

Shadow Mountain Band



Booster Handbook

2008-2009

2008 Marching Matadors Preliminary Calendar (tentative) – 4/22/08

Wed, July 23-25	Pre-Camp	SMHS
Monday, July 28-Aug 1	Band Camp	SMHS
Tue, Aug 5	6-9p Rehearsal	SMHS
Monday, Aug 11	SMHS Classes Begin	SMHS
Tue, Aug 12	6-9p Rehearsal	SMHS
Tue, Aug 19	6-9p Rehearsal/Open House	SMHS
Tue, Aug 26	6-9p Rehearsal	SMHS
Tue, Sept 2	6-9p Rehearsal	SMHS
Fri, Sept 5	Home Game	SMHS
Tue, Sept 9	6-9p Rehearsal	SMHS
Fri, Sept 12	Away Game	TBA
Tue, Sept 16	6-9p Rehearsal	SMHS
Fri, Sept 19	Home Game	SMHS
Tue, Sept 23	6-9p Rehearsal	SMHS
Fri, Sept 26	Home Game	SMHS
Sat, Sept 27	Mountain Pointe Invite	MPHS
Tue, Sept 30	6-9p Rehearsal	SMHS
Fri, Oct 3	Away Game	TBA
Tue, Oct 7	6-9p Rehearsal	SMHS
Fri, Oct 10	Away Game	TBA
Sat, Oct 11	North Canyon Invite	NCHS
Tue, Oct 14	6-9p Rehearsal	SMHS
Fri, Oct 17	Homecoming	SMHS
Tue, Oct 21	6-9p Rehearsal	SMHS
Fri, Oct 24	Away Game	TBA
Sat, Oct 25	Barry Goldwater Invite	BGHS
Tue, Oct 28	6-9p Rehearsal	SMHS
Fri, Oct 31	Leave for Las Vegas	Las Vegas
Sat, Nov 1	Las Vegas Show	Sierra Vista HS, LV
Tue, Nov 4	6-9p Rehearsal	SMHS
Sat, Nov 8	ABODA State	TBA
Tue, Nov 25	Turkey Tuesday	Basha's
Thur, Dec 11	Holiday/Season Review	SMHS

This preliminary schedule is tentative and subject to many changes.
 No Electric Light Parade (at this point event has been discontinued by the city)

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What to expect as a parent of a band student:

- Orientation for students and parents
 - **Summer Band Camp meeting (what to expect)**
 - You're invited to attend the "Summer Band Camp Meeting" **May 20, 2008** at **6pm** in the Shadow Mountain Band Room. **Band Booster Meeting after Band Camp meeting, please join us!**
 - **Fall "Meet and Greet" (This is our "Opening Banquet")**
 - You're invited to attend **Friday, August 1**. Time and place to be announced.

Things to "know" about Shadow Mountain Band Marching Matadors Rehearsals

- **Zero Hour Marching Band Class**
 - The class meets **6:30am – 7:15am**, every morning except Wednesday
 - The class is **mandatory** for all band members (wind, percussion, auxiliary)
 - The early morning time-slot is designed to take advantage of **cooler weather** and to **avoid conflicts** with other school activities
 - Students who are **habitually late or absent will be dropped** from band
 - Students are encouraged to **car-pool** with band members from their neighborhood
- **1st Hour Winds Class / 2nd Hour Percussion & Auxiliary Class**
 - 1st Hour Winds – **Required for all Wind Students** (flute, sax, trumpet, tuba, etc.): Students develop the proper skills, habits, and techniques needed to be effective Wind Musicians; the focus will be on perfecting the Marching Matadors music
 - 2nd Hour Percussion/Auxiliary – **Required for all Percussion & Auxiliary Students**: Students develop the proper skills, habits, and techniques needed to be effective percussionists and auxiliary members, while perfecting Marching music and routines.
- **Tuesday Night Rehearsal**
 - The rehearsal is from **6:00pm – 9:00pm** every Tuesday until mid-November
 - The rehearsal is **mandatory** for all band members (wind, percussion, auxiliary)
 - Students who miss rehearsal **will not be allowed to perform that weekend**
 - Students who are **habitually late or absent will be dropped** from band
- **Band Camp and Pre-Camp**
 - Band Camp and Pre-Camp are **required events** for **all** Marching Matadors members
 - **Pre-Camp**: Development of Student Leaders, Percussion, and Auxiliary
Mon, July 21 – Percussion, Auxiliary

