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# Leesburg High School Band Program Information

Parent Checklist – *many forms (below) will ONLY be available at Parent Orientation Meetings.*

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 5/31 or 6/2 @ 6pm – **Attend New Parent Orientation** (or by appointment if necessary, email [director@swarmofsound.com](mailto:director@swarmofsound.com))
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register your contact info and class selection and select required supplies on [www.swarmofsound.com](http://www.swarmofsound.com)- must be fully paid by summers end. Due before Movement Camp
- \_\_\_\_\_ Here's the out-of-pocket cost: We ask that you pay the commitment fee ONLY by Marching Fundamentals Camp. The rest you can pay at the end of summer. We have a fundraising commitment also which we talk about at the new parent orientation meetings.
  - T-Shirt -\$11
  - Shorts - \$16
  - Ball Cap - \$13
  - Sling Bag - \$10
  - ½ Gallon Water Cooler - \$10
  - Marching Shoes - \$31 to \$36
  - Commitment Fee (pays for band camp too!) - \$90 for freshmen
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prepare and turn in Medical Waiver / Field Trip Release form (due at Marching Fundamentals Course)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Make a photocopy of insurance card and turn in (Due at Marching Fundamentals course or (if school insurance) once school starts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prepare and turn in Family Compact (Due at Marching Fundamentals Course - only available at information meetings)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Begin working on Corporate Sponsorship Fundraiser (form on [www.swarmofsound.com](http://www.swarmofsound.com))

## Camps

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- \_\_\_\_\_ **Marching Fundamentals Course** – 6/13, 6/14, 6/15 – Mon to Wed – 5:30 to 9:30, bring instrument, wear athletic shoes, shorts and t-shirt – bring water or Gatorade with you, and a snack if you want - *if you are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and already have a trip planned during the Marching Fundamentals Course, you must contact Mr. Fielder and schedule a makeup session with student leadership for later in summer – [director@swarmofsound.com](mailto:director@swarmofsound.com)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Summer Tuesdays Thursdays** – 6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21 - 5:30 to 8:30 – Required if you are in town, otherwise drop us an email (from your parents) to let us know when you are out of town so we keep you on the roster.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Band Camp** – This is a weird schedule this year and a shorter camp – school starts early, so we had to make some adjustments. There is a Sunday same clothing as Marching Fundamentals Course – bring packed lunch/dinner unless noted, we are on a weird schedule because school is starting 2 weeks early.
  - Friday 7/29 5:30p to 9:30p First Evening
  - Saturday 7/30 8:30a to 8:30a All Day (parent grill out dinner email [president@swarmofsound.com](mailto:president@swarmofsound.com) to volunteer)
  - Sunday 7/31 4:30p to 9:30p
  - Monday 8/1 12:30p to 9:30p
  - Tuesday 8/2 5:30p to 9:30p Section Fun Day Opportunity During Day
  - Wed 8/3 12:30p to 9:30p
  - Thurs 8/4 12:30p to 9:30p
  - Friday 8/5 12:30p to 8:30p
  - Friday 8/5 Band Camp Parent Closing Ceremony – parents come at 7pm

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A Parent's Guide to our philosophy on

# Time Commitment & Grading Policy

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*Marching Season runs concurrently with Football Season here at LHS and is the equivalent of an athletic team. The Leesburg High School Band is in its 90<sup>th</sup> season and is the **largest student organization** on campus with **120 members** from every walk of life. These students represent nearly every organization and athletic team on campus. They are future leaders who experience success by surrounding themselves with other successful people. **Any prior ideas of a “nerdy band member or band geek” are best checked at the door – those thoughts do not represent this high school program.***

## **All Band Members are required to be part of the marching band**

***Exceptions:** Varsity Football Players, Varsity Cheerleaders, and Varsity Volleyball Players, as well as those approved for Light Duty Marching Band (one season only – special permission from band director). The band shares members with athletics as part of a 50/50 program of time sharing and all students can participate in sports (most are encouraged to).*

**Students will earn the required Fine Arts Credit upon successful completion of the academic year and the achievement of a C or higher – every student must have this credit to graduate high school.**

## **After Marching Season - the time commitment becomes extremely light.**

*Marching season ends in November and instead of 10-12 hours of commitment per week, the students typically have 2.5 hours for the remainder of the school year. Many use this time for Winter/Spring sports and part-time jobs.*

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## **Grading Policy**

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The grading policy here is very simple: Just as in the workplace, a student cannot get “paid” for hours not worked. Similarly, for absences and tardies from band events, students will not receive points. My goal is to help parents raise future adults, not future dependents. The only problems that ever occur are from ignoring the published calendar, “accidental scheduling mistakes,” and assuming that a child deserves an exception because he/she has followed the rules up until that point.

