

Showcase Band Blast **July 15, 2010**

Welcome to the 2010-2011 Pride of Herndon! The 14th Annual Showcase of Bands will soon be upon us. Showcase is one of our largest annual fundraising events and our largest volunteer opportunity. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 25th. The new turf field at Herndon High School will be a great benefit to visiting bands and help us to tolerate weather events (although this year will be spectacular weather).

The Showcase page is active on our web site. You can find a link from our main page. Here's the direct link if you want to bookmark it:

<http://herndonband.org/Showcase10.htm>

From this page, you can find links to a list of bands who will attend (as of July 12th, there were 25 signed up), a FAQ page to help all volunteers and a Volunteer page so you can learn about all the volunteer opportunities and sign up one of the many available slots. All volunteer opportunities are tracked on Google Docs.

This year, there are the following volunteer opportunities:

Command and Control, Band Entry Control, Bike Messengers and Pit Assistance
Band Greeters, Band Guides and Indoor Monitors
Parking
Hospitality
Water Stations
Dignitary Escorts
Setup / Cleanup
Concessions
Volunteers
Ticket Sales, Program Sales, Gate Monitor and Judges' Runner

The signup pages offer adult, HHS and HMS opportunities. This year, all HHS band students will have a minimum of two different responsibilities for Showcase. One (for setup and cleanup) is assigned based on instrument, and the student chooses the other. At this time, Woodwinds will help with Setup on Saturday morning prior to Showcase, Brass will help with Cleanup immediately after Showcase on Saturday night and Percussion will help with Cleanup on Sunday morning. Ms. Schoelwer must approve any changes or substitutions.

We will also start a series of weekly (or near weekly) meetings for Showcase planning. Our first meeting will be on Monday, July 19th. Some areas are still in need of leadership (Ticket Sales in particular). If you are interested in helping lead any of the volunteer areas mentioned above, feel free to attend this first meeting. We'll start at 7:00p that night. New ideas are always welcome.

Upcoming Showcase meetings:

Mon, Jul 19

Mon, Jul 26

Mon, Aug 9

Mon, Aug 16
Mon, Aug 23
Tue, Aug 31
Mon, Sep 13
Tue, Sep 21 (this will be for ALL volunteers)

It is anticipated that not everyone can make all the meetings. Minutes will be posted after each meeting for those who were unable to attend. Much of the communications will be done electronically between the meetings.

Thanks in advance for your help with the 2010 Showcase of Bands!

Neil Lovering
Showcase Chair