



**Everything You Ever Wanted to Know  
About Being a  
Fallbrook High School Band Parent**  
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**2006-2007  
Program Information Guides**

*It is our hope that this series of information guides will prepare you for the rigors of being a high school “band parent”. It is a very rewarding experience and one that we are sure you will enjoy.*

*The information is intended to give you a preview of the “ins and outs” of what to expect during a typical school year.*

*, Band Director  
& the Fallbrook Band Boosters*

## Information Guide #1

My name is Phil Leonelli. I have had the pleasure of serving as the Band Booster President for the past two years. I have been involved with this Band Booster organization for the past four years as a parent of one graduated Tenor Sax player and one Senior Trombone/Tuba player. I have proudly participated in this organization as a support for my sons' involvement in the instrumental program at Fallbrook High School.

Believe me, it has not been easy. Last year we struggled in adjusting to a new instructor as well as some major changes in "the way we do business" as an organization. There have been many positive additions to our organization, including a newly painted and soon-to-be "logoed" Equipment Truck that all of the student will be PROUD of!

There are three FORMS that need to be filled out and signed after you read this manual. 1. Health Form, 2, Policy Form and 3. Suggested Donation Form.

This year our *suggested* donation is \$275. per student. These funds help us support the students in hiring support staff (Marching/Visual Instructors, Brass Instructor, Woodwind Instructor, Percussion Instructor, Mallet Instructor etc.) The funds are also used for care and cleaning of uniforms and instruments, transportation costs including registration, insurance and gas for the equipment truck etc.) As you can see, we could not exist with out your help and donations.

There will be many opportunities for you to volunteer as much or as little as your time permits. We will need organizational help during band camp, help with uniforms and equipment during the football games on Friday nights and assistants on Saturdays in late September, October and the first two weeks in November which make-up our Marching Band Competition Season. Any help will be much appreciated!

This packet hopefully will serve as an introduction, guide and source of information as we progress through the 2005/2006 Marching Band, Color Guard, Concert Band, Jazz Band and Winter Guard season. Please check our Band Booster website at **[www.fallbrookhighschoolband.com](http://www.fallbrookhighschoolband.com)** for the latest information. Please do not hesitate to reach me at **760-728-8032** or **[pleonelli52@hotmail.com](mailto:pleonelli52@hotmail.com)**.

## Information Guide #2

### ATTENDANCE AND GRADING POLICY (Changes TBA)

All students are required to be at all events since the curriculum for instrumental music classes includes both rehearsals and performances. Barring student illness or a family crisis, attendance at all practices and performances is MANDATORY. Each student must be present at all practices in order that their individual part is well prepared in relation to all other sections and is ready for performance.

Each student is crucial in each and every performance. Once you have seen the students perform and watch the intricate timing and patterns that they achieve, you will clearly understand that the absence of even one student can have a direct impact on the entire band's performance. Also, when a student misses a practice session, all of the students are negatively affected. The impact is felt not only on the day the student missed class, but at the next practice as well when precious practice time is lost because the group has to go over and repeat the prior session(s) work to bring the student who had been absent up to speed.

The Instrumental Music Program requires promptness, commitment, effort and consistent attendance. In order that standards for high quality performance are maintained, the following attendance/grading policy is adhered to by the Program:

- Attendance at all scheduled rehearsals and performances is mandatory. Only the Director can excuse absences.
  - Examples of EXCUSED Absences and Tardies: Severe illness, death in the immediate family, an accident.
  - Examples of UNEXCUSED Absences and Tardies: Work, no transportation, out of town visitors, vacations.
  - When in doubt, ask the Director.
- Consequences:
  - First Offense: Verbal warning.
  - Second Offense: Phone call to parents.
  - Continued lack of effort or proper citizenship will result in (1) a lower grade based on the severity of the offense and (2) a parent/teacher meeting to discuss possible removal from the program.
  - AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FROM ANY PERFORMANCE WILL RESULT IN THE STUDENT'S GRADE BEING LOWERED FOR THAT PARTICULAR SIX-WEEK GRADING PERIOD TO AN "F". The "F" grade will be averaged into the other two 6-week grades to make the final grade for the semester.

