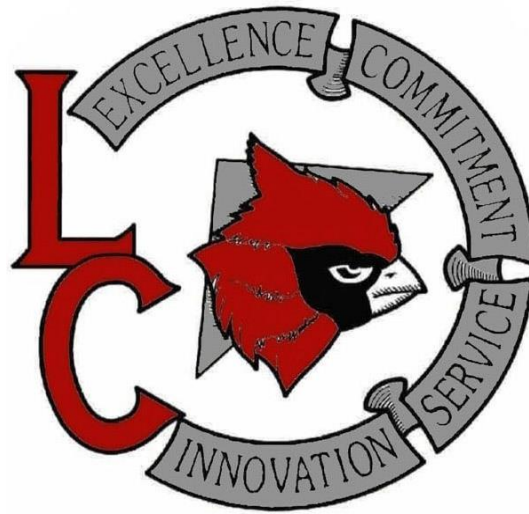


Laguna Creek High School

Band & Color Guard



2017-2018

Parent Information

This informational handbook is provided for incoming Parents. This is not an official EGUSD handbook. It is intended as informational use only from one band parent to another.

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Laguna Creek High School Band Booster Club

LCHS BBC
P.O. Box 582822, Elk Grove, CA 95758
www.thelchsband.org

Laguna Creek High School Band Booster Club = **YOU!**
All of the parents and families of band and color guard students.

LCHS BBC Board: Volunteer parents who are nominated and then elected in May of each school year to organize, coordinate, and make decisions in support of the LCHS Bands and Color Guards for the following school year.

Contact Information for 2018-2019

LCHS Band Director: Jeff Edom, jedom@egusd.net, 916-813-6185

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LCHS BBC Color Guard Liaisons: Kristin Yeager and Lynette Lee-Renouf, guardliason@thelchsband.org.

LCHS BBC Monthly Meetings: Monthly meetings are normally the second Wednesday of each month (please check the band calendar for dates). Meetings start at 7 pm and last 1 hour. It is essential for all parents to attend to stay current, understand ways to support their student, to know what is expected, and to learn any changes going on in the LCHS Bands and Color Guard.

Communications: Band members, families, and their support (parents, grandparents, etc.) need to receive email or text communications on a regular basis to stay informed.

Charms: is our primary source of communication.
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/login.asp>. Please complete a 'Student Information Form' and return it to the LCHS BBC at PO Box 582822, Elk Grove, CA 95758. You will then be added to the Charms program. Please note, we do not sell this information. We use Charms due to the security of information it provides to the band and color guard.

Sign-Up Genius: There are sign-ups all year long. Sign-ups are normally done through www.signupgenius.com. It is easier for access if you sign up for an account which is free. Food donations, RSVPs, volunteering for many activities like Fire Works and River Cats, are just a few examples of what we use sign-up-genius for.

BBC Web site: www.thelchsband.org. Please note that information changes, especially with such a large group. The web site has upcoming events, the calendar, and may other useful forms.

Descriptions and Terms

Marching Band: Marching band is primarily a Fall activity. From performing at LCHS school rallies, to football games on Friday night, to all day competitions held at other schools, this band stays very busy. In winter, the Marching Band becomes the Concert Band (Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Bands) and continues to perform at school activities like home basketball games.

Main Marching Band: The main marching band group consists of all the woodwinds and horns.

Marching Band Uniform: The Marching Band uniforms are owned by LCHS BBC and are loaned out to students for use as an entire group. The uniform consists of a black coverall, a red and white jacket, and a shako hat. Students may rent or purchase marching shoes. Previously marched in shoes are a one-time charge of \$10.00, and new marching shoes are \$30. Under the uniform students are to wear black socks that are calf length and cover their ankle, black spunks, shorts, or spandex, with a plain white shirt with no logos. It is the responsibility of each student to keep his or her uniform in good condition. Note: There is **NO** eating or drinking while in uniform. Additionally, there is a \$25 fee assessed to each student for dry-cleaning of the uniform each marching season.

