circle drive and finally using the ramp to enter Door 10. The other students with just instruments make a straight line through the grass and cross the road where ever.

WHEN COMPETITIONS START: the Bus Lane needs to be free from cars for the school buses and Box Truck to unload in the circle drive (garage door). **DROP OFF for Band Rehearsals: from the Bus Lane(do not enter circle drive).** **PICK UP from Band Rehearsals and competitions: Parking Lot north of the semi-trailer and Box Truck. No one should be in the BUS LANE or Husky Way between practice field and bus lane. SAFETY, NOT CONVENIENCE, IS THE GOAL!** Therefore, please be respectful when you are asked to move your vehicle when you are incorrectly parked.

Warning: Practices, especially at first can be intense. Endurance training like running and push-ups will help students prepare physically for practices. Parents, your students may become discouraged and frustrated in the beginning. This is normal. Continue to support them through the discomfort. These are some valuable life lessons to be learned. Encourage your student to talk to an upperclassman or their section leader for advice and strategies to overcome difficulties. Parents, reach out to parents that understand and have experienced the same complaints from their own child.

**BAND CAMP:** Three weeks in July (Monday-Thursday) of full day practices to learn the show.

- First day of Band Camp, please come 30 minutes early for check-in procedures
- All Registration/Health Forms MUST be turned in before your child can participate
- Daily check-in for attendance (required for meal prep and summer credit)
- Each student should bring the following items:
- Water jug full of water/ice (we will provide a cooler of ice at meal for replenishing jugs)
- Appropriate footwear (good supportive tennis shoes)
- Sunscreen/Hat/Sunglasses
- Deodorant
- The Directors will request other specific items needed.
- Eat before you come to Band Camp!
- Water breaks are given frequently. Tell your child (as we will) that each time a break is given to drink some water, whether they feel thirsty or not. Do NOT bring Gatorade/Powerade type drinks for practice on the field.
- Meals are provided. The students are released and sent to meals in sections to Room D107. They will eat in the Commons. Menu consists of an entrée, fruit (ex grapes, watermelon, bananas), vegetables (ex salad, carrots, cucumbers with ranch), usually chips/snacks of some sort and dessert. Peanut Butter/Peanut Butter and jelly sandwiches are always available. (Because of allergies, the PB/PBJ will be made ahead of time, packaged and placed in a separate area). If you have a pickier eater, please consider sending their meals or snack with them. Even if they brought food, they are welcome to come through the line and get items. Menus are posted ahead of time for

planning. The meals provided consist of foods that the students will eat. They burn a lot of calories and the goal of Chuck Wagon is to get food in their bellies.

- Parents are welcome to watch practice or you can help with events going on: Props are being built, uniform/garment bags are being set-up and meals are being planned and prepped. There is activity inside and out – come join us!
- **Band practice is over at 8:30pm.** Come early to watch what the band has been working on. You can park in the lot East of the Practice Field to watch. (If you keep your car running, please turn off your lights; even in the daylight they can be disruptive to practice).
- **Pick-up is in the parking lot North of the Semi-trailer and Box Truck.**
- **Pick your child up on time!** The person/people staying behind to assure safety for your child has been away from their home and family all day (and has endured the same heat, wind, rain as your child). Please be respectful!

### **Football Games**

- The North Marching Band performs at every home football game. The band will perform the National Anthem, School Song, Spirit and the entire Marching Band performs at Half Time.
- Practice is held at Bundrant Stadium at 3:00pm, after school.
- All band members, instruments, water jugs, props (as directed by Directors) are to be on the field and practice ready by 3:00pm.
- At the end of the practice, Props and Pit Equipment will remain at north end of stadium on the track.
- Band members are to return to the Commons to eat.
- Meals will be available to purchase for \$3.00. We are encouraging all band/guard members to remain on campus for safety. The meals will alternate between pizza and Chick-fil-a sandwiches. The evenings we have pizza, the \$3.00 will buy 2 pieces of pizza (pepperoni, cheese, sausage) chips and water. The Chick-fil-a evenings, the \$3.00 will buy a chicken sandwich, chips and water. Please send \$3.00 with your student on Football Fridays as we will collect the money at meal time. If leftovers are available: \$1.00/slice of pizza or \$3.00 for sandwich.
- Band/Guard members are to eat first and then prepare for their performance (hair, make-up, uniform).
- The Commons must be cleaned and cleared of all items prior to football game. Backpacks and personal items can be put in the Band Hallway or Band Room.
- At designated time, Band/Guard members will line up outside in the Circle Drive and will be led to the stadium by the Directors.
- Band members will sit in designated area in the bleachers for the game.

