

Volunteer Meeting

Summer 2022



2022 Booster Officers/Chairs



375 and counting....

President	Chris Buescher
Vice President	Michael Spence
Secretary	Suzanne Tanner
Treasurer of Operations	Kevin Hiers
Treasurer of Student Accts	Jocelyn Norman
Volunteers	Leslie Kautzman
Nurses	Leslie Belanger
Prop & Pit	Michael Spence
Photography	Casey Thompson Christy Hamilton
Band Store	
Uniforms	Tamara Oglesby
Auxiliary	Sarah Merriman

Discount Cards

- Purchase as many as you like for the \$10 face value
- Cash or check payment required at time of purchase (cannot be charged to student's account).
- \$5 from each card purchased will go into your student's band account
- Since you've already prepaid for the cards, you'll then keep the \$10 selling price as you sell them



Upcoming Events

Clean Up/Set Up Day

(Parent Volunteers)

Saturday,
July 9 or 16 ?
7:00am to noon

We need lots of adult help - from heavy cleanup to cleaning out water coolers.

Rookie Camp

(New Members & Leadership)

Thursday, July 14
9:00am to 5:00pm

lunch will be provided
to students

Upcoming Events

Band Camp - Week 1

Mon-Thurs, July 18-21

9:00 to 5:00

We need lots of adult help
with water breaks and serving lunch.

Picture Day

Friday, July 22

7:30am to noon

All students are required to attend.

Upcoming Events

Band Camp - Week 2

Mon-Thurs, July 25-28

8:00am to 8:00pm

We need lots of adult help with water breaks
and serving lunch and dinner meals.

Mandatory Student/Parent Meeting

Tuesday, July 26

6:00pm in Cafeteria

Upcoming Events

After-School Rehearsals begin Monday, August 8, 2022

Typical Schedule (always subject to change by Bowman or due to weather):

Mondays	All band 3:30-5:00 Sectionals 5:00-6:00, as needed
Tuesdays	All band 3:30-6:00
Wednesdays	Only on weeks of a competition 3:30-5:00
Thursdays	All band 3:30-6:00
Friday	Football Game

Auxiliary
may have
additional
practices.

Communication is critical!

Website: georgiabridgemen.org

BAND app: Download app, join “Lowndes High Georgia Bridgemen”. Add your real name. Inside app, click on gear and go to settings. Choose push notifications.

Facebook page: “Lowndes High Georgia Bridgemen” @gabridgemen

Remind text messaging: Mr. Bowman sends text reminders directly to students, grouped by section.



New Info on Band Website

- Fall Band Calendar - dates for everything
- Future Bridgemen Auxiliary Camp (PreK-8th Grade) Aug. 6
- Fundraising Opportunities
 - Football Program Ad Sales
 - Discount Cards
- Mailing Address for payments
- Email address to contact an officer or committee chair

Payments

How to make payments:

1. LOCK BOX in band room

place in envelope with student name

2. Mail to post office box

Lowndes High Band Boosters PO Box 2712 Valdosta, GA 31604

3. Online

follow "donations/payments" link on band website, includes surcharge

BAND FEES		
■	May 15	\$100
■	June 15	\$125
■	July 18	\$125



SAN ANTONIO TRIP
PAYMENTS
Made directly to GROUP TRAVEL
via their website



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Volunteer Training



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2022 Volunteer/Chaperone Chair

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Lowndes Volunteer Policy

1. Mandated volunteer **background check** (fill out packet, copy of driver's license, sign in front of notary)
2. **Child abuse prevention** (view on the LCS website under Student Support)
3. **CDC Guidance** (view online or see handout)



Chaperone Requirements

- ❑ Attend the mandatory chaperone meeting.
- ❑ Be the legal custodian of a child in the band.
- ❑ Sign up online to volunteer/chaperone
<http://georgiabridgemen.org>
- ❑ Wear the official chaperone uniform.
- ❑ Be current on all band fees-you cannot chaperone if you have a past due account.

Chaperone Dress Code

See Band Store to pre-order your shirt and lanyard.

- ★ Official Georgia Bridgemen Chaperone Shirt
- ★ Black pants or black knee length shorts- (absolutely no jeans are allowed)
- ★ Georgia Bridgemen lanyard (you will be given a field pass to wear)



- ★ Comfortable shoes (in Bridgemen colors)
- ★ Cold or rainy weather gear (in Bridgemen colors)



HOME GAMES

❖ Several “jobs”. ALL chaperones will be expected to perform these duties on a rotating basis, as assigned.

- program sales
- golf cart raffle
- water duty
- monitoring restrooms
- escorting the band

❖ All chaperones will meet in the LHS cafeteria before 6:30 (wearing chaperone uniform) to check-in and receive credentials/field pass.



AWAY GAMES and EVENTS



See itinerary email for time and instructions. Arrive early to help each bus's lead chaperone set up bus and get ice.

Change happens. Please check your email frequently for itinerary changes.

