



Bentonville Bands Family Guide

Dear Bentonville Band Family,

We are greatly looking forward to the new year ahead, building even more onto the “tradition and excellence” of the Bentonville Band program. Your Student is embarking on a tremendous journey as a member of one of the BEST scholastic band programs in the country.

The Bentonville Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Winds are the 2022 and 2024 State Honor Ensembles and both groups participated in the prestigious Dallas Winds Invitational Windband Festival. Additionally, the Bentonville Wind Ensemble and Percussion Ensembles were participants in the National Concert Festival in 2019 and 2020 and the Bentonville Jazz Band was named the winner of the Basically Basie Competition in 2021. Our Color Guard program is a WGI Open Class Finalist and an MCCGA Open and A Class Champion.

The Bentonville Pride Marching Band is coming off a historic season in 2023, as well:

- 2023 John Philip Sousa Foundation’s Sudler Shield Honoree – International Award recognizing high school, youth and international marching band excellence.
- 2023 Bands of America Grand Nationals Finalist – 9th Place – First school from Arkansas to reach Finals.
- Six-time (5th consecutive) Arkansas Class 7A Marching State Champion.
- 2023 Bands of America St. Louis Super Regional Finalist – 4th Place.

The Bentonville Band Program’s focus is to provide positive life experiences for each Student through the study and performance of music. We strive to build resilient, responsible and respectful young adults, and believe that every student, regardless of their ability, has worth and value in our program. And we are so happy to have YOU a part of the program!

You will find that this is not just a place for your Student to grow, but a place for your family to strengthen, as well. We strive to let families be involved in all aspects of our program, encouraging you to not only attend concerts and contests but also be involved with your talents. Whether it is building props, feeding our kids on Friday nights or chaperoning on trips, your involvement is vital to the success of our program.

What follows in this publication is a high-level summary for you to learn a little bit more about the key aspects of the program, including important details like definitions and explanations for some of the unique words we use, like Circle B, Skillet and Vipers! Keep this handy as it should be helpful in answering a lot of the general questions as you move through this year. Please feel free to reach out at any time with any questions – this will be a great year ahead.

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Audition Information	
Concert Bands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Band Members must submit an audition video for Concert Band placement each year. • Every Student will be placed in one of Bentonville’s Concert Bands. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wind Ensemble (Honor Band) ○ Symphonic Winds (Honor Band) ○ Symphonic Band ○ Concert Band • Audition music is posted in the Google classroom each March and is due in April. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2024-2025 Concert Bands: Music posts 3/15/24, Audition videos due 4/12/24. • Auditions include three musical exercises. First year students may choose to complete either two or three of those exercises for their audition, depending on their interest. Honor Band auditions require all three musical exercises. Percussion players must also complete all three musical exercises.
Bentonville Pride Marching Band & Color Guard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marching Band auditions usually take place after school over one week in late April. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2024-2025 auditions take place April 29th – May 3rd. • Bentonville Drum Line Audition Camps usually take place 1-2 days per week after school beginning in early April. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2024-2025 Bentonville Drum Line Audition Camp begins April 2nd. • Color Guard auditions usually take place 2-3 days per week after school and on Saturdays beginning in mid-April. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2024-2025 auditions begin April 18th. • Every Student will be placed as a Member of the Bentonville Pride, either as Full Cast, Flex Member or Prop Performer. • Bentonville Pride Spring rehearsals are mandatory and take place every Tuesday and Thursday in May, from 4:30-6:00 PM, with the exception of May 7th. • All Bentonville Pride Members must complete a physical before each Summer Band Camp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2024-25 physical exam paperwork must be submitted by July 1, 2024. • Students may apply to be Exempt from the competitive marching band season. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applications for exemption are due before the end of the Spring semester. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2024-25 Exemption Application Deadline: May 15, 2024. ○ Exemptions are allowed for only those Students: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) playing on a school sponsored, in-season Athletics team that conflicts with the Marching season; 2) enrolled in 3 or more AP courses during the Fall semester; or 3) employed to support the Student’s family financially. ○ Students may seek an exemption for medical reasons with documentation from a Physician and after discussing with Directors.
Jazz Bands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Jazz Bands are assembled each year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jazz Orchestra (separate audition) ○ Jazz Lab (open to all interested Students)
Pep Band	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Bentonville Band Members are a part of the Pep Band, playing at BHS Football and Basketball games and other events as assigned.
Winter Guard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditions take place in November of each year. Participants are not required to have been in Color Guard during the Marching season.

Band Calendar

- Found in the Calendar section of the Bentonville Pride website.
- The most important source for schedule related items for Bentonville Bands. Check here first.
- Valuable Tip: Link the Band Calendar to your Google Calendar and sign up to get an email notification when Band Calendar updates are made.
 - Link to your Google Calendar
 - From a desktop computer (recommended), visit www.bentonvillepride.com and click “Calendar”.
 - When viewing the Calendar, click the **+ Google Calendar** link in the bottom right corner.
 - Log in with (or create), your Google account.
 - When asked to **Add Calendar**, click **Add**. The Bentonville Bands Master Calendar should now appear as an Other Calendar on your Google Calendar.
 - Sign-up for email notifications when Band Calendar updates are made (highly recommended):
 - From a desktop computer (recommended), open your Google Calendar linked to the Bentonville Bands Master Calendar.
 - Hover over the Band Master Calendar name and click the **three-dot menu link** to open the calendar’s Options.
 - Click **Settings**.
 - Select **Calendar settings**.
 - Scroll down to the **Other notifications**, section.
 - For **New events**, **Changed events**, and **Canceled events**, select **Email** from all three of the drop down response boxes.
 - Settings should automatically save. You will now receive an email each time something is added, changed or deleted with the Band Calendar.




