



Volunteering, Fundraising, and www.lghsmusic.net

Volunteering

The Music Boosters provide two basic functions to the Music Program: *fundraising*, and *logistical support*. Both rely on volunteer efforts by our members!

We encourage our Boosters to participate as much as possible in our program. The musical groups at LGHS provide an important experience in your student's high school life. This tight-knit group of students becomes their High School "family". We parents provide much needed support (both physical and financial) to help them achieve their goal. In addition, the Booster group is a great set of like-minded parents. As we lug percussion equipment, sell tons of potatoes and serve gallons of lemonade, we have a great time with our friends

There are positions that allow you to come to the competitions and practices and be very involved with the students, for example:

- Member of Food Team
- Uniform Manager
- Band Camp chaperone
- Pit Pop
- Working at our Fundraisers (Claws for a Cause, Crab Fest, Potato Sales)

There are also roles that can be done offline or after hours, for example:

- cooking potatoes and chili for sales at Football games
- Food prep for competitions and practices
- creation of materials for fundraisers (silent auction placards, etc)
- preparation of hall and decorations for Crab Fest
- web site administration

At the same time, we recognize that some families are not in a position where a lot of volunteering is possible at all. If full participation is not possible, we still encourage you to help out whenever possible. **We are equally appreciative of our volunteers AND the \$350 contributions made by the families who are not available to donate their time.**

\$350 Volunteer Credit/Refund

Because parental participation is necessary to support our organization, we offer a \$350 Volunteer Credit/Refund for parents who work the required number of hours. This is our sixth year of this program--inspired by the Little League snack shack "buyout" --and we have been pleased with

the feeling of unification that it has encouraged.

To qualify for the \$350 Volunteer Credit Credit/Refund for 2010-2011, parents are required to work the following number of hours:

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- **8 hrs at Band Camp** (*Food, Chaperone, Carpool, Bake/Donate 5 Doz Cookies*) **AND**
 - **10 hrs at Competitions** (Volunteer at 2 competitions or two people at same competition) (*Pit Pop, Food Prep, or Food Service*) **AND**
 - **15 hrs at Fundraisers** (*Claws for a Cause, Color Guard Sewing, Baked Potato Sales or Baking, Crab Fest, Cat's Hill Criterium, etc*)

NOTE: "Band Support" hours are also available and can be applied to any area where you need the hours. "Band Support" hours include: *Color Guard Sewing, Super Saturday snacks, attending Booster meetings, Pit Pop work day, etc.*

You will find that it is not only easy to meet the requirement, it is fun as well! You can sign-up to volunteer through our website <http://www.lghsmusic.net/>. Click on the "Volunteering" tab for full instructions. If you have any questions, you can contact our volunteer coordinator, Susan Flatness, at volunteer@lghsmusic.net.

The \$350 Credit can be applied to next year's band fees, issued as a refund or donated to the Music Boosters for a tax deduction. Our default behavior is to roll your credit forward to the next year, and issue it as a refund when your child graduates. Contact Maria West, Treasurer, at treasurer@lghsmusic.net by May 31, 2011 if you wish to receive a refund for the 2010/2011 year.

lghsmusic.net, email, and staying in touch

Our website is the primary repository for information about the Boosters and the Music programs throughout the year. Please check it out!

Creating an account on lghsmusic.net: you do not have to create an account on lghsmusic.net in order to see what is going on or, most importantly, to volunteer! However, some information will only be made available in the **Members Info** area, which is only accessible to logged-in members. In addition, once you log in you can upload photos, write a blog and so forth. Therefore, you are urged to create a login account and use it!

Calendar: Perhaps the most important area of the website is our Calendar. The Calendar is where all future events are shown, and is also an interactive gateway to our volunteer registration system.

FAQs: This is where you can find, oddly enough, answers to Frequently-Asked Questions.

Documents: This section contains publicly-available documents, such as our Bylaws. **Note: some documents are not available in this area due to sensitive content such as member email addresses and phone numbers. Such information may be available under the "Member Info" menu selection, which you will see on the right side of the website once you have logged into lghsmusic.net.**

About Us: The menu under "About Us" contains meta-information about the Boosters, including Meeting times, Agendae and Minutes.

Musical Groups and Director's Page: Information about the goings-on with all our groups is organized under specific pages for those groups. Marching Band competitive scores, for instance, will be available under **Marching Band -> Competitions.**

Email: we will send out email updates on a regular basis. This is the most crucial way to stay informed about what is happening, and that is why it is so important to provide your email addresses to us!

Privacy: we are scrupulous about information privacy. Email addresses and contact information is only used by the Boosters for support of Music programs. The vast majority of email is sent by only two people: the Director, and the President of the Boosters.

Other ways to stay in touch: we have created a Facebook group, "Los Gatos Music Boosters", which we will update with information about upcoming events. In addition, we have a Twitter feed you can follow, [lgmusicboosters](#).

Fundraiser Information

The Boosters run several fundraisers. These fall into two categories:

- fundraisers that feed into your Student's account and can be used to defray your costs
- general fundraisers

Fundraisers that replenish your personal account

- **Fall: Dollar Bar Candy Sale:** \$0.50 from each bar sold goes into your student account.
- **December/January:** Christmas Tree Pickup. Assemble and distribute flyers to your assigned neighborhood in December, pickup trees on January 2, 2011. 2-3 day job. Money earned in your area goes into your account.
- **Scrip and eScrip:** Lunardis, Nob Hill "Quality of Life" Card, and eScrip (Safeway, etc.) 50% of money earned goes into your account.
- **Flamingo Flocking:** Make \$30 for each flocking (set up and take down).

Fundraisers that go into our General Fund

- **"Claws for a Cause" Rotary Lobster Feed -- September 11, 2010.** We are honored to be one of the Los Gatos Rotary's designated charities for this annual Los Gatos event. We provide musical entertainment and table service for the attendees.
- **Crab Fest (or similar fundraiser) -- January 30, 2011 (tentative).** This is our big "event" fundraiser.
- **Baked Potato and Chili sales at LGHS home football games.** Our baked potatoes and chili are a popular fixture at LGHS games.
- **Color Guard "50/50" raffle at LGHS home football games.**
- **Cat's Hill Criterium -- date TBA.** We are honored to be one of the Los Gatos Bicycle Racing Club's designated charities for this annual Los Gatos event. We provide musical entertainment and volunteer services (course sweeping, etc) for the riders.
- **CD and DVD sales.** A video/audio record of our performances, including the Field Show, is generally available in December. A great Holiday present for Bandsters past and present!