

SOME "PROACTIVE" WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY...

Our first activities of the year are STREET MARCHING events.

We need three units of auxiliary personnel to supplemental our main Instrumental Block Band. The Banner unit from the trip has to be at least largely replaced, as most of them are actually Band members. We do have some experienced Cheerleaders that hopefully will want to continue performing with us. They did a very good job last year.

It will be to their and our benefit if they are present for some of the fundamental marching training in Band Camp. The idea really has always been for them to have their State Fair routines well underway and have their initial performance with us at the park on Wednesday evening. Please communicate with these people (part of being LEADERS), as they are NOT on our bulk mailing list. (You can also help them find this information online.)

Also keep in mind...these groups have to be COMPETENT. Everything they do, every step they take, is part of the JUDGING for our marching band.

*BANNER Unit (minimum 6 people)

2 people for the Banner itself

2 people for the American and State Flag

2 people (minimum) for the Orange/Black "School Color" Flags

(3 or even 4 would be great and a nice bonus, but not necessary)

*POM POM Unit (should have SIX people—more is fine)

Once upon a time and for many years, this was the domain of the Dance Team. However, that has not really been the case the last dozen years or so. The Cheerleaders did a great job of filling in here last year. (If there is no cohesive unit involved, UNIFORMS can become an issue,)

*FLAG UNIT (should have SIX people—more would be fine, but we don't currently have more actual flags.)

This has traditionally been the domain of the Cheerleaders.

These 18 people in these 3 units are critical to the structure and look of the marching band on the street.

AND LET'S BE FRANK HERE IN TERMS OF OUR BAND ITSELF...

WE are *still* very short of numbers in our main band as well. We are *still* short of personnel in almost every instrument category right now. We *still* need MORE of EVERYTHING.

We *still and always* need every person that was making things work so well last year in both the Junior High Band and the Senior High Band.

We need more of anybody we can get, including, yes, even beginners in high school. It can be done.

We need more of the people walking the halls...that already know how to play...back sitting in their seats.

AS A GROUP, AS LEADERS, PLEASE GET TO WORK ON EVERY POSITION DISCUSSED ON THIS PAGE. PLEASE GET STARTED NOW. EVERYONE CAN HELP WITH THE PROCESS. YOU NEED TO BE POSITIVE AS WELL AS "PATIENTLY and PLEASANTLY PERSISTENT." (You may not get an instant "yes" response, but let them have a little time. Don't take it personally if they say "no" at first.)