

HILLGROVE BANDS



*Marching Band
Membership Package
2017 Season*

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MARCHING BAND MEMBERSHIP CONTRACT 2017 SEASON

Parents/Students:

Please read ALL of the following information and return all information that requires a signature and any required monies by June 3, 2017 – this includes the CCSD Forms included in this packet.

STUDENT NAME: _____

CCSD STUDENT ID#: _____ GRADE LEVEL 2017-2018 _____

MARCHING INSTRUMENT: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: Street _____

City/Zip _____ Subdivison _____

STUDENT EMAIL: _____

STUDENT CELL # _____

PARENT(S) EMAIL: _____

PARENT(S) CELL#: _____

STUDENT T-SHIRT SIZE: _____ SNEAKER SIZE (for marching shoes): _____

MARCHING BAND DEPOSIT \$350 PAID _____ OR \$900 DISCOUNT RATE/PAID IN FULL _____

WATER JUG \$10 PAID _____ OR _____ I will re-use my water jug from last year

SUMMER BAND CAMP MEALS \$40 PAID _____ OR _____ opt out & bring your own dinner

I have read and understand all policies and procedures set forth in the 2017-2018 Marching Band Membership contract and understand I am entering into a financial agreement with Hillgrove Band Boosters Association, a 501(c)3 nonprofit group. I agree to pay fees and/or fundraise to the best of my ability. I acknowledge payment in full of band fees ensures "good standing" status, which enables student to participate in optional band activities and trips during the 2017-2018 school year.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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MARCHING BAND INSTRUCTIONAL AND EQUIPMENT FEES

MARCHING BAND

Kickoff is June 2nd for the 2017 season. Commitment forms will be available and sent home with students prior to spring marching band camp weekend and available online on our website.

2017 MARCHING BAND - \$1000

This fee covers the following (included but not limited to):

- Instructional staff
- Uniform costs
- Equipment Costs
- Color guard flags and costumes
- Show Design (Music and Visual)
- Contest registration fees
- Props (materials and build out)
- Travel (buses and trucks)
- Administrative costs
- Medical/First Aid expenses

Early pay incentive!!!

*****With full upfront payment of 2017 marching band activity fees by June 30th (hard deadline), a \$100 discount will be given making the activity fee \$900 instead of \$1,000.*****

Marching Band Trip - BOA Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Trip Cost - \$550

This year's marching band will take a trip to North Carolina to compete in the BOA Wake Forest regional. Traveling with the marching band is a great experience for our students and allows them time for teambuilding.

We have not traveled in 5 years, so we are excited to take these students on the road!

Here are the main details:

Friday, October 13th: Travel by Coach Bus: lunch on the road, practice at a school
Dave and Buster's that evening for dinner and play

Saturday, October 14th: BOA Winston-Salem competition (at Wake Forest University)

Sunday, October 15th: Carowinds - www.carowinds.com
Travel by Coach Bus to return home Sunday evening

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE

All band funds are paid to, and handled by, the Hillgrove Bands Booster Association (HBBA). HBBA's treasurers are volunteers. We appreciate your patience as funds are deposited and posted in as timely a manner as possible.

Please follow the payment schedule below:

Costs include trip and equipment/instructional fees

Monthly

June 3rd - \$350
June 30th - \$300
July 31st - \$300
Aug 30th - \$300
Sept 22nd - \$300

Band Fees up front

June 3rd - \$900
June 30th - \$150 trip
July 31st - \$200 trip
Aug 30th - \$200 trip

All Up Front

June 3rd - \$1450

Ways to Pay:

1. Bring a check or cash and place it in the drop box in the band hall. The black box is located in the lockers on the left of the room under the large trophies. Do not hand your funds to the directors, they will not handle them. Your cashed check will serve as your receipt. In the case you choose to pay in cash, please contact a treasurer for your receipt.
 - a. **All checks should be made out to HBBA**
 - b. **Please make sure student name is indicated on the check!**
2. Pay via credit card on PayPal on www.hillgroveband.com
 - a. *All pay pal payments are subject to a 3% convenience charge*
3. Mail a check to the HBBA PO Box:
3600 Dallas Hwy
Ste. 230 Box 155
Marietta, GA, 30064

FRIDAY MEAL / COMPETITION MEALS

HBBA offers a Meal Plan that allows students to prepay and receive dinner on Friday football games and rehearsals, and Saturday competitions. Meals are offered at a cost of \$8 each and are offered on the following dates:

Fridays: August 18, 25 - September 1, 8, 15 - October 6, 20, 27 - November 3

Saturdays: October 7 & 28

Monday October 9th (CCSD Band Exhibition)

Signups for the Meal Plan will occur during Summer Band Camp. Please be on the lookout for that information. In the case you choose not to participate, please make sure your student is fed immediately after school on Fridays before games. Saturday meal times will be posted when schedules are released.