Bentonville Band Boosters

- A 501(c)3 organization established to support all aspects of the Bentonville Bands program including volunteering, fundraising, competitions and events.
- Parents of Students in the Bentonville Bands program are automatically members, with 3-4 meetings scheduled each year.
- Bentonville Band Boosters Board members are elected to July-June terms – nominated and voted on at the May Band Boosters meeting.
- Mailing Address: PO Box 1141 – Bentonville, AR 72712
- Tax ID: 71-0845891

2024-2025 Bentonville Band Boosters Board

- President – Lisa Beaumont – presidentbbboosters@gmail.com
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Bentonville Pride Gear	
Pride Store	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://bentonvillepride.com/pride-store • Website operated by Bentonville Bands to sell specific Band related items at different points of the year, like... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Car Decals – Bentonville Pride logo featuring Student’s name & instrument. ○ Circle Bs – White t-shirt worn exclusively by Bentonville Pride Members (sorry, families!), featuring the Band and Sponsor logos. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each Student automatically receives one Circle B each year. ▪ Additional shirts can be purchased at the beginning of each season but can be worn by Students only. Having multiple Circle Bs is recommended. ○ Show Buttons – Show themed buttons featuring Student’s photo and name. ○ Show Shirts – Show themed t-shirt that can be worn by anyone. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each Student automatically receives one Show Shirt each year.
Spirit Store	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third party partner website offering a variety of Bentonville Pride gear to show your support! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Site is only open one time during the Summer before the Marching season. ○ Shirts, jackets, hats and more. ○ Great to wear at competitions, football games and all year round.
Band Yearbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each year, the Bentonville Band program publishes its own Yearbook featuring pictures and highlighting accomplishments for each ensemble during the year. • Bentonville Pride Members will pose for headshots during the Marching season to be featured in the yearbook. Seniors will be offered the opportunity for a free Senior portrait pose taken during the Fall for the Band Yearbook and any family use. • Yearbooks are available for order each January for around \$50, with Seniors eligible to receive a free personalized copy to honor their achievement. Band Yearbooks are distributed at the Band Banquet. • Families of Seniors are given the opportunity to purchase ads to specifically honor their Student, featuring pictures and a custom message, also due in January.

Communication	
Band App 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile communication app primarily used during Marching season. • Provides one-way communication to Band families that have signed up for the group. • Official communication on events, travel updates, itineraries and key volunteer needs. • Download on your mobile device and request to be a part of the “Bentonville Pride Parents Group.” It is recommended that you allow notifications to be kept up to date on postings.
Bentonville Pride Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.bentonvillepride.com • Source of information for all things related to the program. • The site’s Band Calendar should be closely monitored as the most up-to-date source for schedule related items for all areas of the Band, including Concert and Jazz.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emails regarding billing, payment. • Weekly emails during the Concert Band season highlighting activities for the upcoming week.
From the Band Stand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Marching season newsletter highlighting the most important things to know for the week ahead.
Packing List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document provided before overnight Competition travel begins noting items that Band and Guard Members should consider packing for trips. • All bags are searched by BHS personnel before being loaded for overnight trips.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Platform for organizations to recruit and schedule volunteer activities. • Used extensively for Concessions and BMI volunteer opportunities.
This Week in Band	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Non-Marching season newsletter published in CutTime highlighting the most important things to know for the week ahead.

Travel Itinerary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covers key details for upcoming Bentonville Pride travel events including schedule, clothing/uniform needs and meal plans. • Published week of for Friday Football events, 1-2 weeks prior for Competition travel.
Who do I contact with questions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first person to always ask is <u>your Student</u>. Information needed has been provided to the group – this is a great opportunity to encourage responsibility and communication ownership with your Student. If Students are unsure on something, they should reach out to their... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Section leader, then ○ Captain, then ○ Drum Major, then ○ Band President, then ○ Directors • Families are welcome to reach out Band Directors or Members of the Bentonville Band Boosters Board, as well, if anything is still unknown.

Competitions – Marching Season	
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each Band will have a Preliminary performance. The top 12-14 scoring Bands among all those participating, regardless of class, are selected as Finalists to perform a second time on the final day. • Marching performances generally include three to four movements that run along one storyline. The volume and energy varies during the entire performance, from bold opening movements, to slow mid-show ballads, to powerful closing sections bringing an end to the performance's story. • Souvenirs are usually sold at each competition for Students interested in collecting shirts, patches, etc. • Families are enthusiastically invited to travel to competitions and cheer on the Bentonville Pride. A supportive crowd can make a big difference. • Tickets are required for attendees either in advance or at the gate. Events usually will not sell out and purchasing on-site often helps reduce fees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General Admission tickets are most often purchased, Reserved Seats (if available), have a higher ticket price. ○ Closer to the competition, families may coordinate sitting together at the competition. • Families are recommended to book lodging in advance and should plan to stay at a different hotel than the Band. • Band Students are on a business trip when they go to competitions. Families will not get to spend time with their Student during the event. Thank you for respecting this dynamic.

