

BANDS OF WANDO

Upcoming Events

July 21/21 Leadership Work Days 8-4PM

July 24/25 ROOKIE CAMP 8AM -3PM

July 27 Full Band 8AM-Noon 6PM - 9PM

July 28 Full Band 8AM - Noon
BAND CAMP WEEK July 31-August 4



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Directors: Bobby Lambert Lanie Radecke Jeff Handel

Happy Summer and Welcome to Band 2017

It is hard to believe that it's time to start gearing up for the 2017-2018 version of the Bands of Wando. The coming year will be filled with many exciting experiences and rewarding performance opportunities for our students. We have a national reputation for success and it is our job to continually raise the bar and to artistically explore and demonstrate the highest standards of excellence. I am beginning my 16th year as a band director and my fourth at Wando and I am more excited than ever to get started!

Smart people surround themselves with really great people. Quite frankly, we have been able to assemble a world-class staff because of the reputation of the Bands of Wando and its students. These are exciting times for our program and every aspect should be better than ever.

However, what makes a great band are the hearts of its members. The work ethic, tenacity, musicianship, and leadership of our students WILL determine our success.

Our students have many activities from which to choose in a school the size of Wando. It is vital that they have an anchor of certainty, and I believe that our band program provides this important foundation. Much more education happens behind the scenes than most people realize. In addition to learning musical skills, students reinforce their self-discipline, appreciate the rewards produced by their dedication, and understand the power of working together for a group goal. In truth, they are learning about themselves and translating this awareness through their expressive art form – music. They are being groomed for a successful life. Each rehearsal, students have the chance to explore and investigate new ways of artistically stating who they are and how they feel. In band, everyone has value, everyone counts, and everyone contributes in his/her own unique way, even if they do not feel that every day. They contribute to not only our band's growth, but they also take responsibility for their own. But I would ask this, how many of us as parents, employees, volunteers, etc feel like a "star" every day? This activity teaches students to create in themselves that value which is INTEGRAL to happy, healthy maturity regardless of temporary circumstances.

I am currently at the Bands of America Drum Major Institute in Muncie Indiana where I and nine other staff members are teaching over 600 drum majors from 40 different states. When we say the name, "Wando" everyone now knows who we are and more importantly, they know we perform at an exceptional level. We demand much from our families and students but also know, the rewards of having highly prepared students who have maturity and resilience only comes from sincere tests of character and growth.

I want to applaud all of our parents for your support this year. You have helped raise our bar of performance and helped your child prepare for life. We as directors and citizens thank you so much!



Band Camp Prep 101

Eat a light breakfast with no dairy

Bring a personal water cooler filled with ice and water (Red Coleman brand from Walmart works great!)

Apply sunscreen before you arrive

Bring Sunscreen with SPF greater than 30 so you can reapply all day and bring a hat for shade

Bring your instrument

Bring your music and lyre

Bring a lunch

Wear cool and comfortable clothing

Wear tennis shoes with socks

Bring hair ties and head bands if needed

Bring a sweat towel

Bring a change of clothes if you think you need them

Be ready to make some great friends

Come with a positive attitude

Be confident in yourself

Be ready to work hard

On the next page you will find a reminder section for events associated with marching band. Please make sure that all pertinent information is in your calendar for the year. In addition, please consult www.wandobands.org for a complete master schedule for the year. The website is full of information; visit it frequently. Communication is the key to a successful band experience.

If you have any questions or would like to share any thoughts or ideas, please feel free to contact me via email--director@wandobands.org. Have a restful remainder of the summer and I will see you in a few weeks. Our first band parent meeting is Tuesday, August 8th at 7 PM in the Performing Arts Center. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Bobby Lambert

2017 Summer/Fall Schedule

Band Booster President Jay Johnston

July and August are times when you say goodbye and good luck to friends going off to school, and you say hello and welcome to many current and new friends. For those of you who are new to the Wando Band, I would like to welcome you and let you know that you are in store for a wonderful experience. While watching the transformation of the marching show and all the band members in the fall, listening to the wonderful Holiday concerts and events, and attending the Springtime performances and activities, you will witness and experience some amazing journeys for our students.