Tue, July 22 – Percussion, Auxiliary

Wed, July 23 – Percussion, Auxiliary, Student Leadership

Thur, July 24 – Percussion, Auxiliary, Student Leadership, ALL NEW MEMBERS

Fri, July 25 – ALL MEMBERS

○ **Band Camp:** All Members, Develop Marching Technique, Learn Marching Show

Mon, July 28 through Fri, Aug 1st – ALL MEMBERS

Marching Matadors Performances

Note: Transportation to all off-campus events is provided by PVUSD bus

•Football Games (Friday Nights)

○The Marching Matadors perform at **every home and away** football game

○The Marching Matadors perform the **National Anthem**, provide **music and entertainment** throughout the game, play our **Marching Show** at halftime, and end the game with a **post-game concert**

•Marching Invitational / Competition Performances (Saturdays)

○Every year, marching bands throughout Arizona (and the entire country) prepare a **“Competitive Marching Show”** to perform at Marching Invitationals and Competitions. The bands perform for each other, audience members, and trained judges who evaluate the performances and assign a rating (I – Superior, II – Excellent, etc) or a ranking (1st Place, 2nd Place) to each band’s performance. The judges also award **“Caption Awards”** for Best Music, Best Marching, Best Percussion, Best Auxiliary, and so on.

○The Marching Matadors attend **five (5)** Marching Invitationals throughout the season

○These invitationals are **required** performances and are considered the **most important** and **rewarding** aspect of Marching Band. (Ask any band student!)

•Parades / Special Events

○The Marching Matadors perform at the SMHS Homecoming Parade, SMHS Pep Rallies, Basha’s Turkey Tuesday Benefit, and other special events.

•Holiday & Season Review Concert

○The Marching Matadors put on an entertaining concert in December that reviews the music performed that Marching Season and also celebrates the Holiday Season.

Marching Matadors Financial Obligations

•Costs to expect

○Being an excellent band requires a tremendous amount of practice and teaching. Our support teaching staff is financed by the boosters. In addition to the band director, there are support teachers which include an Assistant Director, two Percussion, Colorguard, and Dance instructors.

This support staff is very important and funds are raised throughout the year to pay these staff members. Your Tax-Credit donation can help support the payment of these instructors along with numerous other items financed by the boosters. Your out of pocket expenses will include purchasing gloves, Marching shoes, black socks, band t-shirt(s), batteries and periodic dry-cleaning of your students band uniform. You will also need to provide money for your child to purchase lunch/dinner when they are competing at an invitational or competition.

•**Tax Credit**

○Tax credits can be applied toward A.I.A. fees and band camp expenses. For more information regarding the use of tax credits please talk with Mr. See or the Booster Treasurer.

Band Fee Estimates:

SMHS/PVUSD District Fees

\$100 AIA Participation Fee (pays for transportation and participation fees)

\$25 Class Fee

SMHS Band Fees

\$100 Band Camp Fee

\$10 Dry Cleaning Fee

SMHS Uniform/Equipment Fees

\$32 Marching Shoes

\$5 Black Socks

\$3 Black Gloves

\$20 Two Band T-Shirts

\$15 Flip Folder/Lyre

**Percussion and Auxiliary Students may have additional fees related to uniform/equipment

SMHS Trip fees

The Marching Matadors may travel out of state during the year. When they travel there may be fees to be paid and will be brought to parent's attention.

Information for Incoming Parents

Definition:

Booster- *n.* **1** any device for increasing the output of another device or system. **2** One who gives enthusiastic support to a person, organization, community, or cause.