- Band/Guard will be released from Stadium by the Director. Students will return to Band Room/Hallway to return equipment and uniforms. ALL UNIFORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO GARMENT BAG AND LEFT AT SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE FOOTBALL GAME.

### Competitions

- Saturday Competitions take place beginning the week following Labor Day through the first of November.
- Saturday rehearsals at North precede competitions.
- On Competition Day, the band (instruments) students need to have clothing that can go underneath their uniform. They usually change into/out of their uniform in the parking lots. They MUST have long black socks! Guard will be changing on the bus or at school prior to leaving. Their uniforms do not allow for clothing underneath. For the colder months, please have students wear North apparel over their uniforms prior to/after Competitions.
- Meals will be provided on North Campus for lunch and then evening meals will be held truck-side at the Competition school.
- In the event we have two competitions on Saturday, meals may be provided truck-side for both.
- We will NOT be providing soft drinks at Competitions. The options will be water, Gatorade/Powerade only.
- We will have leftovers and snacks/drinks available after the competitions.
- Schedules will be available the previous week. Handouts in the Band Room on music stand, Facebook and website.
- Performance schedules are by the minute. Please remember if it says that North performs at 6:13pm – they are performing at 6:13pm. Plan ahead. No one can enter the stands after a band starts to perform. Each Invitational (contest) will charge an admission fee and will have concessions.
- Students are allowed to visit the concessions stands, if time allows. You will need to send money with your student.
- After each contest, Mr Emmert, Mr Farmer, Michelle DeWitt and staff will talk to the band/guard truck-side. All are welcome and encouraged to be there. Mr Emmert will discuss the show, scores, student behavior and expectations, etc.
- Following Competitions, the buses, semi and box truck(s) will return to North. Instruments, equipment, and garment bags will be returned to school. NO UNIFORMS ARE TO BE TAKEN HOME!!
- **PARENTS THAT PLAN ON TAKING YOUR STUDENTS WITH YOU FROM THE CONTEST:**
- Must sign your child out with the bus chaperone.

1. CANNOT take another student unless that student has a note provided from that student's parents.
2. If your child does not return to school to help unload trucks (instruments, equipment, garment bags), it is your child's responsibility to have another student take their instrument/garment bag in to the school.

**NOTE:** ALL ISSMA scores are copyrighted information and cannot be shared! Do not discuss or post online as this could disqualify the Band for future competitions! The ISSMA Competitions are Regionals, Semi-State and State Finals.

#### Contest Etiquette:

- Use common sense. You are representing not only our band, but our school and hometown.
- Do not enter or leave the stadium once a band has begun taking the field.
- Remain seated quietly while a band is performing. Support for all bands are appropriate! Those students work just as hard as ours do.
- Cell phones should be silenced. It is not acceptable to carry on conversations in person or on phone, or watch videos with volume, while a band is performing.
- Do not obstruct the view of other spectators with signs, banners or umbrellas or by standing during a performance.
- Do not allow children to play in the stands.
- When going to truck or to parking lot and a band is in "transit", you must yield right of way to them.

#### **Uniforms/Garment Bags**

- Uniforms are provided for each member of the Band/Guard.
- Band uniforms should have clothing (shorts/shirt) underneath as uniforms are usually put on and taken off in the parking lot. Long black socks are a mandatory part of the uniform. Shoes are provided as part of band fees.
- Guard members will be dressing at school or on the bus, as extra clothing cannot be worn underneath uniform.
- Each band/guard member are assigned a numbered garment bag. Each student must remember their number. This is how the uniforms are arranged in the semi for transport to Competitions and stored at school.
- It is the responsibility of each member to make sure the entire uniform (gloves, shoes, uniform) are hung properly in the garment bag at the end of each Competition. Socks need to be removed at the end of each Competition/Performance from the garment

bag. Uniform committee will NOT be washing socks. Students may leave deodorant, extra (clean) socks in bag. NO FOOD is to be put in the garment bags.

- In the case that there are extras to the uniforms such as masks, jewels, etc... these will be collected by the Section Leaders after performances.
- Uniforms/garment bags are NEVER to be taken home.
- Uniform committee will be washing uniforms.

### TERMS TO KNOW

Welcome to the North Green Brigade! Today and for the next several years you will be hearing many terms with which you may or may not be familiar with. There are also some band traditions/events that should be explained.

**Band Banquet** –An event held annually to recognize the accomplishments of band during the year. A catered dinner is served. Seniors are recognized individually. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Band Camp** – An intense instruction and practice time scheduled in July for the Band/Guard members to learn the show. Band Camp is held at North High School. Meal is provided.