Band members who earn an “A” schedule orthodontist appointments, driver’s license appointments, job interviews, doctor’s appointments, music lessons, visits to Grandma, parties, babysitting, and all other conflicts *on non-rehearsal days*. Band is important to the students and is a team. Students learn very quickly that the performance and image of their band suffers every time a person is missing. They take ownership of their image. They become very motivated to be on time - always ready and present. If they are upset about a scheduling conflict or being late, please support and *believe them!* We want today’s teenager to show they care about something beyond themselves and our members come to value their band a great deal.

*The creation of successful children occurs at home. All of our wonderful, talented, smart, and successful band members are a result of their parents. We are thankful for you. Join us in sending a common message to these wonderful young people that “anything worth doing is worth doing right.” Come volunteer and be a part of their life, they will appreciate it when they are older.*

# Money and Volunteering

For a period of time growing up we were quite poor and I was a child from a single parent household. We sometimes didn't have enough money for utilities and had to make do on very humble meals, yet I was always able to do band. We've come up with a system that enables all children to be able to participate - all of our fundraising is based on volunteer contribution and **SHOULD NOT BE OUT-OF-POCKET!** When you hear Expected Fundraising Contribution is \$65/month for 10 months of the school year, please keep that in mind.

## Required Items (gear, shoes, etc) *(depends on what you need)*

Check out the order form which is part of the registration form on [www.swarmofsound.com](http://www.swarmofsound.com). Please order carefully. There are selections that are specific to your child's gender and instrument and how many music classes he/she is involved in. This has to come out of pocket because these items are kept by the child and we cannot legally fundraise for something students keep. Think of it like shin guards, cleats, or a baseball glove but in a band context.

## Concert Uniform - \$0 to \$65 – order at Getzel's Downtown Leesburg

Black Bowtie, Black Cumberbund, Black Tux Pants with Satin Stripe, Black ¼ inch pleat wing collar tux shirt, black socks, please have by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## EFC (Expected Fundraising Contribution)

- *This is the anticipated amount of fundraising that is necessary to cover your child's participation in band activities.*
- **Nearly all of this can be earned by helping at our events!**
- You may pay out of pocket for a tax deduction, if you choose.
- **Fundraising opportunities** will be listed soon on the "Parents" tab at [www.swarmofsound.com](http://www.swarmofsound.com) and will be emailed out in advance of the opportunity. Please make sure we have your correct information.
- Standard fundraisers cannot cover trips

## Expected Fundraising Contribution (EFC) Schedule

August 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$65 raised/paid
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$65 raised/paid
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$65 raised/paid
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$65 raised/paid
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$65 raised/paid
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$65 raised/paid
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$65 raised/paid
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$65 raised/paid
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$65 raised/paid
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$65 raised/paid

### **EFC Incentive Discounts:**

- \$5 – 1 credit/child when a parent meeting is attended by parents
- \$5 - every time you chaperone an away event (parents)
- \$5 - per hour building props or assisting with the Summertime One Time Concession Stand Cleanup (parent participation only)
- \$5 – per hour assisting with uniforms

OVERNIGHT  
 OUT-OF-STATE  
 OFF CAMPUS

**LAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
**FIELD TRIP/SCHOOL ACTIVITY**  
**PARENT CONSENT/LIABILITY WAIVER/MEDICAL RELEASE**

Student \_\_\_\_\_ School LEESBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Club/Group/Class LHS BAND Supervising Faculty Member Gabriel Fielder, Charlene Iannaci, Jen Ramos, et al

Activity ALL LHS BAND EVENTS Location VARIES

Date & Time of Departure LHS BAND EVENTS 2016-2017 Date & Time of Return PLEASE SEE LHS BAND CALENDAR FOR DETAILS

Method of Transportation :  School Bus  Charter Bus  Private Car  Leased Vehicle  Walking  Other

**MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Does your child have any of the following conditions?

Epilepsy/Seizures  Yes  No Motion Sickness  Yes  No Diabetes  Yes  No

Any Medication  Yes  No Asthma/Wheezing  Yes  No Heart Disease  Yes  No

Muscular/Skeletal Problems  Yes  No Hemophilia/Bleeding Disorders  Yes  No

Is there any other condition which might possibly require treatment and/or medication during the trip? Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_If yes, you must complete and attach the Administration of Non-Prescription Medication Consent Form and/or the Administration of Prescription Medication Consent Form.