<p style="text-align: center;">Scoring</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For events utilizing BOA Scoring, Bands are evaluated in three different categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Music Performance – Evaluates the technical execution of players and the entire group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 20 points – Music Performance Individual ▪ 20 points – Music Performance Ensemble ○ Visual Performance – Evaluates the technical execution of individuals and the entire group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 20 points – Visual Performance Individual ▪ 20 points – Visual Performance Ensemble ○ General Effect – An overall evaluation of the look, feel and sound of the entire performance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 20 points – Visual General Effect ▪ 40 points – Musical General Effect ○ Timing & Penalties – There are also certain rules in play – such as a specific time allotment to set up and then also to quickly get off the field – that can impact a Band’s score. ○ In the event of any tie, rank is determined based on the highest General Effect score. • Judges are located at both field level to evaluate the performance of individual members and posted high above to evaluate the ensemble overall. • Scoring usually will not make sense! Don’t worry about why or how one Band may have outscored another, just cheer on your favorites and support every program as they are recognized. Be an encourager and speak positively as a representative of the Bentonville Bands program.
<p style="text-align: center;">Awards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bands finishing in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place within each Class (defined by Band size), are recognized. ○ Awards in each Class are also presented for Overall Visual, Overall Music and Overall General Effect. ○ Some competitions present additional awards for Outstanding Color Guard and Outstanding Percussion. • Final Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bands are presented placement awards based on their placement after all Finalist scores are tabulated. ○ Awards are also presented for Overall Visual, Overall Music and Overall General Effect.
<p style="text-align: center;">Fan Notes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a special experience for every member of the Bentonville Pride Marching Band to have a large contingent of fans at competitions to cheer them on. It truly makes a difference, so join us as the Band hits the road! • Remember that even as fans, you are representatives of the Bentonville Bands program. As a leading program in the country, our Students, our Parents and our Fans are closely watched. With that in mind, there are a several important things to keep in mind during the season: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cheer, encourage and be loud for every school! Please do not talk negatively about other programs or Students. This especially includes communication online (see Social Media section). ○ Support every program as they are recognized. Don’t question scoring or worry about why or how one Band may have scored higher than another – scoring will not always make sense! Be an encourager and speak positively as a representative of the Bentonville Bands program. ○ You are welcome to record Bentonville Pride performances and competitions! However, for competitive reasons, these videos should not be posted online in any form, including Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. Band performances posted online hurt a group’s competitive advantage, so it is very important to keep performances out of public view until the competitive season is over. • The goal for the Bentonville Pride is not to “win” every competition. There may be other bands that are better. What is most important is that each Student and the entire group perform at their best with excellence – demonstrating growth each and every week.

Fees – Bentonville Pride

- Fees charged for Bentonville Pride Members vary each year, depending on the planned competition schedule, projected travel costs, food needs, etc.
- The general payment schedule for each season is June 1, July 15, August 15 and September 1.
- **2024-25 Bentonville Pride Band & Guard Fees: \$1,350 per Student**
 - **June 1: \$300 – July 15: \$400 – August 15: \$400 – September 1: \$250**
- Payments made via check in the Black Box or mailed to the Bentonville Band Boosters, or credit card through CutTime.
- Exempt Members pay a reduced fee of \$150 for the year to cover applicable costs (transportation, food, etc.).
- Billing and payments are handled by the Bentonville Band Boosters through the CutTime platform.
- Scholarships are available through an application process found in the Membership Information section of the Bentonville Pride website. Recipients and their families will have specific volunteer opportunities as part of that program. Those families that participate in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program can receive Band Fee assistance that matches the support percentage from that program with documentation provided as part of the Scholarship application.
 - **2024-25 Scholarship Applications due May 15, 2024**

<u>What is covered by Pride Fees?</u>	<u>What is covered by the School District or Band Boosters?</u>	<u>What is covered by Families outside of Pride Fees?</u>
ASBOA Audition & Clinic Fees Bumpers Bus Transportation Circle B (one per year) Competition Entry Fees Food (Band Feeds & Travel Meals) Hotel Lodging Show Shirt Summer Band Camp Expenses Uniform Maintenance & Accessories	Adjunct Staff Music Licenses Props in Show Show & Music Design Uniforms Water Jug (during first year)	Band Yearbook (optional) Color Guard Practice Uniform Color Guard Warm-Up Outfit Competition Souvenirs Extra Circle B Shirts (recommended) Fees for Concert & Jazz Bands Fees for Winter Guard Letter Jackets (optional, if applicable) Long Black Socks School Instrument Rental (optional) Sliders Small Water Bottles for Practice Vipers

Fees – Other Bands & Groups

- Additional travel costs and fees charged for Concert Bands, Jazz Bands, Winter Guard and All-State Band vary and are payable in the Winter, depending on the group's planned schedule.
- Billing and payments are handled through CutTime.

Friday Night Football Games

Home Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pep Band and Guard Members, including Exempt Members, will remain at school after the conclusion of the school day. • Families are welcome to watch the Bentonville Pride march down 18th Street from BHS to Tiger Stadium, approximately 30 minutes before kick-off. • Game tickets for family members are available to purchase in-advance online or at Tiger Stadium. Season tickets are available, but not necessary. Band and Guard Members do not need a ticket to the game. • The Bentonville Pride will perform their show during halftime of each home football game, through the end of the competitive marching season. • Pep Band Members must remain and participate through the entire game. • General Band Member Schedule – Home Football Games <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ End of School Day ○ 4:30 PM – Stadium Rehearsal ○ 5:15 PM – Dinner (provided by Band program) ○ 5:50 PM – Change into Uniform ○ 6:00 PM – Meet in Band Room ○ 6:30 PM – Block Up to March to Stadium ○ 6:45 PM – Pre-Game Pep Band ○ 7:00 PM – In-Game Pep Band ○ 8:00 PM – Halftime Performance (approximate time) ○ In-Game Pep Band ○ Post-Game Pep Band ○ 9:30 PM – Change Out of Uniform and Store Instruments (approximate time) • 2024 Bentonville Tigers HOME Football Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8/30/24 – BHS v. Tulsa Union ○ 9/27/24 – BHS v. Springdale Har-Ber ○ 10/18/24 – BHS v. Fayetteville ○ 10/25/24 – BHS v. Rogers (Bentonville Pride at BOA event in St. Louis, MO) ○ 11/8/24 – BHS v. Bentonville West
Away Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pep Band travels to nearby Away games during the regular season (Fayetteville, Rogers, Rogers Heritage and Springdale, Springdale Har-Ber). • Pep Band Members, including Exempt Members, will remain at school after the conclusion of the school day. • The Bentonville Pride will not perform their show during halftime of away games. • General Band Member Schedule – Away Football Games <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ End of School Day ○ 4:30 PM – Meet in Band Room ○ 4:45 PM – Load Equipment ○ 5:15 PM – Dinner (provided by Band program) ○ 5:30 PM – Depart – Travel via Bus ○ 6:30 PM – In Stands ○ 7:00 PM – In-Game Pep Band ○ 9:30 PM – Game Ends (approximate time) ○ 10:00 PM – Travel Back to BHS via Bus (approximate time) ○ 10:30 PM – Arrive at BHS to Store Instruments (approximate time) • 2024 Bentonville Tigers AWAY Football Schedule with Band Travel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 11/1/24 – BHS at Springdale