For all rehearsals and performances, the Director will announce a Report Time. The student should arrive 15 minutes BEFORE the Report Time.

**REMEMBER .....**

**EARLY IS ON TIME !!**

**ON TIME IS LATE !!**

## Information Guide #3

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM FINANCES

There are numerous costs associated with running an award-winning high school music program. Expenses such as transportation, auxiliary staff and clinician salaries, music royalties, writing the field show music and drill, competition fees, instrument acquisition and repair, as well as uniform replacement and upkeep must be funded.

There are three sources of income for the Fallbrook High School Instrumental Music Program:

1. Fallbrook Union High School District (FUHSD) provides funding only for a basic instrumental music program.
2. The *suggested donation* of \$275.00 will help pay for part of the shortfall in District funding. This amount is calculated each year based on the projected costs of performances and competitions planned for that year plus, the base costs of other support provided by the Fallbrook Band Boosters.
3. Fallbrook Band Boosters Fundraisers provide another valuable source of additional funding. The above two sources are not enough to cover all expenses so the Music Program is fortunate to have an active Boosters club that sponsors fund-raising activities. There are two basic types of fundraisers. One type , **parent run fundraisers**, earns proceeds that go to the Band Booster account. The other, **student run fundraisers**, earn money for the Band ASB account.

## Information Guide #4

### 2003-04 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP DONATION POLICY

- The membership donation schedule for the 2006-2007 performance year is provided on the last page of this information guide.
- Fallbrook Band Boosters, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, oversees these funds for the Program. As a 501(c)(3) membership organization, membership donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by the Federal IRS and State Franchise Tax Board.
- Donations have to be collected at the very beginning of the school year because the Boosters have to make contractual and staffing commitments and payments for which funding must be available.
- Booster officers will be available during Summer Band Camp to process Membership Donation Payments from either students or parents.
- Cash or check can be used to make a donation. All checks should be made payable to the Fallbrook Band Boosters. BE SURE to note your student's name on the check; cash should be put in envelopes with the student's name.

**2005-2006 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP DONATION  
SCHEDULE**

<b>Music Group</b>	<b>Annual Suggested Donation</b>	<b>Date Due</b>
<b>SEMESTER 1</b>		
<b>Marching Band</b> – (see NOTE)	\$ 275.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of Band Camp
<b>Color Guard</b> – (see NOTE)	\$ 275.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of Band Camp
<b>Non-Marching Concert Band(s)</b> (see NOTE)	\$ 150.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of Semester 1
<b>SEMESTER 2</b>		
<b>Concert Band(s) and Jazz Band</b> Semester 1 Participant in either Marching Band, a non-Marching Concert Band, or Color Guard	None	--
New Member (see NOTE)	\$ 100.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of Semester 2
<b>Winter Guard</b> Semester 1 Participant in either Color Guard, Marching Band, or a non-Marching Concert Band	\$ 50.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of Semester 2
New Member (see NOTE)	\$ 150.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of Semester 2
<b>Drum Line</b>	TBD	

\* Students must cover the cost of their personal concert, performance, or group wear (including, but not limited to: socks, undershirts, tuxedos, dresses, after-performance wear).

## Information Guide #7

### SUMMER BAND CAMP

The band year begins for our students during the summer months. Being part of the marching band requires summer practices to prepare for the early season marching competitions and appearances at Fallbrook's home football games.

- There is a two-week summer Band Camp that is held immediately prior to the start of the school year. Currently, for the 2006-2007 season, summer Band Camps are scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup>, as noted below.

#### Percussion

August: TBA

August: TBA

August: TBA

#### Woodwinds, Brass, and Color Guard

August 14-18: TBA

August 21-25: TBA

- The times of the practices vary but your band student should plan for long, physically active days during the two-week band camp session...extending into the evening hours. There are breaks for lunch/dinner and brief rest periods throughout the day.
- Band camp is a MANDATORY attendance activity for both marching band and color guard – so plan your vacations, etc., accordingly.
- The band camp schedule is always subject to change due to last minute changes in practice field availability – prepare to be flexible.