**PARENT CONSENT / LIABILITY WAIVER / MEDICAL RELEASE**

I/We hereby give permission for my child to accompany employees of the LCSB, acting as chaperones, to **All LHS Band Events** for the days indicated above. I/We will not hold the LCSB nor their agents or employees accompanying the group responsible for any accident or injury to my child/ward.

In the event my child/ward causes any property damage or personal injury, whether individually or in concert with other persons or entities, I/we agree to indemnify and hold harmless the LCSB, its agents and employees.

I/We have read all the information in regards to this trip. I/we are aware of guidelines of said trip and the number of chaperones which will accompany my/our child/ward.

I/We hereby grant permission to the attending physician or his consulting physicians, to render to my/our child/ward any emergency treatment, medical or surgical care that might be deemed necessary to the health and well-being of said child/ward. Also, when necessary for the administering

of such care, I/we grant permission for hospitalization at an accredited hospital.

I/We assume full responsibility and liability for any and all expenses, damage, accident, illness, injury or medical expense of and to my/our child/ward or my/our property resulting from such participation. I/We attest and affirm that the participant has no limitation that should prevent participation in the activity and I/we have not been advised or informed by anyone to the contrary.

I/We further agree to inform the appropriate school official(s) should my/our child/ward's physical condition change in any way and any time so as to affect his/her participation in the activity herein named.

I/We further relieve and release said LCSB from any liability in its failure to carry insurance upon my/our said child/ward.

Our/My child/ward has medical insurance  Yes  No If yes, you must complete and attach a copy of proof of insurance to this form.

Insurance Co \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address / City / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN ONLY IF CHILD/WARD IS GOING OUT-OF-STATE OR OVERNIGHT!**

\_\_\_\_\_(SIGN IN PRESENCE OF A NOTARY)

Parent/Guardian Signature

NOTARY STATEMENT STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF LAKE

On \_\_\_\_\_ before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity and that by his/her signature on the instrument, the person or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal \_\_\_\_\_

One copy must be retained by the administration and a duplicate copy must accompany the sponsor when leaving school property with students.

# LEESBURG HIGH SCHOOL BAND

## Director/Student/Parent Compact

### TIME COMMITMENT

Band is a group effort that requires 100% participation – unexcused absences (please see rubric on website) hurt a child's grade, hinders the learning of other students, and lowers the success of the team as a whole. Please make sure to regularly check the website calendar. **Please do not use participation in band as a punishment for your child. Band is the not the equivalent of less video game time or not going to the movies with friends.**

Initials
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**Director commitment** – We will hold your child to the highest standards of citizenship and musicianship with love, sacrifice of our time, and hard work. We will always give advance notice when adding to the calendar and we will not waste your family time, we will assist parents in any way possible to help their children grow into future adults, not future children.

Initials
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**Student commitment** - I will strive to think and act as a member of a team, avoid absences and tardies, be prepared, make myself aware of events, meet EFC Goal, communicate with parents, teachers, coaches, and band staff in advance. Not "hit my parents up for money" and claim that it was for band. I will accept challenges and meet them with hard work

Initials
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**Family commitment** – I/We will be personally aware of and commit to having child at all events on time (schedule is always on [swarmofsound.com](http://swarmofsound.com)); attend meetings when possible; support my/our child at performances; never use band participation as a punishment; assist student in meeting EFC Goal.

### FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

**Required Band Supplies** – see registration form on [www.swarmofsound.com](http://www.swarmofsound.com). In general if an item is in good condition it doesn't need to be replaced. These items cannot be fundraised because they are owned by parents/students and not retained by the school.

**EFC Goal** – \$65 fundraised per month for the 10 months of school. I cannot stress this enough: **THIS IS NOT AN OUT OF POCKET EXPECTATION.** This is each member's responsibility to pull his/her weight, hardship discounts cannot apply because of the nature of what EFC is.

**EFC Discounts:**

- \$5 per band parent meeting attended
- \$5 every time you chaperone an away event
- \$5 per hour spent building props or assisting with concession cleanup
- \$5 per hour helping with uniforms

Opportunities will be sent out via email and posted on the band web page.

**Please check one below:**

- I and/or my child will be participating in some of the many optional but easy to do fundraising opportunities and will endeavor to follow the schedule in the Parent's Guide to Money.
- We prefer monthly payments so we may take a tax deduction and we will follow the schedule in the Parent's Guide to Money. We will not be participating in fundraisers.