Along the way you will be able to share your time and talent through many volunteer opportunities. We are looking for assistance in several areas including our Harmony Program, Operations, and Ways & Means (Fundraising). You will also have a chance to sign up for many activities helping at band camps, football games (home and away), the Lowcountry Invitational (LCI), and chaperoning students for performance events (some local and some out of town/state). Please read this newsletter for much more information on many of these volunteer opportunities.

Also, I wanted to let you know we will be kicking off our "Online Tumbler and Cookie Dough" fundraiser later this month. And I am excited to let you know that we will be having a car raffle this fall that will get started in August. More information on both of these activities will be coming soon.

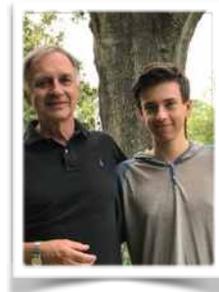
I am honored to be the President of the Boosters this year and am looking forward to a great year. I want to thank those of you who have already volunteered and look forward to working with you. I also look forward to meeting all the new parents and students. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me as needed. Thank you!!!

Jay Johnston

president@wandobands.org

Vice President Heyward Robinson

The Annual Low Country Invitational (LCI) Marching Band Competition will be held October 7, 2017, on the campus of Charleston Southern University. The LCI is an important late season review for our band and a major fund-raising project for the Bands of Wando.



The Wando Directors select the most competitive marching bands of all sizes (1A-5A) from around the state and region to participate. The Directors also bring in a panel of top national judges to provide an expert assessment of each band's performance. The LCI provides a high level, late season tune up for the individual bands before their state and regional competitions begin. As host, the Wando Band

does not compete, but performs in exhibition. However, Wando benefits from the competitive performance experience and the national judges' assessments.

Please plan to join us for the LCI on October 7, 2017. There is plenty of free parking and a great stadium at Charleston Southern University. The weather in October is typically great. Food will be available from one of our sponsors (to be determined) and the Wando Band Boosters will sell cold drinks and T-Shirts. Typically 10-12 bands participate and the event is over by early evening.

Again, this is an important fund-raising event for the Wando Band. The Wando Band Boosters organize the event and fill every position with volunteers from selling tickets to cleaning up. The band depends on this event funding to help us compete at the national level. Wando band students and booster parents help throughout the day. It is a fun day, so please volunteer to help us. It is a good way to get to know all the fine people involved with our band. Volunteer opportunities will be available later in the summer or you can contact me at any time.

Thanks,

Heyward Robinson
president-elect@wandobands.org

From our Treasurer: Scarlett Crawford

So, Band Camp is nearly upon us, and the 2017-2018 Marching Season will commence! I can hardly contain my excitement! And while I would much rather talk about how much fun it is to watch the band's marching show evolve and recount the thrilling experience of last year's performances in Atlanta or Indianapolis, there are a few necessary and important details I must share.

The Fair Share fee for the 2017-2018 year is \$860 for band students and \$450 for color guard and \$450 for winter guard. Fair Share may be paid through fundraising, kind and generous parents and grandparents, Harmony sponsorships, or any combination of the three. (I do recognize the financial burden. I have my third child in band this year as a sophomore.)

This year the marching band will travel to Atlanta, Georgia for the Bands of America (BOA) regional competition on October 27-29. There will be an additional charge of \$125 per student for the cost of the BOA trip. Students and/or parents will be able to pay on-line or through the band program as we seek to coordinate the travel details ourselves this year. More information will be forthcoming.