Playoff Football Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the Bentonville Tigers Football Team makes the Playoffs, the Pep Band will play at all games, whether Home or Away. • Members of the Pep Band, including Exempt Members, are required to participate in all Playoff Football Games. • Home Playoff games will follow the same general schedule as the regular season. However, the Bentonville Pride are unable to perform their show during halftime. • Away Playoff games will follow the same general schedule as the regular season. • The Playoff schedule will run into late November, including Thanksgiving weekend, and early December if the team makes it to the State Championship game. Family schedules should be flexible during this time to ensure Band Members can participate. • 2024 Play-Off Football Schedule (location and participation TBD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 11/15/24 – Play-Off Football ○ 11/22/24 – Play-Off Football ○ 11/29/24 – Play-Off Football (Thanksgiving Weekend) ○ 12/6/24 – State Championship (Little Rock, AR)
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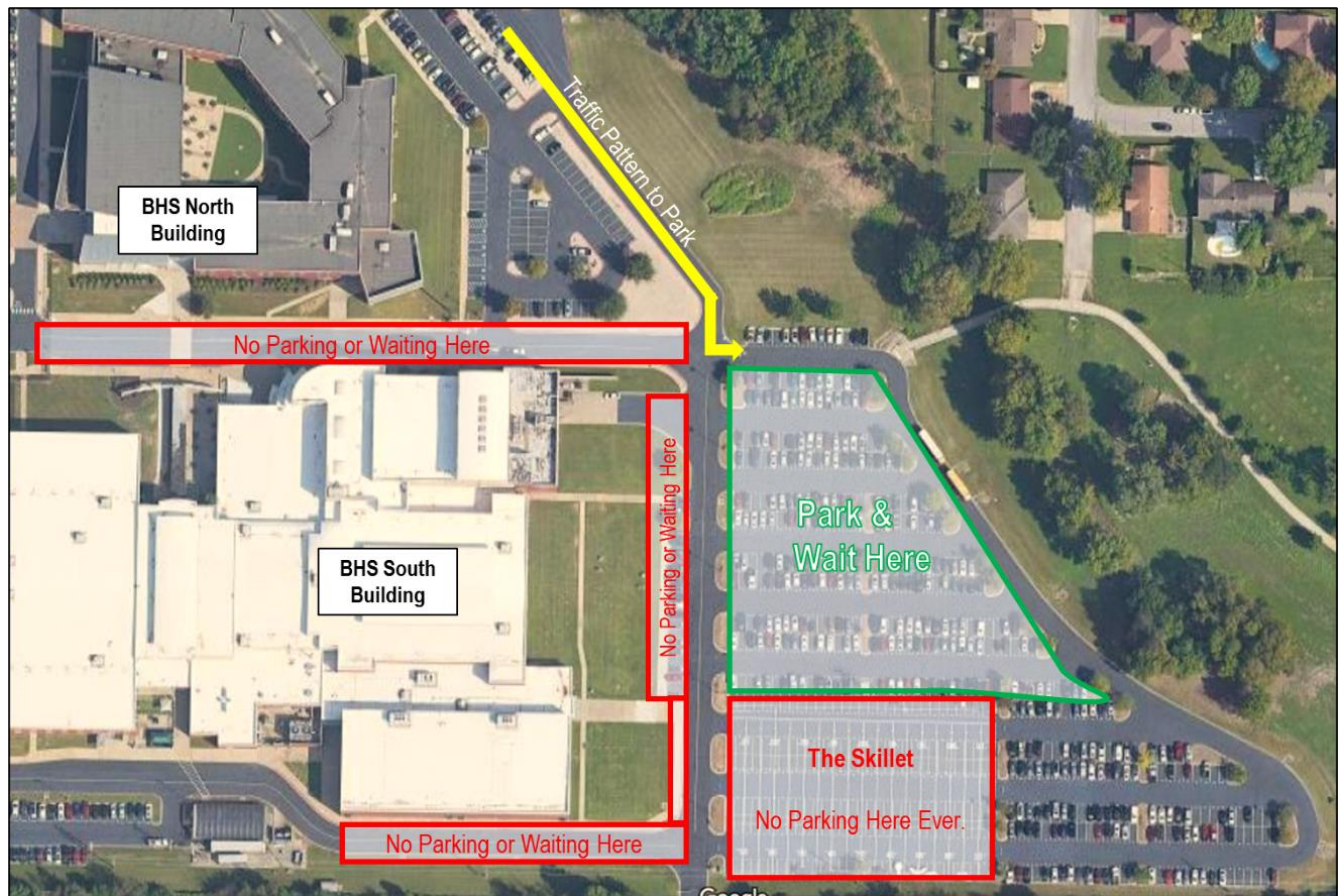
Fundraising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several programs are available throughout the year for families to help offset Band fees. • Excess Student-specific fundraising or payments can roll forward to the following season. • General fundraising by the Bentonville Band Boosters (Concessions, BMI proceeds, etc.), helps offset other costs in the program and relieve added commitments from families. 	
Individual Family Fundraising and Financial Support Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BHS Athletics Concessions (Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Track) – Fair Share Program • BMI Volunteering – Fair Share Program • Candy Bar Sales – Fall & Spring • Cheesecake Sales – Fall • Practice-a-thon – Fall • Students who recruit Sponsorships for the program can receive a credit to their Band account of 10% of the Sponsorship amount.
Company Support Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Research whether your employer offers programs that matches individual donations or rewards volunteer time by making donations to non-profit organizations. ○ Walmart and Sam’s Club Associates – Volunteerism Always Pays (VAP) Program – Provides a \$10 per hour donation to organizations where Associates give of their time in non-compensated volunteer events, up to \$1,000 per year. Volunteer information can be submitted through the company’s Deed App steps and Associates will need to finalize the process via a confirmation email after submission, otherwise the donation will not be paid out. ○ Tyson Foods Team Members – tyson.benevity.org – Program matches donations made to approved organizations and also provides \$12 per hour in Rewards for volunteer time logged, up to \$1,000 per year. Those Rewards can then be donated from the Team Member’s Giving Account Balance to approved organizations. The Bentonville Band Boosters is an approved organization. • Corporate Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ sparkgood – Round up purchases on walmart.com to donate change from online transactions to the program. • Donations benefit overall Bentonville Band Boosters organization.

