



February 21, 2023

Dear Future Georgia Bridgemen and Parents,

We are very excited and enthused about your band student's membership in the Lowndes High "Georgia Bridgemen." In turn, this is also a very exciting time in your child's life as they end their 8th grade year and begin the journey into high school. The coming months will bring about much enthusiasm about what's to come during their freshman year.

The Lowndes High School Band would very much like to be a part of your life and we want you to be a part of one of the BEST opportunities Lowndes High School has to offer. The Georgia Bridgemen is really and truly ONE BIG FAMILY. When you become a member of our band program I can assure you that your first days of high school in August will be much easier and you will feel like you fit in from day one. We are expected to have nearly 3000 students at Lowndes High School next year, and our band program makes up over 400 of that population. We want you to be a part of this great experience!

With all of these great opportunities comes preparation for next year's marching show. Believe it or not, the directors have already started working on the music and concept of next year's show. We are contracting our show design to Dr. Ward Miller. Dr. Miller writes for many high schools and colleges throughout the United States and we must begin the work early. With this being said I need to get him numbers of our instrumentation by the middle of March. I ask that you and your child discuss your plans about marching band for next fall and take the time to fill out the attached commitment form.

I eagerly look forward to being your band director and I especially look forward to you joining our band family!!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Bowman". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jon Bowman
Director of Bands

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Lowndes High School Band
2023 Member Commitment Form

Name _____

Grade next year _____ Date of Birth _____ Male or Female
(Circle one)

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

Instrument/Section _____

Mother/Guardian Name _____

Mother's work phone _____ Mother's Email _____

Father/Guardian Name _____

Father's work phone _____ Father's Email _____

I will commit to participate in the 2023-2024 Lowndes H.S. Band. By signing this form, I agree to attend rehearsals and all performances, always put forth my best effort, and hereby state that I am registering for band.

I am making a commitment to participate and I want a position in our fall marching show.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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BRIDGEMEN

LOWNDES HIGH BAND

MONTH of JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Instrument Check Out for all students playing school owned horns. 1:30-3:30pm \$20 Rental Fee	10 Leadership Camp Section Leaders and Drum Majors	11 Leadership Camp Section Leaders and Drum Majors	12 Leadership Camp Section Leaders and Drum Majors	13 Rookie Camp – All new members and Section Leaders 9:00-5:00. Lunch will be provided	14	15
16	17 Band Camp 9:00-5:00 – All Members	18 Band Camp 9:00-5:00 All Members	19 Band Camp 9:00-5:00 All Members	20 Band Camp 9:00-5:00 All Members	21 Picture Day in New Gym @7:30am All Members	22
23	24 Band Camp 8:00-8:30 – All Members	25 Band Camp 8:00-8:30 – All Members	26 Band Camp 8:00-8:30 – All Members	27 Band Camp 8:00-8:30 – All Members	28	



Lowndes High School Band
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Payment Calendar for New Band Members

April 11th - Marching Band Signing Day – Uniform Fitting at LHS Cafeteria
\$93.00 Payable to White Weddings (tux pants, shirt and suspenders),
\$100.00 Payable to LHS Band Boosters (vest and bow tie set, and
marching shoes)

The following fees apply to New Members and Returning Members

May 15th – 1st Band Fee Payment - **\$100.00 Payable to LHS Band Boosters**

June 15th – 2nd Band Fee Payment - **\$125.00 Payable to LHS Band Boosters**

July 17th – 3rd Band Fee Payment - **\$125.00 Payable to LHS Band Boosters**

If we have not received \$350.00 by July 17th, a 4th Band Fee Payment will be added of \$25.00.

July 9th - Instrument Check Outs 1:00-3:00pm - If you play a school owned instrument (all percussion, trumpets, baritones/trombones, tubas, bass clarinets, bari saxes) - **\$20.00 Payable to LHS Band Boosters (Check or Cash).** You will give this to Mr. Bowman when you check out your horn.

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BOOSTER MEETINGS - 6:30pm LHS CAFETERIA

February 22nd

March 22nd

No Meeting in May

June 28th

July 20th - Mandatory Student/Parent Meeting at 6:00pm