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REQUIRED ACCESSORIES FOR WINDS, PERCUSSION, COLOR GUARD

Marching band is an extra-curricular activity that requires a few items that are necessary to our “sport”. The items below are required for all marching band students.

REQUIRED FOR ALL MEMBERS:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Deadline for Payment</u>
Black water jug (if needed)	\$10	June 3 rd

REQUIRED FOR WOODWINDS AND BRASS

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Deadline for Payment</u>
MTX Marching Band Shoes (if needed)	\$40	July 21 st
Uniform Gloves (2 pair black, 2 pair white) *winds only	\$12	July 21 st
Calf-length socks, Dri-fit short sleeved shirt, and athletic shorts <i>These items MUST be solid black</i>		Purchased Separately

REQUIRED FOR PERCUSSION

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Deadline for Payment</u>
MTX Marching Band Shoes (if needed)	\$40	July 21 st
Uniform Gloves (2 pair black, 2 pair white) *winds only	\$12	July 21 st
Calf-length socks, Dri-fit short sleeved shirt, and athletic shorts <i>These items MUST be solid black</i>		Purchased Separately
Sticks/Mallets as needed	TBD	As needed

REQUIRED FOR COLOR GUARD

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Deadline for Payment</u>
Dance Shoes (if needed)	\$30	July 21 st
Guard Gloves (if needed)	\$16	July 21 st
Uni-tard (uniform undergarment/if needed)	TBD	Student Purchased
Warm up Jacket and Pants (if needed)	\$70	Sept 22nd
Rifle (for those wishing to be on rifle line)	~\$50	June 3rd

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Each member of the ensemble must read and agree to the terms as follows in order to participate. In return, the Hillgrove Marching Band and its staff will provide all necessary instruction, materials, travel, and experiences in order to insure a safe, productive, and rewarding experience.

PLEASE RETURN ALL THE NECESSARY ATTACHED FORMS WITH YOUR \$200 DEPOSIT BY JUNE 3, 2017. THE \$200 DEPOSIT MUST BE RECEIVED TO ENSURE A SPOT FOR THE 2017 MARCHING SEASON.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

1. A full rehearsal and performance calendar is attached.
2. All rehearsals and performances are MANDATORY.
3. Students who must miss a rehearsal must report their absence via <http://www.hillgroveband.com/the-essentials/absence-request/>
4. Absences must be reported 2 DAYS in advance.
5. Last-minute absences such as illness or family emergency should be reported to Mr. Erwin within a reasonable time frame.
6. If you are absent from school, please bring Mr. Erwin the attendance note the day you return.
7. Absences from performances will not be permitted except in the most extenuating circumstances.
8. Rehearsals begin on time and will end on time. *The start/end time of rehearsals DOES NOT include travel time or setup and stowing of equipment.* Expect your student to take 10-15 minutes to prepare on either side of rehearsal time.
9. **Being Tardy to rehearsal is only permitted for tutoring.** Club meetings are not excused. You must communicate with your club sponsor your obligations to the ensemble.

ATTENDANCE CONSEQUENCES:

1. Absences will be EXCUSED or UNEXCUSED at the discretion of the directors. A general rule to follow is that if CCSD will excuse it, so will we.
2. ANY UNEXCUSED ABSENCE during the week of the performance WILL result in the student in question being sidelined for the upcoming performance.
3. After August 1st - THREE unexcused absences in the course of the result will result in removal from the ensemble.
4. If you are sidelined, you must still attend IN UNIFORM.
5. Any instance of ISS or OSS will be considered UNEXCUSED. You may not attend rehearsal if you are suspended.
6. Unexcused tardies will be made up prior to or after rehearsal BEFORE the following performance.

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REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

JULY 2017

BAND CAMP: July 17th – July 21st - 9:00am – 9:00pm

POST CAMP: July 24th – July 26th – 6:00pm – 9:00pm

POST CAMP PERFORMANCE/COOKOUT: July 28th (evening)

Once school starts, weekly rehearsals are as follows:

MONDAY: 4:00pm – 7:00pm

TUESDAY: 4:30pm – 7:30pm

THURSDAY: 4:30pm – 7:30pm

AUGUST 2017

WEEKEND REHEARSALS

AUGUST 12TH – 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

***AUGUST 25TH** - 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM (Friday night/no football game)

***AUGUST 26TH** - 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**Marching Band mini-camp*

PERFORMANCES

AUGUST 18th – Football/Corky Kell @ GA State Stadium (Turner Field)

SEPTEMBER 2017

WEEKEND REHEARSALS

SEPTEMBER 16th - 9:00AM – 6:00PM

PERFORMANCES

SEPTEMBER 1st - Football @ North Gwinnett

SEPTEMBER 8TH - Football vs. West Forsyth

SEPTEMBER 15TH - Football @ Campbell

SEPTEMBER 22nd – Football vs. South Gwinnett

OCTOBER 2017

WEEKEND REHEARSALS

OCTOBER 21st - 9:00AM – 4:30 PM

PERFORMANCES

OCTOBER 6th - Football vs. N Paulding

OCTOBER 7TH – BOA Jacksonville

OCTOBER 9TH – Cobb Marching Band Exhibition at McEachern

OCTOBER 14th – BOA Wake Forest (****Marching Band Trip 10/13/17-10/15/17*)

