

BHS Band Booster Association
Meeting on August 8, 2011

A meeting of the Buckhorn High School Band Boosters was held on August 8, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Band Room. Connie Glass, President, presided over the meeting.

I. Director Remarks

Mr. Jacob Souder, Director, stated that there will be a change in transportation to three of our away games. Mr. Ledbetter, BHS principal has approved this money-saving change. For the following games, students and parents will provide their own transportation, meeting at the specified stadium, instead of traveling by bus. Please contact Mr. Souder or Connie Glass (connie@elderlawfirm.net) with concerns or needs regarding transportation for these games. There are many parents with vans who will be glad to help with transportation.

The Grissom (September 8) and Huntsville High (October 14) games will both be held at Milton Frank Stadium. The Hazel Green (September 30) game will be held at Hazel Green High School. Call time will be 5:00 p.m. Students will be given detailed instructions regarding parking, uniform changes, etc. well in advance of these games.

Mr. Souder explained his “all or nothing” rule for uniforms. Again, he will provide detailed instructions on what to wear to these games and when/where to meet chaperones to change into uniforms, when/where to change and turn in uniforms after the games. Adherence to the call time (5:00 p.m.) and uniform instructions are critical to making this a success.

Please follow the proper chain of command with any concerns regarding your student’s band experience. Please contact Mr. Souder before any other school personnel, such as the principal. Parents may certainly take concerns to the principal. However, without first discussing the issue with Mr. Souder, he will likely not be able to resolve your situation.

Thursday afternoon practice will be 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. If transportation is an issue, please contact Mr. Souder for help. Students may stay after school in the band room for supervised relaxation, snacks, homework, etc. before the 5:00 p.m. practice. Parents are encouraged to come and watch these practices whenever possible. There will be no practice on Thursday game nights (September 8). Section Leaders may call other practices during the week, typically Monday or Tuesday afternoons. Students will work out these times amongst themselves.

II. General Announcements by President

- A. Football Schedule – Handout with transportation changes to local games also discussed by Mr. Souder.
- B. Fall Competition Schedule – TBA
- C. Use the website calendar at www.buckhornband.com
- D. Communication – in order to send emails to parents we must have your email address and all other contact information in CHARMS. Contact Connie at connie@elderlawfirm.net or Mr. Souder at jsouder@madison.k12.al.us.

- E. Upcoming Meetings – Fall Band Booster meetings will be held in the band room on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Dates are September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13, 2011.

III. Reports from Officers

A. Treasurers – Dawn Wacaster and Nancy Downard

1. Band Fees and Payment Schedule
 - a. Fall Fee is \$360 per student
 - b. Schedule of payments - \$90 due by August 25th, \$90 due by September 15th, \$90 due by October 15th, \$90 due by Nov 15th.
2. Financial Report

Dawn says this is the first time she can recall when band camp fees were paid before the end of camp! \$5000 was collected and \$6000 was spent on food, water, teachers, etc. Thanks parents!

Parents who work concessions may skip the first 2-3 payments because the proceeds from concessions will not be entered into student accounts until early December. After the season, concession expenses will be subtracted from proceeds. That amount will then be split between all the students/parents who worked concessions. There is no guarantee of profitable concessions, but it is usually our best fundraiser. You will not be able to pay the entire fee from working one or even two concessions!

Please use an envelope for fees, fundraiser orders/money and place in the “blue box” by Mr. Souder’s office. Envelopes should be labeled with WHO, HOW MUCH and WHAT FOR! Checks should be addressed to BHS Band unless otherwise instructed. BHS policy states that a phone number must be written on every check.

Dawn encouraged parents to go to www.charmsoffice.com to update contact information and check student account balance and transactions. Charms is vehicle we use to share band information (emails) and track finances. There is a link to Charms with instructions on the BHS Band home page. The School Code is BuckhornBand (case sensitive) and your student password is probably your home phone number starting with area code. If you cannot login to CHARMS, please email Dawn at dmwacaster@knology.net. Dawn also brings CHARMS info and passwords to booster meetings.

B. Third Vice President – Terri Ellett, Fundraisers

1. Band Apparel Sales – white shorts, polos, t-shirts, hoodies, etc. with proceeds to the band.
2. Scrip – Go to www.glscrip.com for complete list of retail gift cards. Be on the lookout for more detailed instructions about how it works, how the band makes money, and when we will place the first order for this school year.
3. EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) Breakfast – 3rd Saturday morning of each month, serving breakfast, free plane ride for volunteers. Proceeds split between workers. Extra day next month (9/17). Ed Martin and Pete Valentine help to coordinate.
4. Publix keychain cards – can be used at Publix in AL, FL, wherever Publix is located. Mail to out-of-town relatives, give to your friends. Just

have the checkout person swipe the card along with your purchase and the band will receive a quarterly percentage check from Publix!

5. Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Sale – Terri Mitchell (former BHS band mom) coordinates this great fundraiser each year. Sales packets are in the band room for students to pick up and start selling immediately. Money should be collected with the orders and checks **MUST BE MADE OUT TO TERRI MITCHELL** (not BHS band). Details in packet. Deadline to turn in cookie dough orders is Friday, August 26, 2011!!

C. Second Vice President – Regina Clonts

1. Concession Stand is our biggest fundraiser. Regina thanked all the parents and students who came out for the Saturday, August 6th cleanup! Concessions are served during Thursday night JV and Freshman games, Friday night high school homes games, and Saturday PeeWee games. Parents may sign up to work concessions one time for each band student in their family. Sign-up sheet available after every booster meeting. If all slots are not filled, at some point parents will be allowed to sign up for more concession slots, resulting in more money toward fees. Parents may also sign up to be alternates in the event that parents have to cancel at the last minute. A detailed handout regarding fundraising was provided at the meeting.
2. Stadium Cleanup occurs on Saturdays. We still do not have a schedule from the PeeWee folks. With the exception of Friday night games, parents and students can both sign up to serve concessions &/or cleanup.

D. First Vice President – Lisa Blay

1. Chaperones are needed for home and away games for various things. Sign-up sheets will be available after all booster meetings. Please email Lisa at lcblay@att.net to volunteer. If you have signed up to chaperone a game but are unable to be there, please make every effort to find a substitute. Please contact Lisa right away if you cannot be there and especially if you cannot find a substitute. We depend on our parent volunteers!
2. Uniforms require quite a large effort to maintain. Many parents volunteered to wash uniform bibs (white overalls) this summer. Thanks! We need a committee of parents to be available throughout the season to wash stained uniforms. Please email Lisa at lcblay@att.net.

IV. New Business – Connie Glass

- A. Secretary resignation – Debbie Dobbs submitted her resignation due to recent surgery and ongoing recovery.
- B. New secretary election – Jan Liles was elected as the new secretary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the BHS Band Boosters will take place on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.