Front Ensemble “the Pit”: A term used for the variety of percussion equipment, consisting of band members who do not march on the field but are stationary on the sideline. This group requires a lot of adult volunteers to move the equipment in place and get them set up in a short amount of time.

Pit Uniform: The percussion team wears the regular marching band uniform without the shako hat. Depending on the field show theme, they may wear a themed costume. Students are responsible for any special costs related to costuming.

Drumline: Is a drum section that marches on the field as a group. The Drumline usually consists of snare drums, bass drums, tenor drums, and cymbals.

Drumline Uniform: The Drumline team wears the regular marching band uniform with the shako hat. Again, depending on the field show theme, they may wear a themed costume. Students are responsible for any special costs related to costuming.

Color Guard: The Color Guard is responsible for the artistic movement part of the field show; these members use flags, rifles, sabers, and various other props as their “instruments” etc.

Color Guard Uniform: The Color Guard uniform is themed based and may require students to purchase minimal additions such leggings. All guard students are required to purchase shoes and gloves as chosen by the Color Guard Director. There is a jacket available for purchase on which the student may put his or her name on it to personalize.

Concert Bands: There are two concert bands at Laguna Creek High School. Students are placed into them according to their playing ability. (See the Band Student Handbook for more information).

Wind Ensemble: The Wind Ensemble band performs advanced concert music. This band is by audition only. Try-outs are each Spring. All students, including incoming students are welcome to try-out.

Symphonic: The Symphonic band performs standard concert music and is our largest concert band.

Concert Uniform – “concert wear”: The Band is currently working on mandatory concert wear. Until it is determined what is required, each individual student is required to wear an outfit that consists of black shoes (with black or dark soles), black slacks, black belt, black long sleeve shirt, and a black long tie. If your student chooses to wear a dress, it must be all short sleeves (no spaghetti straps with a modest (high) neck line and be mid-calf or longer. Dressy shoes may be worn as long as moderate heels and comfortable. Students may wear a black cover such as a sweater or blazer. If you have concerns or need assistance please contact the uniform coordinator at uniformcoordinator@thelchsband.org.

Jazz Band: Membership in Jazz Band is by audition only. Students must be registered in one of the performing ensembles to be in Jazz Band. There are three competitions during the school year including the Reno Jazz Festival. There is an additional cost for Reno Jazz Festival. Adult drivers are also will be needed to transport students to the competitions.

Winter Percussion: Winter Percussion is an afterschool activity. Auditions are held in November-December. Practices are 1-2 times a week in the evenings plus

Saturdays. Winter shows are held inside at other high schools. The percussion team consists of both front ensemble (Pit) and Drumline (moving students with drums). There are also props and costumes. There is an additional \$250.00 fee charged to each student to cover the expenses of this activity. Drivers will be needed to transport students to competitions.

Winter Percussion Uniform: The uniform is themed based on the theme of the show and is decided by the Director. Each Winter Percussion participant is responsible for all parts of their costume.

Winter Color Guard: Winter Color Guard is an afterschool activity. Auditions are held in November-December. Practices are 1-2 times a week after school or evenings, plus Saturdays. Winter shows are held primarily in the Bay Area with several held locally. There are props and costumes. There is an additional \$250.00 fee charged to each student to cover the expenses of this activity. Drivers will be needed to transport students to competitions.

Winter Color Guard Uniform: The uniform is themed based on the theme of the show and decided by the Color Guard Director. Each Winter Color Guard participant is responsible for gloves and any other personal parts of their costume.

Activities

Freshman/Rookie Camp: This is a one-day beginning camp for all new members (incoming freshman and all other years that have not been previous members of the band). This is held during the summer to prepare and go over basic marching techniques for new members. Also in attendance are all section leaders, the drum majors, and all new and returning Color Guard.

Leadership Training: A two-day training prior to the beginning of camp for all section leaders and drum majors. It is important that the leadership understand their roles and responsibilities as student leaders.