**If a student has medical conditions that may affect or limit their full participation in band camp or in field marching performances – PLEASE inform the Band Director, in writing, on the first day of Band Camp.**

In addition to their instrument and music, students will need to bring lots of water, sunscreen, pencil, a dot book (a spiral bound set of 3" x 5" index cards), a hat and comfortable clothes (including tennis shoes) for hot afternoons and cooler evenings. Students should also plan to bring sack "lunches" for lunch and dinner during the first week of practices. If a parent or guardian wishes to pick up their child for dinner, this is acceptable AS LONG AS the student is back at the required report time.

You can expect your child to come home from band camp each day ready to relax. They will be working very hard during this two-week session and it is strongly recommended that you don't make any big plans for them during this time.

During Band Camp, students in the instrumental band/color guard program become like family to their fellow members. The students who participate in marching band or color guard develop friendships with students of all grade levels. In particular, freshmen will find Band Camp as an excellent introduction to the high school and new friends – before the school year begins. You will find the “veteran” students (and parents) to be friendly and willing to help answer questions and get the new students into the routine as well as help with carpooling, etc. Also, Section Leaders can be a great source of information about the high school for students in their section.

## Information Guide #8

### MARCHING SEASON

Immediately after Band Camp and the start of the school year, the Marching Season will be in full swing. The Marching Band/Color Guard will be in attendance at all home football games as well as competing in Saturday field competitions throughout the Southern California area on many Saturdays until late November. State Championships typically occur the weekend before Thanksgiving.

- The practice schedule during the Marching Season includes several after-school practices each week along with an evening practice. Currently, the after-school practices during Marching Season are scheduled from 3:00 to 5:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays; the evening practice is scheduled for Mondays from 5:30 to 8:30 PM.
- Participation at Friday night home football games usually was from about 6:00 until 10:00-10:30 PM.
- The call time for Saturday field competitions varied based on the performance time. Saturday competitions were usually all-day events for the students that lasted well into the evening, with return times sometimes being around midnight.

Barring student illness or a family crisis, attendance at all practices and performances is MANDATORY. Once you have seen the students perform and watch the intricate timing and patterns that they achieve, you will clearly understand that the absence of even one student can have a direct and negative impact on the entire band's performance. Also, when a student misses a practice session, all of the students are negatively affected. The impact is felt not only on the day the student missed class, but at the next practice as well when precious practice time is lost because the group has to go over and repeat the prior session(s) work to bring the student who had been absent up to speed.

Parent attendance and support at the competitions is extremely important. Most competitions are within easy driving distance and it is important to show our support for our children. You will receive information and directions to the competitions, as it becomes available – usually the week of the competition due to last minute competition scheduling changes. Join the Fallbrook parents as we work behind the scenes, fill the stands and show our support and encouragement for our children and their accomplishments.

## Information Guide #9

### MARCHING SEASON UNIFORMS

Marching Season Uniforms will be fitted and issued at the end of the summer, during Band Camp, and during the first couple of weeks of school. Each student will be called to arrange a date and time for fitting. The uniform consists of a white jacket, sash, black pants, and a hat with a black plume. To simplify care and cleaning, the uniforms remain at school. Band members dress at the school or site of a competition. This uniform is provided jointly by the school district and the Boosters; the Boosters also pay for the upkeep and cleaning fees. The Color Guard uniforms and equipment will be designed based on the season's show selections. The Color Guard staff will send guard uniform information home.

**Shoes and Socks.** Marching Band students will be issued black marching shoes as part of their uniform. Students are required to provide their own black socks to wear with their uniform. Shoes should be cleaned according to manufacturer's directions at home before each competition. They should be stored inside a pair of old socks to protect the finish. The student's **name should be written on the sole or inside of the tongue of the shoe.** With 100+ pairs of band shoes that are alike, it is easy to misplace them.