One of the most important points to remember is that, yes, marching season is fun, exciting, and amazing, but it is also a grand and expensive undertaking. With transportation costs, band camp meals, guard and marching instructors, props, and uniforms, the costs really do add up quickly. In order for us to maintain our financial integrity, it is extremely important that everyone pay their Fair Share in a timely manner. That is...

- All guard fees should be paid by the end of marching season, preferably sooner...\$450.
- All marching students should pay the majority of their Fair Share before the end of marching season, preferably sooner...approximately \$560.
- All travel payments should be paid in full before September!
- If you have financial issues or difficulties, now is the time to talk to Mr. Lambert and me. The Ways and Means and Development Committees have some great opportunities for fundraisers, and you should actively seek out those opportunities.



Statements and new invoices will be e-mailed soon. You can pay on your student account even before the school year begins, if you would like to. But if you do not receive a statement from me through Quickbooks by August, please contact me by e-mail so that I can verify your e-mail address is correct. Payments by check should include student name and purpose and may be deposited in the safe in Mr. Handel's office or mailed to

**Wando Band Boosters
Post Office Box 927
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29465**

Please feel free to contact me by e-mail, treasurer@wandobands.org, with questions, concerns, suggestions, or haikus of praise and adulation.

Scarlett Crawford

Operations – CO VP's Mike Terry & Molly Leigh



Rookie/Summer Camp:

Schools out and summer is here! We have a lot going on as we begin our preparations' for our upcoming marching season. Our operations volunteers will be in the thick of it!

Rookie camp begins on July 24th and summer band camp begins on July 31st. Here are some things to help your band kids get ready for band camp, as well as any outside practice this summer/fall:

What to wear: Students should dress comfortably in athletic wear and wear athletic/tennis shoes and be prepared to be outside. It is going to be hot.

What to bring:

* Students need to bring a **FULL WATER BOTTLE** - They will have access to the bathroom faucets/drinking fountains to refill as needed. Hydration is VERY important! Get into the habit of bringing at least a half-gallon igloo or comparable water jug this summer and all fall. This igloo, even has hooks for the gate that surrounds our field. <http://www.walmart.com/ip/37182521?productRedirect=true>

* Bug spray

* Sun screen

* Something like a labeled cinch sac to hang on the chain link fence would be a great way for them to have their supplies easily available at practices.

* Any marching music that students have received thus far

What to do:

* Eating well - a balanced diet often goes out the window in the summer. Here is a great website that can be a good starting place for food and exercise information: <https://www.supertracker.usda.gov>

* Getting a proper night's sleep.

Band Camp dinners:

Anne Underkofler & Melissa Robertson will be heading our band camp dinner's preparation and serving teams this year.

If your child has any special dietary needs you will need to make arrangements to DROP OFF their dinner with either Anne or Melissa.

Anne Underkofler - mtpanne@gmail.com or Melissa Robertson - marobert35@aol.com

We have (4) in-kind Vendors this year who are donating meals each night of camp this year (Mon.-Thurs.) – Chick-Fil-A, Sticky Fingers, Raising Canes and Pizza Hut. We are still working on which night these vendors will be there.



We are looking for VOLUNTEERS to help out with our band camp dinners - Food Prep. And Serving teams - Monday, July 31st through Thursday, August 3rd. The Band Boosters, with the help of some of our generous Harmony sponsors and alumni, provide a meal each of those evenings. It takes a great many hands to get everything set up, serve 300+, and then clean it up ~ and we need you! This is also one of the most fun and sought after spots in which to volunteer. For new families there's no better way to jump right in, see what your children are doing, and meet their friends and other band parents. They may not admit, but your tired kiddo will be so happy to see Dad or Mom there. Let them know how much you value their hard work and commitment by coming out to help us.

Please email: Operations@WandoBands.org to be placed on the volunteer list – In the **SUBJECT** field please insert **"BAND CAMP DINNER VOLUNTEER"**. In the body of the email, please include your name, phone number.

It's a very rewarding way to get to know our band kids and see and get to know

the kids that your kids hang out with.

