

2009/2010 Ringgold High School Band Participation Agreement

TIME COMMITMENT: All students at Ringgold High School have the opportunity to participate in the Ringgold High School Band. Students are expected to attend camps, practices and performances scheduled throughout the school year. The Band rehearsals and performances scheduled are normally set well in advance, allowing students to plan other activities and obligations around the established schedule. Attached is the Summer Practice, Summer Camp and Fall Practice and Performance Schedule. An activity calendar for the year will be distributed at the start of school. Membership in the Band requires attendance at all rehearsals and performances.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT: The County school system provides funds for the Director's Salary and facilities at the High School. The Ringgold Band Boosters, Inc. must then generate the other funds to operate the Ringgold High School band program. Therefore, Band Members are required to pay the following band fee. These fees pay for band camp staff, show shirts, buses, uniform rental, cleaning and repairs, homecoming & competition meals and symphonic clinic. Other funds generated through fundraisers help pay for music, props, flags, practice field upkeep, trailer & golf cart maintenance, and instruments and instrument maintenance, just to name a few.

The Ringgold Band Booster Budget Committee develops and submits a comprehensive budget of expenses for the upcoming band year. This budget is amended if necessary, and approved by the Boosters prior to the start of the band year in June. The amount of the budget is divided among the number of students in the band. This amount is the Band Fee. *The cost of marching shoes, gloves, tuxedos, and concert dresses are NOT included in this fee.*

High School Band Member Fee Payment Schedule:

	1 Band Member	1 Color Guard	2 Band Members Siblings	1 Band & 1 CG Siblings	3 Band Siblings	Band Manager
DATE						
Deposit May 15, 2009	\$150	\$150	\$175	\$200	\$250	
June 15, 2009	\$150	\$200	\$175	\$250	\$200	\$100
July 15, 2009	\$100	\$200	\$150	\$200	\$200	
Aug. 15, 2009	\$100	\$200	\$150	\$200	\$200	
Sept. 15, 2009			\$150	\$200	\$150	
TOTAL FEE	\$500	\$750	\$800	\$1050	\$1000	\$100
<i>Balance of fee may be paid in full at any time</i>						

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8th Grade Marching Band Members Fee Payment Schedule

Date

Deposit Due: May 15, 2009 \$150

July 15, 2009 \$150

TOTAL FEE **\$300**

If you have a child in the High School & Middle School your fee is \$750 follow the payment plan for 2 band members less \$50.

PAYMENTS REQUIRED: A deposit (see payment schedule) is due by May 15, 2009. This deposit will be applied to your band fee. This deposit is considered a financial commitment to the marching band with the intent to march. **\$100 of this deposit is non-refundable** should a student decide to quit during the summer after we have purchased music and written the marching drill.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS: Funds earned from certain fundraisers are added to "individual student accounts", in accordance with the structure of individual fundraising events. Because these are funds earned from fundraisers, these accounts are property of the Ringgold Band Boosters, Inc. If the student so request these funds may be applied to Band fees along with parent payments or they may also be used for any band-incurred expenses (band shoes, concert wear, audition fees, band trips). *Because we are an IRS 501c(3) corporation, these funds may not be used for personal spending money.* For returning students, any account balance at the conclusion of the school year is carried forward to following year. For graduating and non-returning students, any final balance can be transferred to a sibling who is in the band, or will be in the band in the next year. Otherwise, the balance is retained as an automatic donation to the Ringgold Band Booster Scholarship fund.

BAND TRIPS: If a major band trip is planned this will require an additional payment to participate, and as the trip approaches, parent/guardians and students will be notified of the charge. If a balance remains open on a students account, that student's participation in the band trip will not be allowed until the account balance is paid in full.

It is the intent of the Ringgold Band Boosters, Inc. to allow any student to participate fully in all the band activities throughout the school year. Should you need to make payment arrangements different from the payment schedule above, or if you need financial assistance, please contact one of the following individuals: RBB Treasurer, RBB President or the Band Director, Mr. Christian. Links to these individuals can be found on the Ringgold Band Booster website: www.RinggoldBand.org

BAND DATES: Mark your calendars now

Summer Band: Required for all New Marching Band Members
July 13-17, 2009 MS 8:00 am-10:00am Mon.-Fri.
HS 10:15am – 12:15pm Mon-Fri.

Pre-Camp: Required for all of the MTB Percussion and Colorguard
July 13-17, 2009 1:00pm – 5:00pm Mon.-Fri.

Band Camp: Required for all Marching Band Members
July 20-24, 2009 8:00am – 12:00pm Mon.-Fri.
July 27-31, 2009 8:00am – 5:00pm Mon.-Fri.

Football Program Pictures will be Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 2:00 pm
Even if you do not purchase any pictures please have your picture made so it can be in the football program.

Fall Performance Schedule:

Sept. 4	Murphy, NC	Home
Sept. 11	Adairsville HS	Home
Sept. 18	South Paulding HS	Away
Sept. 25	Central Carrollton HS	Home
Oct. 2	Southeast HS	Homecoming
Oct. 9	Ridgeland HS	Away
Oct. 16	LaFayette HS	Home
Oct. 23	LFO HS	Away
Oct. 30	Heritage HS	Away
Nov. 6	Sub Playoff	Away

In addition to football games, the band will be competing in two competitions and other special performances. Further details will be announced. If you have any questions, please call the Ringgold Band Office 706-965-4237

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Student Name (Printed) _____ Grade (09/10) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____ Email: _____

Instrument: _____ Color Guard _____ Band Manager _____
Please list

We have read and understand the Band Participation Agreement, and will fulfill the requirements as outlined above.
I also understand if a balance remains due on my student's account, the delinquent account will be turned over to Ringgold High School for collections, and is treated the same as any other outstanding student fee, including the resulting impact on the student's receipt of his/her diploma, parking passes, transcripts, etc...

Student (Signature): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

If you have more than one student in the marching band fill out a form for each child.

Tear off and place in envelope with your Deposit of \$150 by May 15, 2009
Mail to Ringgold Band Boosters, Inc., P.O. Box 924, Ringgold, GA 30736
Or place in Lock Box in the Ringgold High School or Ringgold Middle School Band Rooms.