

LOWNDES HIGH GEORGIA BRIDGEMEN

VALDOSTA, GA



WELCOME!!!!

**Future Georgia Bridgemen
Informational Meeting**

- Welcome**
- Did you pick up your packet upon entering?**
 - Information from Mr. Bowman**
- Information from Dr. Grant on Percussion Placements**
 - Information for our Color Guard Auditions**
 - Information on Booster Club**

Information Packet

Why Should I do Band?



- *Be a part of something bigger than yourself*
- *Be a part of history*
- *Be a part of the largest student organization at Lowndes High School*
- *Experiences*
- *Be at your best everyday, all the time*

**OF THE 72 SENIORS IN MARCHING BAND
THIS PAST FALL.....**

**64 ARE ON TRACK TO BE HONOR
GRADUATES!!!!!!**

What You Will Learn in Marching Band



EARLY IS ON TIME; ON TIME IS LATE.

TIME MANAGEMENT IS EVERYTHING.

KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY GO FAR.

CRITICISM IS A NATURAL PART OF LIFE.

SHORTCUTS GET YOU NOWHERE.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT????

- **We have to discuss the financial commitment**
- **We have to discuss the time commitment**
- **We have to discuss the student/parental commitment**

Band Signing Day – April 10th - 6:00pm



- We make this a big deal for the students
- You will be fitted for your uniform
- \$100.00 payable to White Weddings for your tux shirt, tux pants, s suspenders
 - \$125.00 payable to the LHS Band Boosters for your vest, bow tie, shoes and spirit apparel

IF YOU ARE AUDITIONING FOR FALL AUXILIARY PLEASE STILL COME TO THIS EVENT AND WE WILL MEASURE YOU. YOU DO NOT NEED TO PAY THESE FEES THAT DAY.

Band Fees



Band Fee: \$350

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 22nd – 3rd Band Fee Payment - \$125.00 payable to LHS Band Boosters

ALL Band fees are due by July 22nd.

To keep Band Fees from going higher, everyone must sell 10 Golf Cart Raffle Tickets @ \$5.00 each. These will be distributed beginning April 21st.

Every student will be charged a \$70 meal fee for band camp and the regular season.

Rental Fee of \$20 payable to Lowndes High School will be due at instrument check out on July 14th. This is for anyone playing a school owned instrument.

Auxiliary Clinic and Auditions



WE ARE LOOKING FOR DANCERS AS WELL!!!!

Informational Meeting Thursday, April 10th, 5:30pm Band Room

April 21st - 23rd - 4:00-7:00pm in the Cafeteria.

Even if you have never picked up a flag before we encourage you to attend.

\$20 clinic fee per student.

Tryouts - April 24th - 4:00pm-Until

Percussion Placements



All students will be a part of the percussion section. This is simply placements on instruments that will be most beneficial to the section and give your student the best opportunity to succeed.

May 1st and 2nd - 3:30-5:30 in the Band Room

May 3rd - 9:00am-Noon in the Band Room

Students must be at all three days to be considered for the section.

Commitment of Your Time

Please Think Through What This Means



- **Can I attend all rehearsals, games and competitions?**
- **Can I push through a long fall with a great attitude, great work ethic and making the band the best it can be?**
- **It takes every single one of us being on the same page to make this work.**
- **Please do not turn in commitment form if you think there is a chance you will not do band. We base our drill numbers off of these forms.**

Summer and Fall Calendar



- July 17th – (9:00-5:00) – Rookie Camp – Lunch Provided
- July 21st-24th – (9:00-5:00) – Pre-Band Camp
(9:00 – 5:00) – Auxiliary
- July 25th – (7:30am) – Picture Day in Big Gym
- July 28th – July 31st – (8:00-8:30) - Band Camp

Meals will be onsite- \$70 for lunch both weeks, dinner second week, snack and drinks for all away football games

- There will be an additional meal charge for contest and playoff games.

STAY INFORMED!!!!!!

WEBSITE:

georgiabridgemen.org

FACEBOOK:

Lowndes High Georgia Bridgemen

BAND APP:

Download the Band App from the Apple Store or Google Play and join the Lowndes High Georgia Bridgemen group

LHS Band Boosters

Mission of the LHS Band Boosters:

To provide inspiration, guidance, and assistance to all band students and staff in order to develop and sustain top performing instrumental music programs at all levels. To secure closer contact between interested parents, students, teachers, directors, and staff, thereby assuring clear communication and cooperation among all those involved in the band program. To foster closer ties between the parents of younger music students and the parents of high school students, thereby strengthening the entire band program. To promote music culture throughout the community by fostering greater concert attendance and other public support of all band activities, thereby rendering moral support to the students. To assist with the purchase of equipment and supplies which would not be available through the school budget, facilitated by fundraisers or donations.

Get Involved!

Band Booster Officers-2025

President:	AJ Stracener
Vice President:	Calvin Williams
Secretary:	Kimberly Aaron
Treasurer:	Leslie Kautzman
Student-Accounts:	Katherine Phelps
Member at Large:	Meredith Brasher

Get Involved!



Numerous Ways to Get Involved:

**Chaperones, Nurses, Bus Drivers, Prop & Pit Crew,
Football Program Sales, Cooks, and many other ways.**

Let us know!

Sign up sheets here tonight!

Fundraising for Your Student

**Each Student has a personal account,
statements emailed monthly:**

**Ways to put money in your Student
Account:**

- **Trip Raffle (Can get tickets tonight)**
- **Golf Cart Raffle**
- **Program Ad Sales**
- **Wild Adventures**

Universal Studios Trip Raffle



- This fundraiser will put 100% of the sales into your student's account.
- 3 days/2 nights at Universal Studios Florida for Four
 - 2 nights lodging at a Universal hotel (1 room)
 - 1 Three Day Park Hopper Pass per person (Total 4)
 - \$100 Gift Card that can be used inside the theme parks and/or CityWalk
- \$10.00 per raffle ticket and 100% goes to the student
- Once tickets are sold and the money is turned in, more tickets can be issued through the students respective band director.

Golf Cart Raffle

- Our annual Golf Cart Raffle (an Advanced EV for 2025) tickets will be on sale, immediately following the trip raffle. Tickets are only \$5 each and the drawing will be held on Friday, November 1st at the Lowndes vs. Valdosta Football Game.



Golf Cart Raffle Cont.



- All students participating in Marching Band for the 2025 Season will be required to sell 10 tickets. This is simply a way for us to prevent raising band fees.
- All students will be issued raffle tickets from their band directors.

Football Program Ad Sales



Football Program Ad Sales Are Underway:

All of the information and packet to sell ads will be posted to the website, www.georgiabridgemen.org

For every ad sold, 20% will go into student's account

Band Boosters-General Comments

Most everything associated with the Band Program you can learn about or have your question answered via the correct Booster members.

All items of student grades, discipline, and school related matters are to be answered by the Directors.

See the website for a listing of all Booster Officers, and Committee Chairs.

Get involved, you will be glad that you did. So will your student!

Lowndes High GA Bridgemen-Total Team Effort!



The success of this great program only happens when:

We have the best directors and staff available

We have committed and dedicated students

We have active and engaged parents

We have the support of the School System