The purposes of the Band Booster organization are to encourage parents to become involved in the band and in the musical education of their children. Toward this end, the group will recruit parent volunteers for various tasks and for raising money for band needs. All families of students actively enrolled in the instrumental courses at Shadow Mountain and staff members shall automatically be regular members of this organization. **Being an involved member of the Band Booster is a wonderful way for you and your student to get involved and feel included.** One student made the following statement their freshmen year, “Band is a big commitment, but I love everything about being in the band!” **In addition to elected officers, the Band Booster Committee Chairpersons who actively organize the Boosters using the following committees:**

Welcoming Committee

- We are glad to offer this committee to all band student parents. Most incoming students and their parents are not familiar with band. We welcome your calls and questions; when we were new we had a 100 or more questions! Please feel free to contact someone on the committee if we don't contact you first!
- Our goal is to provide you opportunities to know what help and support is needed. If you would like to volunteer, wonderful! **Your time and involvement is welcome and encouraged! If you are not available to volunteer time, there are many opportunities to provide food/water/and other donations.**
- Our hope is to help parents feel welcome! Parents of new students will be paired with an “experienced” parent. This parent will contact you and hopefully answer your questions. *We hope the following year that you will be happy to do the same for the new parents to band.*

Fundraising Committee

Fundraising is an integral part of the band program and funds are necessary to pay for the support teaching staff, trips, equipment, and other band events. Our goal is raise over \$10,000 every year ...here are some ways you can help raise funds. A coordinator for each fundraiser is needed. Please support the effort if you are able financially.

- Tax Credit**-Families pay Tax Credits to schools! These credits are applied directly against taxes owed. **Please donate for your own family and ask friends, neighbors and relatives to donate to Shadow Mountain Band.** Tax credit forms are available on line and in the Shadow Mountain office.
- Lunches for sale**-This takes about 30 minutes of a day for two weeks each year. Shadow Mountain allows ‘booster clubs’ to sell lunches to the students during the lunch hour. The food is pizza, rice bowls or other food dishes prepared by local restaurants. Volunteers are needed to sell and hand-out the food. If you could help everyday of the two weeks Shadow Mountain Band is given to sell great! If you can donate only one lunch period that is helpful too. A food handler's card is helpful.
- Traditional Fundraising**-The band sells magazines, candles etc. during the year to help with

funding. Pickup a brochure when the event is announced and support the band with a purchase or asking friends, family and neighbors to purchase from the band.

•**Concession sales**-Sporting events on Saturday afternoons at Shea middle school have concession sales...The band is asked to sell during these events. Donations of food items and drinks are needed. Please donate or help sell the items when the event is announced.

•**Wrapping presents**-Each Christmas/Hanukah Borders Bookstore allows the band to come and wrap customer's purchases. Student and adult volunteers are needed. Shifts are about 2 hours and the band keeps 100% of the donations made.

•**Dine-out nights**-The band will sponsor a "dine-out" night at a local restaurant. This event encourages families from SMHS to eat at the restaurant with a percentage of the sales going to the band. Coordination of these events and your support when they are scheduled is needed.

•**Cash Donations**-In lieu of other fundraising and donation of your time you are welcome to make a cash donation. Please make donations payable to **Shadow Mountain Band Booster**. Each donation no matter how large or small is welcome and appreciated!

Football Game Committee

•Especially in the first few months of school it is incredibly warm, no actually it is HOT. The band performs at all football games and when it is hot the students need to stay hydrated. We have a need for parents to keep water ready for the students. You may volunteer to help at one game or all games for this extremely important task.

•Because the band wears uniforms and sits on the bleachers, it is necessary to put a liner down on the bleachers to keep the uniforms clean. The liners are rolled out and secured prior to the game and then rolled up after the game. In addition, your eyes are needed to keep fans from sitting in or walking through the band's designated area. You may volunteer to help at one game or all games but your help is needed!

•As a fundraiser the band sells "glow sticks, necklaces etc." during the Varsity "home" football games. This is a fun way to get to know the crowd while helping raise money for the band.