After School Program:

Many of you know, but some of you may not, that we offer day care (oops I mean study hall) for any band student that wishes to attend from school ending and practice starting. This is a fabulous way for students to get some homework done or have some down time before practice starts. On average we have around 150 kids who take advantage of this program. The program typically runs on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday's, beginning with the 1st day of school. We will need (4) volunteers each day, who will sell snacks, provide ice (for the kids to fill their water coolers) and keep a watchful eye. **Snacks will be sold for 50¢ each this year.** If your child wishes to purchase one or more, please make sure they have the appropriate money with them, there is no credit. When we have an early practice, we may elect to setup outside the band room (in back) to sell snacks and/or we might take orders for Chick-fil-A or Pizza in advance, we will let the kids know if this happens.

* In order for your band kid to attend our After School program – **You (Parent) MUST sign the "After-School Intent Form"** – this form can be found in the Bands of Wando Handbook. Please sign and send it with your student to put in the forms box located outside the directors' offices.

We are looking for VOLUNTEERS to help with our After School Program – Please email: Operations@WandoBands.org to be placed on the volunteer list – In the **SUBJECT** field please insert **"AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM VOLUNTEER"**.

When emailing me please send: your name, phone number, what day works best for you and how frequently you are available. Please also let me know if you



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have received the "security clearance" from Charleston County within the last 2 years. If you haven't I can send you directions of how to do this which takes about 2 minutes.

Due to the crazy car pool line we (volunteers) will need to get to the school by about 3:15 in order to get in and then we are finished between 4.30 and 5 depending on practice start time.

Water Warriors:

Here is the volunteer opportunity so many of you have been waiting for! It's almost football season and it will be hot and steamy in the low country. We need Water Warriors who can help keep our band kids hydrated in the stands at all the home football games.

This is a great way for even our busiest parents to help while hanging out with lots of other awesome band folks. You're planning on going to the game to support all the hard work of our band kids anyway, right? So why not show up with a couple cases of cool water? You'll be "with the band" so in addition to backstage access, you'll get free admission!



In addition to providing and distributing the water, we assist the chaperones with crowd control at half time and during the 3rd quarter. We also assist the chaperones and equipment teams with tarps on the bleachers on nights when the students will be wearing their full marching uniforms, so it is important that you are available to stay for the entire game.

We are looking for - Water Warrior VOLUNTEERS & a TEAM LEADER – Please email: Operations@WandoBands.org to be placed on the volunteer list – In the **SUBJECT** field please insert **"WATER WARRIORS VOLUNTEER"**. In the body of the email, please include your name, phone number. If you're interested in being the Water Warrior team leader, please let us know.

Chaperones:

This is one of the best volunteer positions available! There's not a better way to get to know the kids in band. We need chaperones for Home/Away football games, and any event during Marching or Concert season that we travel to! For away events, you will travel with the band on a bus (along with 3 to 4 chaperones per bus).

If you would like to be a chaperone: Please email: Operations@WandoBands.org to be placed on the volunteer list – In the **SUBJECT** field please insert **"CHAPERONE"**. In the body of the email, please include your name, phone number.

General:

The Operations committee has some of the best volunteer opportunities available! It is a great way to support your band student with your presence as a volunteer and meet many other parents, as well as get to know the kids that make up our tremendous Wando Band family.

Operations' primary responsibilities are to facilitate social events and meals during summer camps, help the kids stay hydrated during travel, hot and steamy practice and football games (Water Warriors), and oversee the After School Program on marching practice days in the fall and oversee Chaperones for football games and away events. These responsibilities need many hands to make the program run smooth.