**Tee-Shirt.** Marching Band students are required to provide their own plain white tee shirt to wear under their uniform.

**Gloves.** Marching Band students will be issued two pairs of gloves for the Marching Season. It is their responsibility to keep them clean and ready for each performance.

During field competitions it is also recommended that students wear something under their uniform that allows for them to change out of their uniforms quickly while in a "less-than-private" setting. Students often have to change in public areas and should plan accordingly! (Black shorts/boxers are a great idea.) All uniform parts (except for personal items and gloves) are stored in a special garment bag and are kept in the uniform storage shed at school.

If your student arrives at a band performance without a needed piece of clothing or has lost an item (i.e., band shoes, gloves, black socks, white tee shirt), the Band Boosters organization does maintain an emergency supply of these items.

- Marching Shoes @ \$30.00 (we do have “extra” used shoes which can be borrowed)
- Marching Gloves @ \$ 5.00
- White Tee-shirt @ \$ 7.00 (we do have “extra” used shirts which can be borrowed, washed, and returned – in the event the shirt is not washed and returned the student’s account will be charged)
- Black Socks @ \$ 3.00

**Hair.** Hair length must be slightly above the collar when the head is in instrument playing position. If hair is longer, the student should either cut it before competition or wear it up so that it fits inside the hat.

**Makeup, Jewelry, and Nail Polish.** NO makeup (of any kind), jewelry or nail polish will be worn while in uniform. Please DO NOT get your ears pierced during marching season. The events we compete in do not allow these items, and the group may have points deducted from our score by the judges for this.

**To protect the Marching Warriors uniforms, we cannot allow eating, drinking (except for water) or gum chewing at any time while wearing the dress uniform.**

## Information Guide #10

### TRAVEL POLICIES

To provide a safe, wholesome and enjoyable experience for all students, the following policies have been established:

**Medical Release and Trip Permits.** Each year, a Medical Release form and a Trip Permit must be completed and signed by the student's parent or legal guardian. The Band Director must receive these forms before a student can be allowed to travel with the group.

- Special health problems should be noted on the Medical Release form.
- Especially important is the reporting of changes in phone numbers and medical conditions/medications.
- Before each trip, students shall inform the Lead Chaperone of any medication they are currently taking. All medications (prescription and non-prescription) will be given to the Lead Chaperone at the start of a trip. All medications must be in original containers with official pharmacy labels.
- Only the Lead Chaperone is permitted to medicate a student provided they have a signed permission slip from the parent. Parents are permitted to medicate their own child.
- All medication taken, as well as any injuries and/or illnesses that occur on a trip will be logged by the Lead Chaperone so that if medical treatment is required, all current information about the student is available to the medical personnel. All of this information is kept confidential.

**Trip Supervision.** The Band Director is responsible for the overall activity.

- Parent chaperones accompany the group to provide assistance and adequate supervision for the students. They also may help prepare the students for their performance.
- Chaperones must be a member of the Fallbrook High School Band Boosters. In addition an Adult Medical Form must be filled out which requires medical insurance information. Chaperones must have medical insurance.
- In addition to the Band Director, parent chaperones and student leaders ride the buses with the students. The directions of the chaperones, student leaders and the bus drivers must be followed. Any infractions will be reported to the Band Director for disciplinary action.
- Students are not allowed to return home by any means other than the bus unless the student is leaving with his or her parent(s) or guardian(s). A note must be given to the Band Director by the parent, accompanied by the student, before leaving the event. The note must state that the parent/guardian is taking the student and which numbered bus they were on. This relieves Fallbrook High School of any and all responsibility once the student departs with the parent/guardian. Under no

circumstances may a student leave an event with anyone other than a parent or guardian.

- Parents will pick up their students promptly at the school at the end of every trip. The Band Director or his designated representative will stay until all students have been picked up. Chaperones are not allowed to drive students home. An information sheet, with the approximate return time or a phone number to call for pertinent information, is sent home with each student during the week before an event.