**Band Hallway** – The hallway from Door 10 (outside door) to the Commons area where students congregate. The location of the garment bag racks and bulletin board for NGB.

**Band Parent** – Anyone who has a child in the North Green Brigade Band. We are a group of hard-working, fun-loving, supportive parents. Each parent is expected to volunteer and participate to help make the band a success.

**Box Truck** – The green truck that follows the semi to Competitions. It transports the pit equipment.

**Brass** – includes trumpets, mellophones, trombones, baritones and tubas

**Breakfast with Santa** – a fundraising event held in December. Pancakes & sausage are served. Santa is present with great music.

**Bus Chaperones** – A mother/father that is brave enough to ride a bus with your student. They ensure students are following the rules on the bus. They complete attendance checks prior to leaving school and prior to returning to school. They are responsible for checking students out with parents.

**C121** – The Band Storage room, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor on the high school side.

**Caption Awards** - Categories upon which the bands are judged. These are not at every contest. Examples are music, general effect, color guard, percussion, drum major and pit crew.

**Class** – At contests, bands are arranged by class. ASSMA bases their classes on school enrollment submitted to the IN dept of Education the previous year. We are in class B for ISSMA contests.

**Color Guard** – A non-musical section that provides additional visual aspects to the performance including flags, ruffles, and sabers along with dance.

**Commons** – Located on the Jr. High and high school side of the school. The area is where the band/guard eats and get ready for performance/competitions. All items need to be cleaned up and removed prior to leaving for performances. A Gathering area for parents, that is usually cooler or warmer than outside.

**Door 10** – The outside doors to access the Band Room.

**Drill** – The “show” itself. These are pages and pages of pictures made up of the bands’ coordinates showing where each one is at particular intervals.

**Drum Line** – Consisting of snares, bass drums and tenors (also known as quads).

**Drum Major(s)** – These are the students who are conducting the Band. At the end of every practice and contest, the Drum Major will dismiss the band. The Drum Major claps and calls for the band to come to attention (Band 10-hut), Drum Major claps again and calls “band dismissed.” The Band responds in unison “all-in.”

**Fall Festival** – A large fundraiser for the band. The North Green Brigade Booth (#68) sells funnel cakes and drinks. Come volunteer your time and support the Band.

**Forum** – A website for marching band information. The site is [www.in.bands.com](http://www.in.bands.com). The post information such as which bands will be at upcoming contests, scores are posted as they are announced, they have polls each week to rank bands, and there are many threads in which to comment. If you use this site, please keep in mind you are representing our band, our school and our town. ISSMA scores are never to be posted and neither should the placing from ISSMA contests. Please read and abide by all their rules before posting. You do not want to jeopardize our participation in upcoming ISSMA events.

**General Effect/GE** – One of the categories upon which the band is judged. There are two effect judges: Music effect and visual effect. The music effect judge bases scores on the overall effectiveness of the musical repertoire and performance. The visual effect judge bases scores on the overall effectiveness of the visual repertoire and performance.

**Gloves** – A required part of the uniform for marching instruments. Part of the band fee.

**Goodie Bags** = Snacks and treats for your students provided by the section MOM/DAD or any parent. They are usually given out around a competition as a special treat! They are not a requirement, but, a fun surprise for the students. Usually has candy, chalk, trinkets.

**Guides** – Contest sites have guides for the host school who meet and greet bands as they arrive and make sure they get to the correct areas at the appropriate times.

**Hash Marks** – For those that are not football fans, these are the two rows of lines near the middle of the field that are parallel to the side lines. They are about one yard long and are used to mark every yard on the field between the 5 yard lines, which go from sideline to sideline. These are important to your student in using the coordinate card and for you to help find your student on the field.



**Invitational** – an event held in September at North high school. It is held in Bundrant stadium. Bands are invited to participate and perform. Judges are present and class awards are presented. We have captions awards. We will be attending other schools' invitational's in September and October. There is a charge for admission. This is a fundraiser for all schools.

**ISSMA** – Indiana State School Music Association whose mission is “to provide educationally evaluated music performance activities for the students and teacher of the State of Indiana, to assist in the development of performance oriented assessment of state and national musical academic standards, and to offer educational support to fulfill this mission” according to their website, which is [www.issma.net](http://www.issma.net). Sundays, following ISSMA contest, at 2:00EST schedules for the next ISSMA contest is posted.

**Lost and Found** – located inside the band room doors. Please check it often! Clothing left at the end of the season will be donated to Hangers! All other items will be thrown away.