Band Camp: A one and half day camp for all band and color guard members for the upcoming school year. This is a time of learning, refreshing, and bonding for the all band members. Band Camp takes place during the last portion of summer vacation, approximately two weeks before school starts. Students need to bring their instruments, water bottles, sunscreen, and hats. In addition, students may buy a lunch for \$3.00 or bring their own lunch. There is no going off campus for lunch. On the last Friday of band camp, the LCHS BBC coordinates a BBQ Potluck dinner for all of the band students and their families. The band performs their newly learned music.

Super Saturdays: These are all day Saturday practices at LCHS in preparation for field shows. Students should bring their instrument, sunscreen, water, hat, sunglasses, and either bring a lunch or money to purchase a lunch from the nutrition team. Attire is band shirt, shorts, and athletic shoes. The band meets most Saturdays for practice from August through November.

Nutritional Note: LCHS BBC provides a lunch meal for \$3 per meal, per student. Additionally, the Nutritional Team requests parent donations for small supplementary items such as chips, cookies, and fruit. There are sign-ups for donation food items requested once a menu has been determined. The Nutrition Team also needs parent volunteers to help prep and serve each Saturday for home practices and away competitions.

Monday Night Practice: Depending on the complexity of the field show (music and choreographing) and how well the band and color guard are progressing, the Directors may call for Monday night practices. Monday night practices are at LCHS on the blacktop or in the band room, normally starting at 6:00 pm. Ending times may vary but practice will be over by 9 pm.

Sectional Weekly Practice: Depending on the complexity of the music, section leaders may call for a weekly sectional practice after school. Each section leader has the flexibility for time and day, depending on the availability of that section as a team. It is very important that parents support individual section practices.

Football Games: The Band plays pep music at all home varsity games and may perform at some half times depending on the weather and Athletic Director's schedule. All home LCHS football games are held at the Cosumnes River Junior College, located on 8401 Center Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95823, approximately 2.6 miles from LCHS.

Modesty Note: If students are dressing into their Marching Band Uniform, they should come prepared, wearing black shorts, white shirts, and black socks that go to their calf or higher. Students dress together either in the band room before heading to the game or in the parking lot, so the uniforms need to fit over their shirt and shorts.

Band Review Field Shows: Parents and students need to understand that Band Review Field Shows are an **ALL DAY** and **EVENING** events due to preparation time, busing to and from locations, set-up, performance, award, and clean-up. Students will report to school and are required to ride the bus unless prior permission and coordination with the Director is approved. A normal Band Review day starts at LCHS with practice. Lunch is normally at the school, and then students will load the buses to go to the competition. Students need to bring or wear a white t-shirt, black over the calf socks, and black shorts. Students also need to bring their black band shirts to wear to awards. Remember, it can get cold so jackets or sweatshirts are needed. The Band Director and chaperones are NOT responsible for keeping track of the student's personal equipment or money. Parents must provide their own transportation. Students perform the band's field show in a designated stadium. The actual time of the show varies with each competition but is usually about 6:30 pm or later. Awards directly follow the final field show of the night. There is a \$10.00 admission fee per person to watch the field shows.

Nutritional Note: The LCHS BBC provides lunch(\$3.00 per lunch) and dinner on competition days by way of parent donations and support for main food items. Cooking help and serving is also needed. Students can bring a snack or money to purchase food snack items at the competitions outside of meal times.

Basketball Season – Pep Band for Varsity Games: The band is divided into smaller groups as a way to divide the games up and lessen the demand on time for each student and still provide the necessary Pep Band coverage. Each student is required to sign up for at least four games. The sign-up sheet for basketball games will be available in January. All groups will play “pep” tunes at “home” basketball games for both the girls and boys basketball teams. There are two games each week throughout the basketball season. The home basketball games are at LCHS in the main gym.

Pep Band Uniform: is long pants (jean are fine), and their band shirt.

Winter Percussion and Winter Color Guard Competitions:

This is a different venue for students; it is not a field show. These are indoor competitions. Winterguard routines are performed to music using flags, sabers, and rifles. Percussion does a routine that involves movement all over a gym floor. Sign-ups are in December and competitions go from February to April. It is an additional cost per student to cover the additional costs.

