

SVHS Ranger Band Boosters Volunteer Committee Information

Dear Ranger Band Parents- both new and experienced,

It takes many people to make sure the Band and Color Guard have all the support they need to stay healthy and focused for a fun and successful experience!

This page has descriptions of many important roles and an idea of what to expect. Some areas only need a few hours here and there, and some do require long hours, but let's help share the load and the experience! The more you volunteer the more you learn, and this ensures continuity for the future of the Mighty Ranger Band Booster Program.

Another great reason to volunteer-Check with your Employer to see if they have a program that donates to your favorite charity in lieu of Volunteer Hours! The Ranger Band Boosters is a 501(c)3 tax deductible Organization.

Side note, if you think your child would not want you "hanging" around, I'm here to tell you, you are very much **needed and wanted!** I have yet to see a kid complain because their parents were helping!

First Make Sure to fill out the Volunteer Background check here:

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MjMwMDplbi1VUw==>

Email approved volunteer applications to Rochelle McClanahan at roche_motel@yahoo.com to provide to Directors.

"Call Times" for each committee will vary. Home game activity typically starts as early as 4PM on Friday, while Away events could start earlier depending on the travel distance. On those early travel days, kids will be released early from class to get ready, load equipment, eat, and get ready for the bus ride. Competition days can be as early as 6AM and returning after midnight. Even if you can only squeeze in a little time here and there around your schedule, anything helps and the more the merrier!

Volunteer Opportunities and Descriptions:

Feed the Band (FTB) Committee: this committee organizes and serves meals prior to home games and has meals available at away games and competitions as well (The "Pre-game/Competitions Meals fee paid at Registration covers this). You will be notified if there is an event that your child needs to bring their own food via communication avenues mentioned below.

This committee needs 4-6 people to help set up, serve, and clean up after our hungry Band and Color Guard kids. For long trips and competitions, it may be necessary to serve more than one meal and may be able to split shifts. Chaperones often double as FTB at away events but if you are a Roadie, we would love the extra hands!

Water Crew: This committee is responsible for filling the large containers to keep water on hand during football games and competitions to keep our band well hydrated. Volunteers are responsible for filling water coolers with ice and water to have available for kids to fill Camelbaks and use as needed at football games.

This committee needs 4-6 people for each event. (Large water containers need two for safe lifting). Usually starts between 3:30-4PM to get water ready for Students

Chaperones: Generally, 2 parent chaperones per school bus (6 last year) for each event we attend away from the school. Chaperones prepare snacks and water for trips, check students onto buses before each departure and monitor that students follow the code of conduct. If necessary, notify the Chaperone Committee chair to discuss directly with the Directors. Ensure students remove their belongings and remove any remaining garbage from buses upon return to the school.

Health and Safety: This is a role for a Registered Nurse in a **Volunteer** role to accompany the band on away events to ensure timely assistance with issues such as dehydration and minor injuries, and to administer OTC analgesics as needed and with consent. Events also have additional EMS on site to transport for more urgent concerns triaged by the Nurse. On out-of-state Band trips the nurse(s) will secure and administer any maintenance medications your student needs to take. The chair is responsible for ensuring stock (ice packs, bandages, OTC analgesics) is maintained in nurse backpacks, which are secured in the band kitchen when not in use.

No nurse (required) for home games, 1 Nurse for Away games, 2 Nurses for Competitions and parade.

Spirit Merchandise: To help raise additional funds for the Booster Organization we sell merchandise at home football games, and other event opportunities such as Registration, Meet the Band, and the Winter Color Guard competition.

Call time is 5PM to set up before gates open.

4 Volunteers needed, 2 for payment and 2 to handle merchandise

Pit Crew: This is a dual-purpose group and needs **many** volunteers at **all** performances and games. This group also helps in designing and developing any props related to the show performance that are not already purchased from vendors. The Pit Crew Chair will coordinate volunteers to meet as needed for any props that need to be built early in the season, likely on weekends and after work/school hours.

“The Pit” will coordinate with Directors, SLT Load crew and Prop Crew at each performance to load/unload equipment and props in “Big Blue” (18-wheeler) or “Little Blue” the box truck. May also need volunteers to tow the flat bed depending on the size and number of props. (You are a Rockstar if you have a CDL Driver’s license and are willing to drive Big Blue-this will help the budget!)

At the event the Pit Crew will meet (usually 5 minutes before half time at games) in a designated area to help assist the band with moving Front Ensemble, Percussion and sound equipment to the front of the field as well as all Props to designated areas on the field.

Please note this process must be done very quickly-at halftime shows we need to be considerate so both bands can perform in the allotted time. It is even more important at competitions as this is part of the scoring. We only have 2 minutes to get on the field and set up, and 2 minutes to get off the field after our performance! The more volunteers available to expedite this process the better, to avoid any penalties.

This Group requires at least 50, Maybe more depending on number of props at each event.

Grill Team: This Group of volunteers bring Grills to designated events to Grill up food for events such as Meet the Band, Student Pool party, Stadium Dinner/Silent Auction, TCGC concessions.

Requires 6-10 depending on event

Call time is usually 2-3 hours before the event starts.

Uniforms: This Group starts at Registration by getting kids in the appropriate sizes of Marching and concert Season uniforms. Volunteers log each item disbursed to kids to track. At the end of the year, items are checked back in and taken to be dry cleaned.

Registrations 10

Post Concert Season 6 to check in

Special Events:

Meet the Band: Each August the band performs a small portion of their show and a few stand tunes so families can see all the hard work their kids have been putting forth during Summer Band. Volunteers will be needed from the Grill Team, Spirit Merchandise, General Help in Setting up the cafeteria (or other designated area) for ticket scanning, set up of food, food serving, clean up (can be split into shifts depending on number of volunteers).

10 to Set up, serve, tear down before Band performs

Stadium Dinner/Silent Auction: One of our biggest fundraisers, we sell tickets to family and friends to watch the Band and Color Guard in an exclusive performance of their entire UIL show in Ranger Stadium. Volunteers will be needed from Grill Team, Spirit Merchandise, General Help in Setting up the concession stand (or other designated area) for ticket scanning, set up of food, food serving, clean up (can be split into shifts depending on number of volunteers).

Dinner: 25-30 Needed

Silent Auction will need additional volunteers at the end of the evening to Retrieve items/baskets and escort item and winner to payment table.

10 needed

Group Communications: Committee chairs will either use group text or a group communications app such as GroupMe. Some may use SignUp Genius to record volunteer signups, and some will reach out via our SVHS Ranger Band Parents Facebook page. In some instances, the Directors may also send a Remind, but this is limited.