At Home and Away Games

- Monitor restroom for one quarter of the game.
- Do not allow parents to give students outside food or drinks. Do not consume outside food/drinks in front of the kids. Be a good example!
- Make pathways through crowds, so student lines can stay together as they walk in the stadium. Safety first.
- Stay in the Bridgemen stands during games.
- Help students get water.
- At halftime and after games, help collect trash (water bottles).
- Have a good time.

Chaperone Responsibilities

We have
awesome band
nurses!



- At all events, chaperones go where students go. Help where needed.
- Ensure food or drinks are served to band members first, before chaperones.
- Don't wait for something to happen. **BE PREPARED.**
- Chaperones do not dispense any medications. Students are sent to a band nurse.

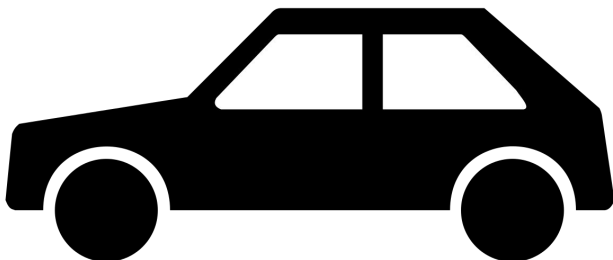
Love Football?

- **Chaperones may not get to see the game.** Be prepared for bad seats, no seats, inclement weather issues, or emergencies.
- Be flexible and understanding.
We are here **to serve!**



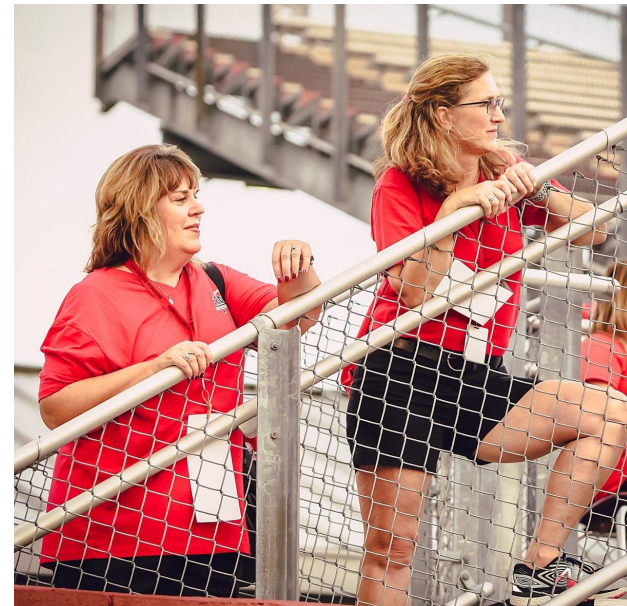
At the end of the Game...

- Stay outside the band room after games and events to monitor students until they are picked up. The lead chaperone will dismiss you as soon as possible.
- **Students MUST stay at the pick-up area.**
- Send student drivers HOME. They should not congregate in the parking lot.



Chaperone Selection

- **Home Chaperones** are selected from a rotating list. You may not work every single game. A weekly email will be sent out with the schedule for that event.
- **Travel Chaperones** are set at the beginning of the season, but we will need additional chaperones from time to time.
- Final approval of all chaperone assignments is made by the Band Booster Officers and the Band Directors.



More than just Football Games...



Other band events require lots of volunteer help:

- Clean up/Work Days
- Battle on the Border
- Boston Butt fundraiser
- Ford's "Drive One for Your School"
- Band Camp
- After-School Rehearsals



How to Chaperone



- Treat students with respect. Do not embarrass them in front of others.
- Encourage students to act like respectable ladies and gentlemen. We have the best kids at LHS!
- Do not yell at the students. Be mindful of your words and phrases. **No profanity.**
- Do not vent personal concerns to students or other chaperones at events. Be positive and upbeat!

How to Chaperone

- Chaperones are NOT guidance counselors, disciplinarians, or parents when chaperoning any band event... especially to your own child. Recommendation: stay away from your child. He/she will come to you!
- Chaperone all children equally and fairly. Your child must be treated like all of the other students, with you there or not.
- Concerned about student behavior? give it to Head Chaperone & s/he will take it to one of the band directors.



For Safety...

- Chaperones are **NOT allowed to bring children** (non-band members) when chaperoning.
- Bridgemen alumni/parents are **NOT allowed to sit with Bridgemen students in the band area** or to enter the field with the band.
- Do not chaperone if you are sick or on pain medication. Please contact head chaperone for a substitute.
- No alcohol or tobacco is allowed around students or on any school campus.

Communication is the KEY!



- IF you respond you WILL chaperone and do not come, you will be removed from the list.
- If you have an emergency and cannot make it, contact the Head Chaperone immediately.
- IF you do not wear chaperone shirt/pants, you cannot chaperone for the event.

2022 Head of Auxiliary

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Final Thoughts: Have a good time and ENJOY yourself!

We appreciate you!

We couldn't do this without your hard work, adaptability, and sense of humor.

Looking forward to a fabulous marching band season!



Questions?