Lettering in Band and Color Guard

- Students who are Members in good standing and participate in all required performances, games, parades, etc., have the opportunity to earn a letter to recognize their participation in the program, and earn a stripe in subsequent years.
- An application must be submitted each year a Student wishes to be considered, with qualification points assigned based on involvement, Concert Band participation and program leadership.
- Letters and stripes will be awarded in the Spring with letter jackets available for order during the Summer.
- Only those Students who have earned their Letter will be able to have one attached when the jacket is ordered, after approval by the Directors.
- Applications are due April 15th, and can be found in the Membership Information section of the Bentonville Pride website. Band and Color Guard have separate applications.

Parking

- Parking lot safety is significantly important when dropping off and picking up Students around rehearsals and events. Students will be moving around a great deal before and after rehearsals, including moving props to their storage areas.
- When picking up Students after rehearsals, family members should only park in marked parking spots in the lot directly North of the Skillet and wait for their Student to reach the parked car to leave.
- Areas that families should not park or wait for their Student after rehearsals and events include:
 - The Skillet.
 - Single row of parking spots on the East side of the BHS South Building.
 - Road between the BHS North and South Buildings.
 - Along any curb around the BHS South Building.
 - Tiger Stadium parking lot.



PE Credit

- Members of the Bentonville Pride can receive 0.5 credit to satisfy the Physical Education graduation requirement. PE Credit not available for Exempt Members.
- The online course runs approximately 6 weeks beginning mid-Summer through the beginning weeks of Band Camp.
- **2024 PE Credit for Bentonville Pride Members**
 - Sign up using the Google Classroom code **ATC5CKX** by June 1, 2024.
 - The online coursework runs from July 8-21, 2024, and involves asynchronous learning, so the Student will be responsible for much of the course content.

Schedule

- Visit the Calendar section of the Bentonville Pride website (the Band Calendar), often for the most up-to-date schedule information. Families can link to the Google calendar and even receive updates when changes are made.
- Attendance is required at all rehearsals, competitions, performances, etc. Bentonville School District policy outlines that participants can have no more than three unexcused absences to remain an active member.
- Medical appointments that can be scheduled in advance (regular check-ups, dental and orthodontic visits, etc.), are not an excused absence for missing rehearsals and performances. Families are encouraged to plan around the Band Calendar for those appointments (e.g., Tuesday afternoons, Wednesdays, etc.).
- Band activities are expected to be scheduled during both Fall Break (rehearsals) and Thanksgiving weekend (Bentonville Tigers Playoff Football).
- Band and Guard Members will receive “School Business” exemption for any school days missed due to Band, submitted by the Directors.

Bentonville Pride Summer Band Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory for all Bentonville Band Members. • The 2024 Bentonville Pride Summer Band Camp begins Monday, July 22, 2024, 8:00 AM. • Generally runs every Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM through 5:00 PM through early August, then transitions to evening rehearsals until school begins. • Summer Band Camp includes time outside and inside. Proper hydration and exercise before camp begins are extremely important. Arkansas Activities Association rules are followed when evaluating outside weather conditions for rehearsals and performances. Student safety is the top priority in making those schedule decisions. • Exempt Members are required to attend the morning sessions during the first week of Summer Band Camp. • Battery Members may have an alternate rehearsal schedule based on instructor availability.
Bentonville Pride School Year General Daily Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday: 4:30-6:30 PM • Tuesday: 5:00-9:00 PM (Stadium opens for Friends & Families to quietly watch at 8:00 PM) • Wednesday: No Rehearsal • Thursday: 4:30-6:30 PM • Friday: Football Game or Rehearsal • Saturday: Rehearsal, Uniform Fittings, Competitions or Off Day • Battery Members may have an alternate rehearsal schedule based on instructor availability. • Times noted are when activities begin and end. Students will need to arrive early enough to be ready and in position at the start time, and will not be available to be picked up until activities are over and instruments and supplies are returned to the Band Room.