**Lucas Oil Stadium** – The location of the State Finals in Indianapolis.

**Music** – One of the categories upon which the band is judged. There are two music judges: music ensemble and individual music. The music ensemble judge sits in the press box and judges the group's overall design and execution of the music. The individual music judge walks amongst the performers on the field and judges' individual student's music performance.

**NGB** – North Green Brigade! The reason you are reading this.

**Parent Preview** – Held the last day of Band Camp. It's a time for the band/guard to perform the show for the parents and supporters.

**Pit** – The non-marching portion of the band. May include bells, keyboards, and some percussion instruments.

**Pit Crew** - Dedicated band parents and volunteers to help get the drum major podium, sound, props, scrim to the field/on the field for performance and back to the truck, where it is loaded and unloaded.

**Press Box** – Where judges and announcers sit during competitions. Students are to “go to the louder sound Press Box” (this means they should turn their instruments or bodies toward the Press Box for a).

**Props** – Short for properties. They are used to enhance the show: flags, masks, sabers, structures are all props.

**Scissor Lift** – The lift used by the Directors/staff to direct the band during rehearsals. This gives them a bird's eye view for accurate execution of placement on the field.

**Scrim** – The screen placed on the sidelines in front of the band to “hide” the guard equipment and decrease distractions during the performance.

**Sections/Sectionals** – Divisions of the band that include low brass, high brass, woodwinds, pit, drum line and guard.

**Section Leaders** – each section has an upperclassman that provides encouragement, instruction and sometimes consequences (push-ups and running laps) to address student behavior during/after practices.

**Send Off** – When the band leaves for State, parents meet along Husky Way to honk their horns, wave and show their support for the band as they leave North High School.

**Senior Night** – Senior's who are in marching band/guard are recognized at the last regular season home football game when the senior football players and cheerleaders are recognized.

**Show** – This is what your student has been working on at rehearsals. It is the music combined with the drill. When performed in entirety, a show lasts about 8 minutes.

**Show Shirts** – A themed t-shirt that tells the name of the Show. Each band/guard member will be given a show shirt as part of the band fee. It will be worn at the beginning of the season to football performances and any performance prior to receiving their uniforms. Parents are encouraged to purchase Show Shirts at Parent Preview or online.

**Spirit Club** – A group of parents/volunteers that will come up with fun activities for the band/guard. This may include Wacky Wednesdays, Manic Monday and Parent Block Party.

**Stand In** – In the event of rain (conditions are too bad or too threatening) for a contest, the band will perform inside on the basketball court. The band will stand in concert formation and play.

**State Shirt** – At Lucas Oil, long sleeve state shirts are sold – a great keepsake. The Green Brigade has a show shirt specific for state. It will be on sale the Thursday after practice, before State Finals.

**The Field** – Also known as the practice field. The parking lot used by the band/guard for rehearsals. Located on South-East side of the campus across from the junior high.

**The Semi** – This is the NGB trailer that transports the marching instruments, guard equipment, garment bags, food, coolers, sound equipment and props.

**Top of the Show** – The phrase at the end of rehearsal/practice that elicits wild cheers from the band/guard members. It's the cue from the Director that means "we are going to run through the entire show from the very beginning and then practice is over". If you come regularly to watch Top of the Show: the time, length and performance change frequently. It's always exciting when you notice the changes before your student can tell you.

**Transit** – a band is considered "in transit" when they move as a group from the parking lot area, to warm up, to the staging area, on and off of the field. Please yield to any band in uniform as they prepare to perform, please don't break their rank.

**Truck-side** – Literally means the side of the truck, referring to the Semi. This is where meals are served at competitions and where the Directors/staff will talk to the band/guard following the performances. It's the place for parents/family to come and congratulate your student on a great performance.

**Uniform Parents** – These parents make sure our band looks great at all times. They measure, order, assign the uniform, check garment bags, wash the uniforms. They are at each performance checking for long black socks, and that all parts of the uniforms are worn correctly.

**Visual/Marching** – One of the categories upon which the band is judged. The visual judges base scores on the band's marching, color guard and movements on the field. There are two visual judges: visual ensemble and individual visual. The visual ensemble judge sits in the press box and judges the group's overall design and execution of the visual aspects of the show. The individual visual judge walks amongst the performers on the field and judge's individual student's visual performance.

**Warm Up** – On contest days each marching band has some time for a physical warm up and a musical warm up. Physical warm ups consist of stretching and limbering up while in uniform. Musical warm up gives the band a chance to tune, rehearse a troublesome spot, and to make sure their equipment is in proper working order.

**Woodwinds** – includes flutes, clarinets, saxophones, and oboes.