We have read the Parent's Guides on Money and Time Commitment (w/ Grading Policy) and we will make a pledge to honor these commitments by signing below.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent Signature)                      \_\_\_\_\_ (Student Signature)

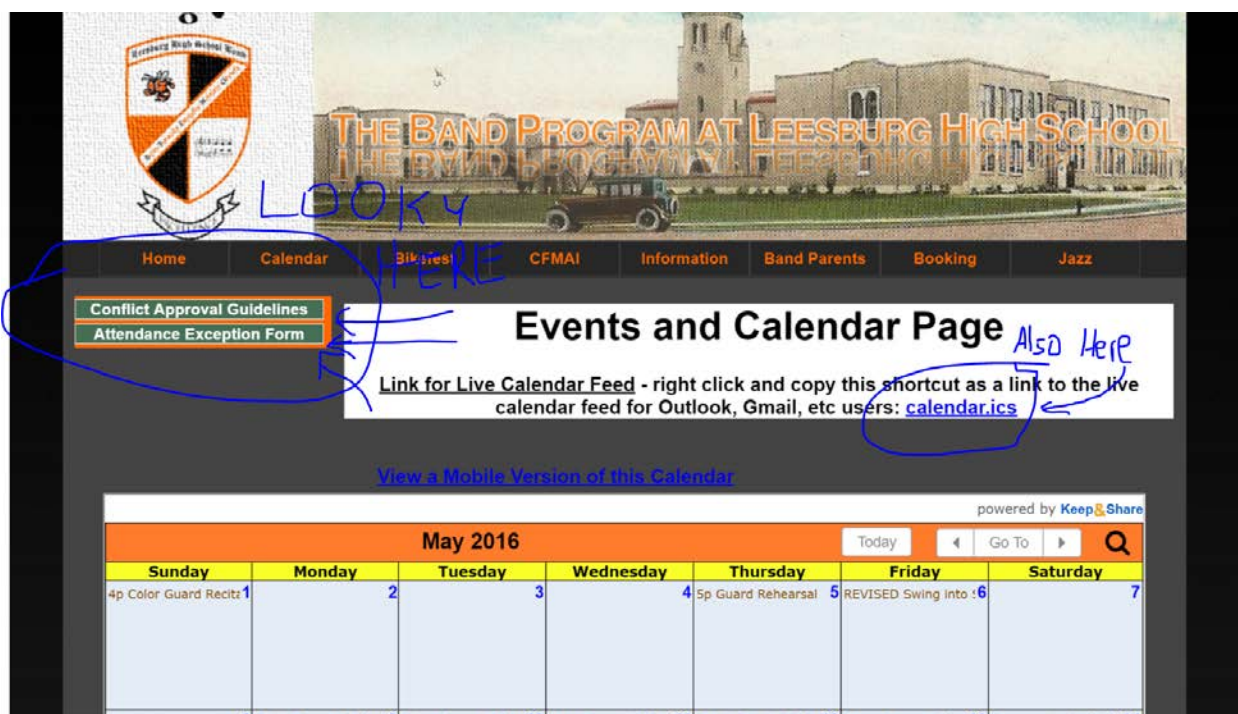
Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Section (Winds, Percussion Guard) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

# Band Calendar and Volunteer Information

We want to get everyone used to using the website [www.swarmofsound.com](http://www.swarmofsound.com) for information related to band events and volunteering.

## Calendar

- The calendar works best on Google Chrome or Internet Explorer. It is not fully Edge compatible (for Windows 10 users).
- **Handling the calendar:**
  - **Not Good** - ignore calendar 🙄
  - **Better** - frequently check via the website 😐
  - **Best** - import calendar to smartphone (that's a thing now). 🙌
    - If you have a smartphone you can import the band calendar by going to our website and clicking the link labelled on the picture below as "Also here"
- For the part that says "Looky Here" – These are conflict approval guidelines (some are pretty funny) and the attendance exception form.



## Volunteering

I will be using VolunteerSpot.com for next year's band events and that will be posted on the Parents tab at [www.swarmofsound.com](http://www.swarmofsound.com) along with info on how to become a volunteer. Stay tuned!