<p style="text-align: center;">Bentonville Pride Competition Schedule</p>	<p><u>10/5/2024 - Bentonville Marching Invitational (BMI) - Bentonville, AR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bentonville Pride hosts this event welcoming over 15 area HS Marching Bands, and performs in Exhibition near the end of the event. • An "All hands on deck!", volunteer event for the entire Band Family. <p><u>10/12/2024 - BOA North Texas Regional Championship - Prosper, TX</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two nights away, travel on Friday, October 11th, return on Sunday, October 13th. • Ticket required. • 2024 Preliminary Performance Block: Saturday, October 12th – 12:00-2:00 PM (performance time TBD). Finals begin at 7:30 PM. <p><u>Mid-October - ASBOA Region VI Marching Assessment - Rogers, AR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening performance to determine eligibility for the Arkansas State Marching Contest. • No ticket required. <p><u>10/25-10/26/2024 - BOA St. Louis Super Regional - St. Louis, MO</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three nights away, travel on Thursday, October 24th, and return during the night Saturday night, back at BHS early Sunday morning, October 27th. • Ticket required for each Preliminary session and Finals. • 2024 Preliminary Performance Block: Friday, October 25th – 5:45-8:45 PM (performance time TBD). Finals begin Saturday, October 26th, at 7:00 PM. <p><u>10/28-10/30/2024 - Arkansas State Marching Contest - Little Rock, AR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single day trip, competition day to be announced later in the year. • Ticket required. <p>Other events will be announced as they are known, such as the Tiger Pride event (August), BHS Homecoming Parade (September/October), Senior Day (October) and Bentonville Christmas Parade (December).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Pep Band</p>	<p><u>Bentonville Tigers Varsity Football</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pep Band for BHS Football games consists of all Bentonville Band Members, including Exempt Members, and is a required activity. • The Bentonville Pride will perform their show at halftime of each Home game, through the end of the competitive marching season. • The Pep Band plays at all Home Varsity football games and also travels to nearby Away games during the regular season (Fayetteville, Rogers, Rogers Heritage and Springdale). • If the Bentonville Tigers Football Team makes the Playoffs, the Pep Band will play at all games, whether Home or Away. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Playoff schedule will run into late November, including Thanksgiving weekend, and possibly early December if the team makes it to the State Championship game. Family schedules should be flexible during this time to ensure Students can participate. <p><u>Bentonville Tigers Varsity Basketball</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pep Band supports the Bentonville Tigers Basketball Teams during their seasons, as well, with Students required to sign-up for a specific number of games.

<p>ASBOA All-Region & All-State Band Events</p>	<p><u>Region VI All-Region Concert & Jazz Bands</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASBOA classifies 9th Graders as Junior High, 10th-12th Graders as Senior High. Students will audition for placement in the Region VI All-Region Concert and Jazz Bands during December & January. All 9th Graders and members of the Honor Bands are required to audition each year. Students that qualify are required to participate in the Region VI All-Region Clinic and Concert in late January (usually in Bentonville). <p><u>All-State Concert & Jazz Bands</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior High Students that qualify are required to audition for the All-State Concert and Jazz Bands later in the Winter. Those named to one of the All-State Bands will then be required to attend and participate in the ASBOA All-State Clinic & Concert in February in Hot Springs, AR. There is an additional fee charged to those Students participating in All-State Bands to cover travel and food costs.
<p>Concert Schedule</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three concerts are scheduled each year: Fall, Winter & Spring. All Concert Bands will perform at each concert in the Arend Arts Center.
<p>Concert Competition Schedule</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concert Bands participate in a Concert Assessment during March of each year. Based on the Assessment results, qualifying Concert Bands then perform at the State Concert Contest in April.
<p>Jazz Band Schedule</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both the Bentonville Jazz Orchestra and Bentonville Jazz Lab present a Holiday concert, a Spring concert and also attend a variety of competitions and events during the Spring.
<p>Winter Guard</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auditions for the Varsity and JV squads take place late in the Fall semester, with rehearsals beginning in December and during the Winter Break timeframe. Both groups participate in several weekend competitions from February through April.
<p>Band Banquet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled for the first Saturday in May, the Members and families of the Bentonville Bands program gather for an evening of celebration and recognition for the year.

<p>Social Media</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bentonville Bands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facebook: Bentonville Pride Instagram: bentonville_pride TikTok: bentonville_pride X: @BvillePride Other Suggested Organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASBOA (FB: Arkansas School Band & Orchestra Association) Bands of America (FB: Bands of America – Inst: @bandsofamericaofficial – X: @bandsofamerica) All Bentonville Band Members and families should always remember that social media posts reflect not only on themselves, but also the program. Everyone should be positive and encouraging in online communications related to the Bentonville Band program and other bands. <u>Please do not talk negatively about other programs or students.</u> The Bentonville Band Member Handbook includes a section on Social Media Acceptable Use Practice that each Student/Family will sign before the season. 	

Sponsorships

- Sponsors of the Bentonville Bands program involve a special set of companies and organizations that make a major difference in the operation of the program and the experience for the Students.
- Every year, the Bentonville Band program participates in over 40 events, several of which are out of state and require a great deal of logistic support for meals, travel and lodging.
- Opportunities are available for organizations to sponsor the program at a variety of levels, including the option to feature logos on shirts for the season as Students compete through the year.
- The Bentonville Band Boosters is a 501(c)3 organization established to support all aspects of the Bentonville Bands program including volunteering, fundraising, competitions and events.
- Sponsor support is tax deductible and will help ensure life-changing impacts on students in your community.
- Students who recruit Sponsorships for the program can receive a reduction in Band Fees of 10% of the Sponsorship amount.
- Visit <https://bentonvillepride.com/sponsorship> for more information.

Terms & Definitions

ASBOA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association
Band Closet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storage closet for Band travel, uniforms, snacks and supply needs. • Located at the back of the Band Room by the lockers. • Students can locate Parent Volunteers if something is needed. • Students are not allowed in the Band Closet.
Band Feed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meal provided by the Band program to the full Band and Color Guard. • May include meals before Friday football games, at Competitions and various other times. • Food served will be announced and dietary considerations are collected and accommodated.
Bandtober	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A playful name for the month of October given all the Competitions and activities that take place during the month.
Band Gate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gate next to the Band Stand at Tiger Stadium.
Band Stand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set of bleachers designated for the Bentonville Band in the South endzone of Tiger Stadium.
Battery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the Bentonville Drum Line that play snare drums, tenor drums, bass drums and impact drums.
Bentonville Drum Line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percussionist Band Members that are part of the Battery and Front Ensemble
Bibbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black overall pants, part of the Band's Marching and Show uniforms.
Black Box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locked box outside the Director's office for submitting paperwork and check payments.
Block Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting into position (on the field, lined up to march, etc.).
BMI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bentonville Marching Invitational • Marching competition hosted by the Bentonville Pride on the first Saturday of October.
BOA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bands of America • Organization that puts on Regional and National High School Marching Competitions and advocates for High School Band programs. • Competitions include Regional and Super Regional Championships all across the country, and the annual Grand National Championships in Indianapolis, IN.
Bummers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utility pocket belts worn around the waist during rehearsals for students to hold items like water bottles, pencils, drill sheets, etc. Provided by Band program.
Cadence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music that features only members of the Battery, played while the entire Band marches in parades or other formations.
Chaperones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band Parent volunteers that travel with Students on Band trips. • Chaperones travel with an assortment of supplies to make sure Students are well taken care of on the road. • Volunteering as a Chaperone requires an application, travel availability and background check.