•Homecoming is a festive time at Shadow Mountain. The band marches in the parade, runs a booth at the tailgate party, and performs at the game. Parents are needed to help with numerous tasks in preparation for this exciting event. Parents are needed to transport instruments, students, and water to the beginning of the parade route. We need someone willing to pick up the food our students will be selling at the tailgate party and set up their table. Before the game the bleachers where the band sits is decorated with balloons and banners. If you like parties...this is the event for you to help out with, and it only comes once a year!

•In the fall and again in the spring the middle schools are invited to play with the band. During the fall, the middle school bands are invited to play during a varsity football game. We are the hosts and provide a small snack after the half time show for the students. In the spring the middle school bands are invited to play with Shadow Mountain's concert band. We need volunteers to help welcome the incoming band members and their parents during both events.

•An announcer is needed to introduce the band at the football games before their performances. *Pre-game at away games & Halftime at home games*

•All performances are recorded and a dedicated volunteer is needed to film the shows and assemble the performances into a DVD for families to purchase.

Pit Crew Committee

- At every game and competition parent volunteers are needed to help move the percussion “pit” instruments on and off the field.
- Instruments must be loaded and unloaded from the equipment truck whenever the band travels to an “away” game or competition. Help is needed to organize the instruments.
- Props are used occasionally during performances. These props must be created, transported and placed on and off of the field during performances.

Uniform Committee

- Every band member is assigned a uniform. Volunteers are needed to help keep the uniforms organized and hung-up “wrinkle-free” on hangers in the uniform closets.
- Fitting uniforms to the students and repairing and altering uniforms.
- Taking uniforms to **\$1.99 Cleaners** (7th street and Thunderbird). This cleaner’s has offered to dry-clean our uniforms for \$1 per piece. Volunteers disassemble, take, and pick-up uniforms.

Hospitality Committee

- Food Donation-** When the band travels to an invitational or competition they are offered water, a light snack or breakfast before they perform. Since they are NOT normally permitted to eat once they are in uniform water and non staining food is always needed. Please donate if you are able.
- Snack Preparation-** Snacks are prepared for the kids prior to traveling to a competition or invitational. These volunteers prepare the snacks.

Awards Banquet Committee

In December and May an awards dinner is held for all band members and parents. This event is an opportunity to recognize all members of the band, staff and volunteers.

- Banquet Coordinator-** The banquets are held in the school cafeteria and are “pot-luck” style. All Booster members are encouraged to help with the banquet’s food, beverages, paper products, decorations...

Parade Committee

- Volunteers are needed to help the band members by carrying water (they’re marching and can’t stop to get a drink)...and anything else needed during the duration of the parade. (Talk about fun and challenging at the same time!)
- Vehicles are needed to transport the larger band instruments to and from the parade location.
- Electric Light Parade:** Lights/Batteries/Glow-sticks etc.-Preparation of the lights for each band member is needed the month before the parade. Each student wears battery operated lights and these strands of lights must be tested and prepared for the parade.
- Assemble banner and attach lights.
- Getting lights attached to the uniforms! Yep, each member has 100 lights attached to their uniform and instruments and they need help getting these lights securely attached.

Your involvement with any of the committees or events is not required but is welcome and encouraged. Being a part of the band experience is a great way for you and your band student. Please feel free to talk with any Band Booster committee chairperson or officer to learn how you too can volunteer. The high school years can be great, but also a little scary for both parents and students! Find a way to get involved and stay connected, band boosters is a great way to have involvement while supporting the efforts of the band. Your time helps the band in its success.

Band Directory

The Band Booster's assemble a parent/student communication directory each year. If you would like your information included in this year's directory we must have written permission. Please complete the form below and return it to the SMHS bandroom. For additional copies of this and other forms and information refer to the band's website at www.shadowmountainhsband.org

Please include the following information in the Directory:

Student Name: _____

Student E-Mail: _____

Student Cell: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Parent(s) E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Photo Release

The band website includes photos and video clips from a variety of band performances and events. In order to include any photos your child may appear in we need your written permission. Please be assured that only items deemed appropriate will be posted.

_____ Yes you may include my child's name on the website. (This would be in case of awards and recognition and to describe a picture.)

Band Member Name

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date