

EL DORADO GOLDEN HAWKS BAND & COLORGUARD

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~ UNIFORM COMMITTEE ~

Basics

The Uniform Committee is responsible for the “look” of the Band at all events starting with marching season and ending with concert season. In addition to their music, the Band is judged on their appearance both in street competitions and in the field. This includes the grooming of the Band members and the care and cleaning of uniforms. The Uniform Committee also provides bus Chaperones for all events. While we are responsible for their look we are also their support system when they are under stress at competitions and sometimes far from home. Uniform Committee members are lovingly called “Band Mommy” by the Band.

Marching Season - August through November

All band students participate in **Marching Band** during this season. This can mean as many as 200 kids that need some kind of uniform assistance for every event. There are two performance “events” to marching band, which are the **street march** (parade) and **field show** (football halftime show). During the marching season, the marching band is focused on learning the music and marching for these two events. These are performed during official competitions on weekends, and also non-competitive events such as football halftime shows and band pageants. The Uniform Committee provides the following support during marching season:

- Measurement and sizing of Band members during Band Camp (August)
- Uniform repairs – sewing, button polishing
- Shoe inspection upon arrival in Band room before events
- Assisting kids in cleaning shoes that don't pass inspection
- Assist Band members with grooming and dressing before all events. Grooming includes making sure hair is tucked inside hats, pants are at the correct length, touching up imperfections on uniforms such as loose threads and lint, cleaning spats, taping gloves, checking for prohibited items such as jewelry, facial hair and make up.
- Providing forgotten items such as shoes, socks and gloves
- Placing plumes on hats minutes before step-off
- Have the First Aid kit nearby at all times. This includes walking the parade route with the Band (exception Rose Parade)
- Assist Band members with returning uniforms to garment bags and racks after events. Teaching a teenager to hang up a pair of pleated pants.
- Staging of all uniform related items for loading on trailers by Men In Black. Uniform related items include cases of back up supplies such as gloves, uniform/hat racks and the First Aid kit
- Hat cleaning done after every event
- Creating Senior Sashes
- Collection of uniforms for dry cleaning
- Returning uniforms to garment bags and racks upon return from dry cleaners
- Provide chaperones for every bus to and from events

Concert Season - December through June

Concert season events consist of a number of school concerts plus one main judged competition. The Uniform Committee is responsible for sizing and providing concert dresses for the girls and communicating concert attire requirements for the boys.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Assist with measuring and sizing Band members during Band Camp (August)
- On-going uniform maintenance like sewing and button polishing
- Event day support...shoe inspection, grooming and dressing
- Bus Chaperone
- Hat cleaning – usually done on Monday afternoon during the first hour of the Band's weekly rehearsal
- Uniform sorting after dry cleanings - usually done midday during the week

Odds and Ends

- Uniform Committee is not an “all or nothing” committee. You can pick and choose the events or support needs that suit your schedule and interest.
- Street and Field show competitions can mean that the Band is changing in and out of their uniforms as much as three times in one day.
- Street and Field show competitions are a long day. We usually get to sit while the kids are eating and its become a tradition to have a Band Mom and Men In Black Potluck away from the chaos that is the Chow Line for the kids. This is a great way to make friends.
- We will have very little responsibilities the day of the Rose Parade and none during the parade so you can sit and enjoy watching your kid march down Colorado Blvd
- You get to be called “Mommy” for just a little while longer. Not by your kid, of course, but by everyone else’s

Interested?

If interested in helping with the Uniform Committee, contact Terri Hipwell 714 290-6750 terrihip@sbcglobal.net or Mona Crispen at 714 524-3395, mcrispen@roadrunner.com.