Zero Period for Jazz Band: Zero period is from 6:45 am until just before 1st period, Tuesday through Friday; no Mondays being designated a late start. Jazz Band meets during zero period all year as a regular credited class. It is by audition only. There is an additional cost for Jazz Band.

Play-a-thon: Students are encouraged to collect pledges and sponsors prior to the event; it is truly “fun”draising. This event includes a free concert for all donors and includes feeder school music participants. The LCHS BBC sells dinner prior to the joint concert with the feeder schools. During the dinner, everyone is able to purchase drawing tickets for the many wonderful prize baskets. There are a variety of incentives if students reach their fundraising goals such as earning games and prizes with a possible overnight. Parents are encouraged to volunteer to help with this event.

Winter and Spring Concert: Held at the Performing Arts Center at the Consumnes Oaks High School. Concerts are normally in December and May. There is a \$5.00 per person admission for the non-Band Booster members.

Evening of Jazz: Held in the LCHS Black Box Theater in the Fall and Spring. The Black Box Theater is decorated to look like a jazz bistro. Parents donate desserts and drinks that are then sold throughout the evening. Both the Laguna Creek and Harriett Eddy Jazz Band perform. There is a \$5.00 per person admission for the non-Band Booster members.

Band Ball: Along with Band Student Leadership, LCHS BBC will occasionally host a themed Band Ball in the small gym for all band and color guard students. Band Students from other schools may also invited. Tickets are normally \$5 for band members and \$10 for guests, all non-band/color guard guests must have a signed permission slip to attend. Band Ball has been held during different times of the year. Leadership is in charge of setting the date and theme for Band Ball.

Spring Band Camp: Normally held in May for all returning students and incoming 8th grade students. Lunch is served by the BBC. A time for new student to make friends!

Spring Tour: Tours are considered an overnight, weekend, or entire week of competitions. Dates are usually in the spring over spring break or at the end of the school year, and occur every year. There is usually a “big” trip one year and a “smaller” trip the following year. The cost can range from \$500.00 for Disneyland (bus, motel, 3-Day Park Hopper) to \$2,400.00 for a major trip (air fare, festival fee, some extras). Parents are needed as chaperones and help is needed to assist the Band Director in planning and organizing trip. There is an extra expense for meals and souvenirs associated with each Tour. Parents are asked to pay Fair Share before sending their student on the trip.

What NOT to bring to ANY event: DRUGS, ALCOHOL and DISRESPECT!!

Code of Conduct: Each student will receive a copy of the rules and expectations at the beginning of the school year. Both the parent and student must sign that they have read, understand, and will abide by the Code of Conduct and return the signed signature page to the Band Director. The Code of Conduct will also be emailed out to all parents and students with email addresses.

Calendar: Each student will receive a band calendar at the beginning of the year. In addition, it will also be emailed out to all parents and students with email addresses. Each student is responsible for calendaring all events on their own calendar so that they do not schedule other family events at the same time. Every event on the calendar is MANDATORY.

Evening/Weekend Pick-Up Drop Off Location: After competitions, pick-up your student in the Big Horn parking lot (teacher’s lot by portables). Ensure you park in the designated parking stall as the busses need the curb for drop off of the students. Feel free to come help unload equipment while you wait for your

student to be released as all equipment must be put away before students are released to their parents.

Musical Instruments: LCHS has instruments that can be signed out by a parent or guardian for a band member to use. Many students play different instruments for different bands. Band owned instruments are tuned up, repaired, and cleaned based on the instrument use. There are many local music stores that have rent to own or straight rental agreements that are very reasonable. We do not recommend that you purchase used instruments from on line cites such as Craig's List or Facebook unless you are able to return them or you have a music background and can decipher a quality instrument. The average band student plays 1-3 instruments so renting and rent-to-own from a reputable store is highly encouraged.

Finances

The Bands and Color Guards of Laguna Creek High School are entirely self-supporting, as we do not receive financial support from the school district.