Circle B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White t-shirt worn exclusively by Bentonville Pride Members (sorry, families!), featuring the Band and Sponsor logos. • Required to be worn at Competitions and other Band events. • Each Student automatically receives one Circle B each year. • Additional shirts can be purchased at the beginning of each season but can be worn by Students only. Having multiple Circle Bs is recommended.
Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bands in competitions are categorized into a specific “Class”, based on school size.
CutTime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System that serves as a hub for Communication and Student Band account activities - tracking charges and receiving payments through the year. • Accounts established using Parent cell phone number(s), no separate ID or password needed.
Drill Chart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pieces of paper that show a Band and Guard Member’s placement during different sets of the Show.
Drum Majors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leaders of the Bentonville Pride selected through a separate audition that conduct performances, provide direction during rehearsals and represent the entire group during award ceremonies. Usually 3-4 Drum Majors are selected each year.
Exempt Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band Members that have received an exemption from the competitive marching band season. • Applications for exemption are due in May or June, prior to the upcoming Season. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2024-25 Exemption Application Deadline: May 15, 2024. • Exemptions are allowed for only those Students: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) playing on a school sponsored, in-season Athletics team that conflicts with the Marching season; 2) enrolled in 3 or more AP courses during the Fall semester; or 3) employed to support the Student's family financially. • Students may seek an exemption for medical reasons with documentation from a Physician and after discussing with Directors. • Exempt Members pay a reduced Band Fee for the year. • Exempt Members are required to attend the morning sessions during the first week of Summer Band Camp.
Exhibition Band	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A band that is not competing at an event, but performs while scores are being calculated at the end – often the event’s host Band.
Fair Share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program that credits a Student’s Band Account when a family member volunteers for specific activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concessions: \$25 per person, up to \$50 per family at each event. ○ BMI: \$50 per person, up to \$100 per family.
Flex Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Members of the Bentonville Pride that are part of a training program where two Students share a spot to learn the necessary skills and gain experience in a specific performance role. Both Students will be given opportunities to be the participant on the field in Competitions and Events during the season.
Front Ensemble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percussionist Members of the Bentonville Drum Line, along with other Band Members, that are positioned in the sideline area of the front of the field. • Instruments may include marimba, vibraphone, drum kit, keyboard and guitar. • Also referred to simply as, “Front”.
Full Cast Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Members of the Bentonville Pride that perform on the field.
Honor Bands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bentonville Bands Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Winds concert ensembles.
Loading Crew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group of Band Members assigned to load all instruments into T1 for safe travel. • Students are responsible for packing up and preparing their own specific instrument to be loaded. • Band and Guard Members may not leave Competitions or events until all loading is completed.
Massing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The assembling of all Finalist Bands on the field to begin the Award Ceremony at Competitions.
Pit Crüe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer team of Parents that construct, transport and help move props, instruments and sound equipment for halftime performances and competitions.

Plume	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The decorative, feathered attachment to the Marching Shako (hat).
Pride Store	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://bentonvillepride.com/pride-store • Website operated by Bentonville Bands to sell specific Band related items.
Prop Performers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Members of the Bentonville Pride that support the visual and prop performance on the field.
School Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exemption received by Band and Guard Members to miss school days for Band travel reasons. • All submissions are handled by the Directors and may not be process until after the event.
Send Off Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standalone Bentonville Pride performance of the season's show in full uniform for Friends & Family and the general public during the week before the season's major competition. • Photos of the entire group in formation are taken on the field, as well.
Senior Recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special event to honor Senior Members and families of the Bentonville Bands program, that includes an opportunity for a family picture for each Band Member. • Takes place during halftime of the Senior Night BHS Football game if the Bentonville Pride does not have a competition conflict. A separate time will be scheduled if there is a conflict.
Sets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The different formations within a movement the Band and Guard Members move to during a performance. One movement can have 100 or more sets!
Shako	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marching uniform hat, not always worn for performances.
Show Shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-shirt that features that season's Show theme and Sponsor logos. • Required to be worn at Competitions and other Band events. • Each Student automatically receives one Show Shirt each year. • Additional shirts can be purchased at the beginning of each season for Students and families.
Sides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dividing the performance field in half. When the spectators are viewing the show, Side 1 is to the left – Side 2 is to the right.
Skillet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking lot practice space painted like a football field on the East side of the South Building at BHS.
Sliders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compression/Spandex/Biker-style shorts worn under the Band Uniform. Black in color. Provided by families.
South Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open cafeteria space in the South building of BHS, right outside the Band Room. • Enter through the North doors of the South Building from the road between the buildings.
Sparkle B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Marching uniform jacket for the Bentonville Pride.
Spirit Store	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third party website offering a wide variety of Bentonville Pride gear to show your support! • Site is only open one time during the Summer before the season.
T1, T2, T3 & T4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four trailers used to support the Bentonville Band program and its travels. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ T1 – Trailer pulled by semi-truck, carrying Band instruments. ○ T2 – Trailer pulled by Pit Crüe, carrying props and equipment. ○ T3 – Trailer pulled by Pit Crüe, carrying props and equipment. ○ T4 – Trailer pulled by Pit Crüe, carrying sound equipment.
Techs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals invited by the Band Directors to provide different areas of musical or show performance expertise throughout the season.
Vipers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required black shoes worn during events and some rehearsals. • Ordered through the Band once per year. Students are fitted during Summer Band Camp • Purchased by families for approximately \$45. Paid separately from Band Fees and CutTime account. • Vipers can be reused each year if they remain in good shape and still fit the Student.