**Discipline.** Discipline will be ONLY given out by the Band Director.

**Bus Rules.** Fallbrook High School Bus Rules must be followed when traveling.

- Students and chaperones will ride the same bus in both directions unless the Lead Chaperone or the Band Director changes the student's or chaperone's bus assignment.
- Leadership is responsible for taking roll and maintaining order.
- Radios and cassette or CD players may only be used with earphones. When School District buses are used, eating or drinking on the bus is not allowed.
- When charter buses are used, the Band Director will announce the rules prior to departure.
- Once off the freeway to our destination, it is quiet time (chaperones included). Quiet time is a time for students to focus on their upcoming performance and time for the bus driver to concentrate on getting to our destination.
- On return trips in the evening, chaperones will be alert to make sure the "windows aren't steaming." If such an incident occurs, the chaperone will warn and/or separate the students involved, and report the incident to the Lead Chaperone.
- Upon returning to the school the bus must be clean. Keeping the trash picked up at all times will aid in getting a quick dismissal from the bus. The Leadership is responsible for making sure all trash is picked up before releasing the students from the bus.
- Each student is responsible for his or her own instrument. This includes turning it over to the equipment crew, as applicable, prior to departure/return and collecting it upon arrival.

**Bathroom Rules.** Students may go with a "buddy" to the stadium or facility restroom. Students must inform a chaperone where they are going PRIOR to leaving.

**Expected Behavior.** It is essential that students who represent Fallbrook High School exhibit behaviors both on and off campus which would not detract from, tarnish or mar the reputation of the program or school.

Violations of school rules will result in prompt disciplinary action by the Band Director. If a serious violation of school policy (i.e., alcohol or drug abuse or violence) occurs while

traveling as a member of the Instrumental Music Program, the student may be sent home at the discretion of the Director. Any costs incurred as a result of this disciplinary action will be the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian of the student.

## PERSONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL HISTORY

(To be filled out annually)

This form is to be updated annual for all participants in the Instrumental Music Program, with levels of activity during competition trips similar to that of home or school. Current personal health and medical summary (history) is attested by parents to be accurate. This form is filled out by all participants and is on file with the Band Director for easy reference.

### IDENTIFICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If person named above is not available in the event of an emergency, notify

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of personal physician \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Personal health/accident insurance carrier \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle** all items that apply, **past or present**, to your student's health history. Explain any "Yes" answers.

**ALLERGIES:** Food, medicine, insects, plants YES NO Explain \_\_\_\_\_

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

ADHD:	YES	NO	Cancer/leukemia:	YES	NO	Heart Trouble:	YES	NO
Asthma:	YES	NO	Convulsions/seizures:	YES	NO	Hemophilia:	YES	NO
Diabetes:	YES	NO	High Blood Pressure:	YES	NO	Kidney Disease:	YES	NO

List any medications to be taken during competition trips \_\_\_\_\_

List any physical conditions that may affect or limit full participation in field marching performances \_\_\_\_\_

**IMMUNIZATIONS:** (Give date of last inoculation) Tetanus toxoid \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**POLICY AGREEMENT FORM  
2006-2007**

Our signatures below indicate that we have received and read a copy of the 2005-2006 set of Parent Information Guides for the Fallbrook High School Instrumental Music Program, and will abide by all policies contained therein. In particular, we have read and understand the policies described under:

- #2 – Attendance and Grading Policy
- #10 – Travel Policies

If you have any questions about policies in the Parent Guides, contact the Band Director (723-6300 ext. 2301 or @fuhd.net) or the Band Booster President (Phil Leonelli, 728-8032 or pleonelli52@hotmail.com)

Return this form to the Fallbrook Band Boosters representative at Band Camp, to their mailbox in the Band Room, or mail to the address noted at the bottom.

**This form and the Medical History form MUST be returned  
by no later than the end of the second week of school.**

Student Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I give the Band Boosters permission to include our telephone number and mailing address in a Band Roster produced for use by the Boosters and Band Leadership in conducting Band related activities and information dissemination.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not give the Band Boosters permission to include my child's information in a Band Roster.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_