A budget showing the breakdown of costs for uniforms, competitions, football games, parades, insurances, trailers, trailer maintenance, equipment, band owned instrument repair, and instructional expenses are provided in the treasure's monthly report, and is reviewed at each monthly LCHS BBC meeting. Please come join us at a monthly meeting to ask any financial questions.

It costs approximately \$650.00 per student, per year to finance the activities throughout the year. A normal annual operating budget for LCHS Bands and Color Guards is \$78,000.

Charms Office Assistant is where each student's finances are tracked, to include fair share, monetary contributions, fundraising, and trip expenses.

<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/login.asp>

Marching Band and Color Guard Fair Share: In order for our program to run, it is expected that every marching band and color guard member contribute \$400.00 per school year. This is called each student's fair share. It can be paid through fundraising, corporate sponsorship, or by cash, check, or credit card.

Marching Band Uniform Cleaning: There is an annual \$25.00 cost per Marching Band student to clean their uniform. This will show up on your Charms account as a debit (bill).

Jazz Band Fee: There is an additional cost billed to each Jazz Band Student for the Reno Jazz Festival expenses of \$20.00.

Winter Color Guard Fee: The cost for Winter Color Guard is \$250.00 per student.

Winter Percussion Fee: The cost for Winter Percussion is \$250.00 per student.

The LCHS BBC has scholarship and volunteer opportunities if you are not able to financially contribute. *Please see the Director or the BBC President.*

Fundraising Opportunities

Money earned goes directly into student's band account:

1. Sponsor letters (ongoing all year)
2. Matching donations to LCHS BBC with your band student's name
3. Donations by Play-A-thon solicitants from each student
4. Scrip Program (ongoing all year): This program involves the purchase of gift cards (scrip) by families. A rebate is earned on each purchase which is credited to your student's Charms account. The group ID is LCHS Band EC97A5DL2L732. <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/login>

Money earned goes to the General Band Account:

1. Amazon Smile donations
2. United Way donations
3. Corporate Sponsorship not associated with an individual student
4. Play-A-thon raffles and donations
5. Band Membership donations
6. eWaste and Shredding event donations
7. Admission Fees

Money earned is paid out according to the LCHS BBC Fundraising Policy:

1. River Cats Games
2. Golden 1 Games/Concerts
3. Fireworks Booth
4. Candy Sales
5. Other product sales

Volunteer Support

Volunteer support is needed all year long. It truly takes a village to have a quality program.

Football Games

Volunteer help is needed on Friday nights for the Varsity football games:

- wash down the bleachers with water where the band sits
- put out the seat cushions
- bring the water bottles in ice wagons to the bleachers
- take out the Drum Major stands for Drum Majors to the field
- help “pit” section leaders move equipment to the field
- help with crowd control
- sit around band and assist where necessary
- load and unload equipment from the trailers
- drive the equipment trailer back and forth from LCHS and CRC

Band Review Field Shows

Volunteers are needed to:

- Load, unload, and set up the area upon arrival at each competition
- Help get the students ready to compete
- Drivers – We need volunteers to tow one of three trailers
- Nutrition Team Support: this is donating food, cooking, and serving
- Equipment Support: before and after to move the xylophones, tympanis, etc. on and off the field for each show.
- Uniform Support: checking students to ensure uniforms are properly worn
- Washing Duty: the white gloves and sweat bands that are worn needs to be machine washed and dried after every performance.

Parades

Volunteers are needed to:

- Load and unload equipment at the parade site
- Help get the students ready (in uniform)

Winter Percussion and Winter Color Guard

Volunteers are needed to:

- Load and unload equipment
- Driver to tow one of three trailers
- Help move equipment and props into place

Jazz Band

Volunteers are needed to:

- Load and unload equipment
- Driver to tow one of three trailers
- Drivers to shuttle students

Summer Band Camp and Super Saturdays

Volunteers are needed to:

- Donate food
- Prepare food and help serve during the event
- Check in students
- Help size and fit uniforms
- Help collect paperwork that students are turning in

Super Saturdays

Volunteers are needed to:

- Donate food
- Prepare food and help serve during the event
- Check in students

2018-2019

- **Head Food Coordinator –**
Band Camp & Super Saturday Lunches: Shontaye Washington
Band Review Dinners: Diane Najima and Maria Mirasol
Coordinates a parent crew to help serve lunch to the students during various activities such as Band Camp, Super Saturdays, and Band reviews. Will oversee the planning, purchasing and serving of food at these events as well as make sure the appropriate items are loaded on the trailer for band reviews.
For more detailed information please feel free to contact Lynette Lee-Renouf at netteheath@gmail.com
- **Food Committee Email and Sign up Genius- Lynette Lee-Renouf** This is a committee of 5-6 people who will assist the Head Food Coordinator.
- **Football Coordinator- Linh Fleming and Eileen Quaintance**
Helps with the logistics of loading/unloading and transporting band equipment, waters, and bleacher supplies for all home football games. Coordinates a parent crew to help set up at the football games. There are usually 5-6 football games all in the fall season, on Friday evenings.
For more detailed information please feel free to contact Coleen Murray at coleenrachel@yahoo.com
- **Trailer Logistics- Jeremy Scoville**
- **Pit Crew Coordinator- Jeremy Scoville/Kevin Quaintance**
Coordinates a parent crew for bringing various pieces of equipment on and off the field during football games and field show competitions, while always communicating with Mr. Edom and the Pit Crew student section leader. There are usually 5-6 football games that are on Friday evenings, and four band reviews that are on Saturdays. (All day)
For more detailed information please feel free to contact Jeremy Scoville at sukobiru@gmail.com
- **Percussion Liaison- Amy Heidemann (need to find another parent to co)**
Coordinates loading/unloading and transportation for equipment, flooring, and set pieces for winter competitions and shows as well as student transportation.
Sends email communications out to percussion families.
- **Guard Liaison- Kristen Yeager and Lynette Lee-Renouf** (trip coordinator)
Coordinates loading/unloading and transportation for equipment, flooring, and set pieces for winter competitions and shows as well as student transportation.
Sends email communications out to guard families.
- **The Voice- Tamara Frattalone**
Sends weekly emails with information collected from the board and committee heads out to the whole band and guard through the Charms system.
- **Events Coordinator/Committee-** Coordinating various events throughout the year such as:

- **Jazz Night- Michelle Carrasco** (Coordinate committee for set up, take down, supplies and arranging student servers),
- **Winter Concert- Michelle Carrasco** (Coordinate committee for set up, take down, senior invites, pictures, cake, and supplies),
- **Awards night-** (Coordinate committee for set up, take down, supplies, and food)
- **Senior Table- Michele Valencia** (Coordinate committee for set up, take down, cake and supplies)
- **Videographer- *Position currently available***
Video-records performances at field show competitions and concerts including jazz band festivals.
- **Photographer- Nancy Tran**
Takes pictures of students at band rehearsals and events, including guard and drum line performances, throughout the year; works with Memory Book Creator/Publisher.
- **Student Check-In- Dale Anderson, Dorothy Davidson, Yvonne Gonzalez (Super Saturdays)**
Coordinates the check-in table for Band Camp, Super Saturdays, and Spring Camp. Sells lunch tickets during check-in and sends total for the day to the food coordinator for lunch.
- **Play a thon Coordinators – Eileen Quantaince, Michelle Carrasco, Nancy Tran** (arranges fundraising opportunities along with goal setting for students, coordinates a committee for setup, food, cleanup, concert, possible overnighter with volunteers)
- **T Shirts – Shontaye Washington** (places orders of band student T-shirts for band camp, receives orders for band spirit wear and places orders as well as distributes.)
- **Rivercats/Kings Coordinator: Kristin Yeager (Onsite coordinator), Amy Heidemann (sign up genius), Sheron Morris (email communicator)**
- **Website Coordinator- Greg McManus and Angie McManus** (coordinates and organizes band website)
- **Crowd Rise coordinator- Michele Valencia (oversees Crowd Rise website)**

If you are interested in any of the above positions or have questions, contact Amy Heidemann at president@thelchsband.org