This year's Operation's committees' team leaders are:

CO-VP Operations – Mike Terry

CO-VP Operations – Molly Leigh

After School Program Coordinator - Mike Terry

Band Camp Dinners - Anne Underkofler & Melissa Robertson

Head Chaperone -

Water Warrior Team Leader -

Communications with Patricia White

I hope everyone is having a fabulous summer! By now, you should have received several emails about the master and summer schedules, marching uniform information, the Wando Band Rides program, and for our new parents, information from the freshman orientation held on May 18th. If you know someone who hasn't received them, please email me at communications@wandobands.org and let me know so that I can catch them up to speed.



Important information can also be found on the band's website - www.wandobands.org. This is where you can find the handbook, Fair Share info, forms, upcoming events, etc. Additionally, the band has a Facebook page called "Bands of Wando Parents." All new member requests to this closed group will include answering several questions before being granted access. Here you will find schedules, reminders, items for sale, etc. It is



also a great place to ask questions! The band also has a public FB page called "Bands of Wando," a Twitter account (@Wando_Bands) and an Instagram account (thebandsofwando). As you can see, there are MANY ways to get the information you will need throughout the year!

I look forward to cheering for our kids this year! GO WANDO!

Uniforms with Susan Sonne Terry

Uniform fittings have begun! We had awesome attendance by the Freshmen—so good in fact that we were not able to finish all of their fittings! Therefore, we will have another fitting day for Freshmen on **Thursday, July 20th from 9am-12nn**. If your child was not able to complete the fitting process, they are welcome to come back at that time (or during any of the other fitting days listed below).

Remaining fitting dates:

Seniors: Monday, July 10 from 3pm-5pm
Juniors: Tuesday, July 11 from 3pm-5pm

Make up days: Thursday, July 27 from 12-4:30pm
Friday, July 28 from 12-2pm



As a reminder, **every band member**, including upperclassmen, needs to come in for a fitting! Marching uniforms have not been worn since December, so we need to make sure everything still fits. Also, this is when Ms. Knudson and her fellow photographers will take your child's picture for pride buttons!

Although we are working on fittings for the marching uniform, students will not wear this until it gets cooler. Students will start the marching season in the summer uniform, which includes the show shirt, khaki shorts, white/ mostly white tennis shoes, black belt, and white ankle socks. Students will receive the show-shirt during band camp, but parents will need to purchase the rest. Khaki shorts should be purchased either through Stagecoach or from the T&T online store. There will not be time to make returns to the online store prior to the first game, so we will have khaki shorts to try on for size during the fitting days above.

Online store:

The online store will be open from July 10 through July 28. All new band students will need to purchase khaki shorts (as described above) as well as the Bands of Wando compression shirt. Compression shirt and compression shorts are necessary to maintain modesty since students may need to change into their marching uniform in a public area. We will send out an email communication with directions to navigate the online store prior to the opening date.

Additional information regarding uniforms can be found on the Bands or Wando website under Parents>>>Parent Resources>>>Parent Orientation Folder

If you have any questions or are interested in being a member of the Uniform Crew, please contact Susan Sonne Terry at uniforms@wandobands.org

Equipment with Rick and Lisa Puckett



Hello! We are Rick & Lisa Puckett and we are heading Equipment and Props for the upcoming season. We are in our 6th year helping with the Wando band program. We have an incoming freshman and graduated a son in 2015. As Equipment we are responsible for making sure all equipment and props are ready and delivered any time the band will be performing and practicing. We are also the crew that makes sure the props get on and off the field during performances. We will start building props for the upcoming season really soon, we have a very good group of volunteers who help us to get it all done but there is always room for more. We always need help whether you can help to build props or help paint the practice field we can find something that you can help with. So if you would like to help with Equipment please feel free to contact us. We can be reached at: equipment@wandobands.org





Guard News with Dorothy Tatum

As the Color guard liaison, I would like to send out a big welcome to all incoming and returning guard members, and their families. My position will be to provide support to the Color guard coaches, team, and parents as needed. Please reach out to me as questions arise regarding guard activities and needs through the Bands of Wando Facebook or the Color guard face book page.

Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering with the color guard throughout the season. Any and all help is greatly appreciated to support our color guard team. Volunteering is a great way to support your children and meet other guard and band families. Thank you in advance for your support, and I am looking forward to another great year with the Bands of Wando. guard@wandobands.org



Parent Alumni- John and Rebecca Imholz

What are the names of your children who were in the Wando Band and what years were they in the Wando Band and what did they play/do in the band?

Daniel Imholz, Class of 2010. During Marching Season he played baritone and was in Leadership. During Concert Season he played bassoon in Symphonic Band and bass trombone in Jazz Band

Luke Imholz, Class of 2013. He was Drumline Captain during Marching Season and Percussionist in Symphonic Band and Jazz Band

Jared Imholz, Class of 2017. He was Brass Captain during Marching Season playing baritone. During Concert Season he played trombone in Symphonic and Jazz Band.

Did you start volunteering when your oldest started the Wando Band?

Yes. Rebecca started out as a Water Warrior (we used to man a tent and hand out cups of water during practice) and chaperoned BOA and All-State Trips. John came on board during 2009 when he and Rebecca were elected as Vice-President of the Wando Band Boosters and John usually chaperoned All-State.

What volunteer positions have you held over the years in the Wando Band?

Throughout the 11 years we chaperoned trips – BOA, All-State, and Spring Trips such as the one to NYC in 2014.

In 2009 we were elected as Vice-President of the Wando Band Boosters overseeing the annual Lowcountry Invitational Marching Competition then became President of the Wando Boosters 2010-2011.

Throughout the 11 years Rebecca oversaw Public and Media Relations and enjoyed sending out Press Releases touting Wando Band's many successes!

Did you find volunteering in the Wando Band to be a good experience?

Yes. We have an extended family for life as a result of spending hours together in hotel lobbies, convention halls, buses, and football stadiums.

What are your favorite memories of being involved with the Wando Band?

John and Rebecca agree that chaperoning and getting to know the kids was always fun and enriching. After 11 years it's hard to have a favorite memory because there are so many! In 2007 Wando performed at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic when they received the Sudler Flag Honor by the John Philip Sousa Foundation. That performance still amazes us! One of Rebecca's favorite memory was chaperoning 16 girls during the NYC trip and keeping track of them in Times Square, the "Forever 21" store and eating "street meat," from vendors! Another one is traveling back from the NYC trip our bus lost air conditioning. The kids took it in stride, wearing their "Summer Uniforms" and John opened up the emergency hatch to get some air! And we'll never forget the 2009 BOA Atlanta Competition when our son Luke, playing the tenors, marched onto a misplaced flag, tipping over and bouncing right back up! Wando didn't lose points because he went right back into formation (although Mom lost a heartbeat or two):

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Do you have a favorite Wando Band Marching Show?

We love them all! But if we had to pick one John's is the 2011 Marching Show, "Daedalus and Icarus." Rebecca's is "Beyond" because it was the first time Wando made BOA Grand Nationals Finals and the only year two of her three sons performed at the same time – Daniel and Luke in 2009.

Would you encourage new parents and parents of current students to volunteer for the Wando Band and why?

Volunteering is truly an enriching experience – you receive more than you give. You're making a lasting positive contribution to a program that mentors our most important resource – our young people.

Want to help the Bands of Wando? See the next page for a great way to have funds donated to the Band!!!

Amazon's third-annual Prime Day is on Tuesday, July 11 and will feature more than 100,000 deals exclusively for Prime members, making it one of the biggest shopping days of the year. Remind your supporters to shop at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate to Wando High School Band Boosters.

Use the following message and link below in email, social media and on your website to tell your employees, donors and volunteers about how to get amazing deals on Prime Day and generate donations. Also, copy and share the image in this email.

When you #StartWithaSmile on #PrimeDay, Amazon donates to Wando High School Band Boosters. Shop for great deals at smile.amazon.com/ch/57-1034207



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