

Bolivar High School Bands

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Dear B. H. S. Band Member and Parents:

Before I begin, let me just say that YOU are valuable! We appreciate you as students and parents and want to see you stay in band until graduation. Participation in band and all of its activities will be one of the best investments you can make. Not only is band fun, but participation in a local band program will give you a lifetime of memories and skills that will assist you later in life. Make sure you don't miss this opportunity!

Enclosed in this packet is material that will help us serve our band program better in the coming year. Current 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th graders: PLEASE make sure you read this packet and don't assume you already know all the information enclosed. Please note, **this packet is not just the marching band packet but information available to all prospective high school band members.** Enclosed:

- Disney Form (June Trip)
- Intent Form and Fees Form
- CD of Marching Music
- Marching Show Music
- Band Camp Information

Signing and mailing the intent form: It is vital for you to inform us if there is a change to your enrollment so we can be sure we include you in all the planning that occurs in the spring and summer months. **PLEASE...**if you choose to be in marching band, fill out this information, mail it and stick with your decision! Music parts are assigned and positions are determined on the field based on the people that sign up for marching band now. When you change your mind after the summer, it is too late for us to add or delete your position from the show. It creates a multitude of problems for those that are assigned to positions around you and ultimately hurts the overall visual effect of the marching band. We cannot stress this enough.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at the number above. You can reach me at that number or at steve@pianodesk.com.

Return the Student Information Form to:

BHS Band
Steve McClard
1413 N D Hwy.
Bolivar, MO 65613

Here's to a great 2009-2010 season!!!

Sincerely,

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Bolivar, Missouri

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2009-2010 Bolivar High School BANDS STUDENT INTENT FORM (Please print legibly)

Name _____ Grade in school (Fall 2009) _____
Phone _____ Student E-mail Address _____
Parent Email Address: _____
Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____
Summer Address if different _____

PLEASE READ THIS SECTION COMPLETELY AND FILL IN ALL APPROPRIATE LINES.

- I plan to be in marching band. Yes No
 - I will attend Marching Band Camp Yes No
- REASON IF NO: _____
- My marching band T-Shirt fee of \$9.00 is enclosed Yes No
 - My marching shoes fee of \$17 is enclosed YES No, already have them
 No, I'll get used shoes.
 - My snack fee of \$5 is enclosed Yes No

Indicate Shirt Size(s) desired here _____

Indicate Shoe Size desired here _____

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T- Shirt Fee shirt(s) @ \$9.00 per shirt \$ _____

Shoes Fee \$ _____

Snack Fee \$ _____

If you need financial assistance, check here: Total Amount Enclosed \$

Send this form with your payment Friday, June 26, 2009 to:
Bolivar High School Band
1401 N. D Hwy.
Bolivar, MO 65613

Make checks payable to "BHS Band"

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WHY BE A PART OF THE BOLIVAR MARCHING BAND ???

For you:

- It is part of a Fine Arts Credit required for graduation
- It is a great group of kids to connect to in a positive way
- Marching Band is highly regarded on college applications
- Development of amazing leadership skills
- Marching in the hot sun is Fu, Fu, Fu, FUN!

For your School and Band:

- You are an important part of school “pride”
- You are the only person with your unique talents and gifts and are part of what makes our band great!

For your Community:

- You serve as goodwill ambassadors for our high school
- The marching band seen in a parade may be the only contact some community members have with our schools. What a positive impression we leave with those people!

WHAT IS INVOLVED???

The marching band segment of high school band is really a rather small part of the school year as a whole. It involves:

- A week of band camp in early August
- Six weeks of school during which there are:
 - 5 home football games
 - 4 parades
 - SBU Homecoming

THAT’S IT!!!

WHY BAND CAMP???

We prepare before the school year begins for the same reason sport teams begin their practices before the school year begins: to be ready for our first performance. If you miss camp, you miss learning these skills which hurts the entire band. Missing camp makes you an alternate and may put you on a lower part in the section.