OCTOBER 20th – Football vs. Kennesaw Mountain

OCTOBER 27th - Football @ North Cobb

OCTOBER 28th – BOA Atlanta Super Regional

NOVEMBER 2017

PERFORMANCES

NOVEMBER 3rd - Football vs. McEachern

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Hillgrove Bands Booster Association, Inc. 2017-2018 Projected Fundraisers

Sustaining a quality band program requires support over and above that which is provided through the instructional programs supported by the Cobb County School District. Fundraising is necessary to meet these additional costs. In an effort to help meet the needs of the general band fund and to assist students in payment of band fees, the following fundraisers are projected for the 2017-2018 School Year. Some fundraisers go directly to support the general fund, which benefits the band as a whole. Other fundraisers will be designated as 100% band fees (to assist with student accounts). While it is realized that you and your student(s) may not be able to participate in all fundraisers, the following information is provided to assist you in planning. Additional fundraisers may be added should the need for additional funds be identified.

Fundraiser	Projected Date	Funds applied toward
Scrip	On-going	100% Band Fees
Cookie dough	August	100% Band Fees
Annual Fund Letters	Begins late Spring	100% Band Fees
Kenny's Pies	Fall	100% Band Fees
Domino's Cards	Fall	100% Band Fees
Flocking	On-going	100% General Fund
Restaurant Nights	On-going	100% General Fund
Taste of West Cobb	April/May	100% General Fund

*More fundraisers are being reviewed and will be shared as soon as that information is complete.

Miscellaneous HBBA Information

Our Booster is a non-profit organization with a 501C3 from the IRS. We operate within the rules and regulations set forth from this group, as well as Cobb County School District's rules for Booster Clubs.

We have By-Laws, Elected Officers, Committee Chairs, and operate solely to support the efforts of the band program. We are here to make this program the best we can for the students who participate in both concert and marching band as well as guard. Volunteers are needed and appreciated!

Current Elected Officers and Committee Chairs are listed on the band website at www.hillgroveband.com. This is our main place for information, including spirit wear, calendar, announcements, and requirements, as well as other HBBA details.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

HBBA is prepared to offer financial assistance for those families/students who have the greatest need for support. We are sensitive to each family's individually unique situation and will attempt to do all we can to help.

To apply for HBBA financial assistance, the following is due on or before **June 3rd** for consideration for the 2017 season:

1. This form, filled out fully (incomplete applications will not be considered)
2. An essay written by the STUDENT as to why they would like to participate in the marching band, what benefits it would bring them personally, AND what they will bring to the group.
3. Families MUST agree to participate in fundraising activities to receive HBBA financial assistance. If this is not satisfied, financial assistance will not be an option for future years.

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Student Name: _____

Grade: 9 10 11 12

Section/Instrument: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Email Address(es): _____

Phone Number(s): _____

We are applying for the following assistance level (circle):

Up to 80% Tuition Assistance

Partial Assistance

Alternate Payment Plan (please include details/plan requested)

*****By signing below we acknowledge that our financial situation will be reviewed by the Executive Board of the Hillgrove Band Boosters Association and that we will be required to participate in fundraising activities offered by HBBA to satisfy our financial assistance agreement.**

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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MARCHING BAND SEASON General Information for our Families

We perform a custom show each year, and this means some additional expenses - but we think it's worth the extra cost for our students. A custom show means our marching band performs something special that sets them apart from all others. Our marching band fees are one of the most cost-effective in Cobb County, and have remained the same for the last 8 years. Some of the items that are included in HBBA's budget (Hillgrove Band Booster Association) that pays for a few of our big marching band expenses include the following:

Custom drill	\$10,000
Custom music arrangement and music license	\$10,000
Transportation for competitions – buses for students	\$12,000+
Marching band staff and sectional coaches	\$60,000+
Colorguard outfits, flags, etc.	\$15,000+
Props	\$7,000+
Show shirts for every marching band student	\$1,800+

While this is not all of the expenses that cover marching band, this is a short list of some of our larger items. We share this in the spirit of transparency as well as to encourage our band families to pay or fundraise to cover marching band fees.

*****Marching band fees will remain \$1,000 for 2017-2018, and we will offer a 10% discount again this year for each student who pays \$900 in full by June 30th (hard deadline/no extensions).***

HBBA offers many opportunities to fundraise which helps offset student fees. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity.

****Again this year:**

We will also have the 2017-2018 Annual Fund letters uploaded before June 1st and require each marching band student to mail at least 5 to help fundraise. All proceeds raised from Annual Fund letters go directly to the student's ledger to offset fees. Updated Annual Fund letters will be posted on the Hillgrove Band website at www.hillgroveband.com.