Travel

- Band and Guard Members are representatives of the Bentonville Pride and Bentonville High School while traveling with the Band. Professional behavior is expected at all times, with some areas specifically noted in the Code of Conduct and Hotel Conduct sections of the Bentonville Band Member Handbook that each Student/Family will sign before the season.
- When traveling, Students should dress appropriately and modestly (no ripped jeans, revealing outfits, etc.).
- All Student meals, travel and lodging expenses will be covered by the Band program. Students may wish to bring extra spending money for souvenirs, other snacks, etc. Keep in mind that most events are cashless, so sending your Student with a debit style card of their own may be helpful (Greenlight, Venmo Teen Account, etc.).
- Students will sign up for specific buses to ride and in groups of 4-5 for any hotel stays. Sign-ups are handled at the end of specific rehearsals, 1-2 weeks before each trip.
- Prescription medications for Students are handled by the Directors. Parents must supply the medication, dosage information and approvals to the Directors before each trip. Submission instructions will be shared before the first overnight trip.
- All bags are searched by BHS personnel before being loaded for overnight trips.
- Student safety is the highest priority. Volunteer Parent Chaperones accompany Students on all trips.
- Professional charter companies are contracted to handle any overnight bus transport to or from any events, following federal regulations regarding drive time, sleep management, etc.
- Students can be checked out to travel home with Parents after the completion of the entire event and after all equipment is loaded. Specific instructions will be provided before each event.

Uniform Information

<p>Concert Black Attire</p>	<p><u>Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Winds</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuxedos or Black Dresses - Provided by Band program. Students will be fitted during the Fall semester. • Black Dress Socks and Black Dress Shoes – Provided by families. <p><u>Symphonic Band & Concert Band</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid black dress shirt and black dress pants, or solid black dress that covers the shoulders and falls below the knees – Provided by families. • Black Dress Socks and Black Dress Shoes – Provided by families.
<p>Hot Weather Uniform</p>	<p><u>Bentonville Pride & Exempt Members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worn for events in hot weather. • Circle B or Show Shirt - One of each provided by Band program. • Black Dress Shorts - Provided by families. No athletic shorts or jeans. • White Ankle Socks - Provided by families. No logos. • Athletic Shoes - Provided by families.
<p>Marching Band Uniform</p>	<p><u>Bentonville Pride & Exempt Members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worn for some Marching performances. • Sliders - Provided by families. Black in color. • Circle B - One provided by Band program. • Bibbers (Marching Pants) - Provided by Band program. • Sparkle B (Marching Jacket) - Provided by Band program. • Long Black Socks - Provided by families. Black in color, no logos. • Vipers - Provided by families. • Shako - Provided by Band program, if necessary.

<p align="center">Pride Rehearsal Uniform</p>	<p><u>Bentonville Pride Members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circle B or White T-Shirt • Athletic Shorts • Socks • Athletic Shoes (no Crocs, sandals, Chacos, etc.) • Water Jug – Provided by Band program during Student’s first year. • Individual Water Bottle – No water, no practice. • Bummer - Provided by Band program. <p><u>Color Guard Members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Shirt • Athletic Shorts • Socks • Athletic Shoes (no Crocs, sandals, Chacos, etc.) • Water Jug – Provided by Band program during Student’s first year. • Individual Water Bottle – No water, no practice. • Bummer - Provided by Band program. <p><u>Pride Rehearsal Uniform Tip:</u> The more T-Shirts, athletic shorts and socks you have on hand means that much less laundry you’ll have to do during Summer Band Camp and rehearsal weeks!</p>
<p align="center">Show Performance Uniform</p>	<p><u>Bentonville Pride Members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show tops designed based on Show theme - Provided by Band program. • Sliders - Provided by families. Black in color. • Circle B - One provided by Band program. • Bibbers (Marching Pants) - Provided by Band program. • Black Socks - Provided by families. Black in color, no logos. • Vipers - Provided by families. • Depending on the Show and theme, a list of suggested hairstyles may be provided covering multiple hair lengths, to ensure the group has a consistent look and style for the overall performance. <p><u>Color Guard Members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full uniform designed based on Show theme - Provided by Band program.

Volunteering	
The involvement of our entire Bentonville Band Family is pivotal in supporting all areas of the program. There are a wide variety of ways that YOU can easily get involved with options that can fit nearly any schedule.	
Band Feeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help with set-up, serving food and clean-up for Band Feeds.
BMI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bentonville Marching Invitational - an "All hands on deck!", volunteer event. • Marching competition hosted by the Bentonville Pride Marching Band on the first Saturday of October. • Qualifies for Fair Share.
Chaperones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band Parent volunteers that travel with Students on Band trips. • Requires application, travel availability and background check.
Concessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping in Concessions for BHS Athletic events the Band program supports. • Largest source of fundraising for the Bentonville Band Boosters. • Qualifies for Fair Share.
Pit Crüe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prop and sound equipment logistics support, including prop construction, transportation and performance support moving props and equipment on and off the field.
Student Community Service Volunteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are able to volunteer at specific Band events and for Spring Concessions shifts and receive credit for the community service requirement for Arkansas high school students.
Summer Band Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping in a variety of areas during Summer Band Camp in July & August.
Uniform Fitting Crew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit Students for uniforms and costumes, as needed.
Uniform Washers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect, wash and return assigned set of Band uniforms during the season.