# Band Parents Association of Leesburg High School, Inc.

## 2016-2017 Corporate Sponsorship Drive

*Our program needs YOUR help to positively represent our school and community!*

*Greetings from the Band Parents Association of Leesburg High School, Inc.(BPALHS)!*

***The BPALHS is a Federal 501(c)3 Non-Profit Corporation** whose primary purpose is to fund the activities and provide infrastructure to the Leesburg High School Band Program. Our purpose is educational. We are an independent organization that helps support the music program in a manner that is satisfactory to the Lake County School District, LHS Administration, and Band Director of the Leesburg High School Swarm of Sound Band.*

***Our band hopes to expand by being able to offer the opportunity to those who do not have the means to participate.** In our program we have seven performing groups. We have a competitive color guard, two jazz bands, two concert bands, a marching band, and an indoor percussion ensemble. The LHS Band has received a consistent A rating (Superior) at all FBA events and was the first Lake County band in over 35 years to get straight superior ratings at the State Concert Band Festival back in 2009 – an accomplishment we've done again in 2010, 2013, 2014 and 2015! This makes our overall program among the top 10% in the state!*

*We provide over 95% of the funding necessary for the band to function. We are an organization that prides ourselves on service and not door-to-door sales of product which is why we reach out to partner with business. **In fact YOU are responsible for our existence – in 1926 small businesses came together and hired a director from Indiana to start the band at LHS.** This is truly a community band and as business owners we hope you will feel the sense of pride knowing that you have contributed to the lives of our youth.*

*This is where your generosity is vital. Please consider making a **tax-deductible donation** to these young men and women. You can be assured that 100% of your contribution will support our youth in their pursuit to enrich themselves and their community.*

Sincerely,  
The Band Parents Association of Leesburg High School, Inc.

### **Band Parents Association of LHS, Inc.**

#### **Executive Board**

Chris Semans  
*President*

Alex Ramos  
*Vice President*

Sonia Semans  
*Treasurer*

Linda Denby  
*Financial Secretary*

Lori Winter  
*Secretary*

Tony Winter  
*Member-at-Large*

#### **Instructional Staff**

Gabriel Fielder  
*Director*

Charlene Iannaci  
*Associate Director*



## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

### Patron Package - DONATION \$50 to \$149

- Recognition in our Central Florida Marching Arts Invitational (CFMAI) and Florida Band Master Association (FBA) Programs (exposure to numerous bands and drill units from all over the state)
- Recognition at our Annual Spring Prism Concert
- Free football ticket to one home game

### **Bronze Sponsor Package - DONATION \$150 to \$324**

#### THIS SPONSORS A CHILD FOR A QUARTER OF THE YEAR

- Recognition on our Sponsor Board (if received before the first home football game)
- A BUSINESS CARD SIZED AD in our Central Florida Marching Arts Invitational (CFMAI) and Florida Bandmasters Association (FBA) Programs (exposure to numerous bands and drill units from all over the state)
- Business Recognition Decal
- Recognition at our Annual Spring Prism Concert
- Listed on our Web Site as a sponsor the duration of the academic year

### **Silver Sponsor Package - DONATION \$325 to \$649**

#### THIS SPONSORS A CHILD FOR HALF A YEAR

- Recognition on our Sponsor Board (if received before the first home football game)
- A QUARTER PAGE AD in our Central Florida Marching Arts Invitational (CFMAI) and Florida Band Master Association (FBA) Programs (exposure to numerous bands and drill units from all over the state)
- Recognition at our Annual Spring Prism Concert
- Listed on our Web Site as a sponsor for the duration of the academic year
- **Business Name on BOTH sides of Truck which travels everywhere we go (and that's a lot of travel!)**
- **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL! Recognition on our band page in the Athletic Boosters Football Program (DONATION and AD MUST BE received by August 1, 2015)**

### **Gold Sponsor Package - DONATION \$650 to \$1299**

#### THIS LEVEL SPONSORS A CHILD FOR THE YEAR!

- All recognition of the Silver Sponsor Package +
- A HALF PAGE ADVERTISEMENT in our Central Florida Marching Arts Invitational (CFMAI) and Florida Band Master Association (FBA) Programs (exposure to numerous bands and drill units from all over the state)
- 2 complimentary Annual Passes to all band events. Including our dinner dances, concerts, and festivals (Please note: These passes are not for athletic events where the band participates such as football games, etc.)
- **Business Name on BOTH Sides of Truck which travels everywhere we go (and that's a lot of travel!) in LARGER LETTERING**
- **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL! ALL CAPS Recognition on our band page in the Athletic Boosters Football Program (DONATION and AD MUST BE received by August 1, 2015 to qualify)**

### **Platinum Sponsor Package – DONATION \$1,300 and up**

#### THIS LEVEL SPONSORS TWO CHILDREN OR MORE!

- All benefits of Gold Package with the following differences:
- A FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT in our Central Florida Marching Arts Invitational (CFMAI) and Florida Bandmaster Association (FBA) Programs (exposure to numerous bands and drill units from all over the state)
- LARGE ADVERTISEMENT ON OUR WEBSITE WITH YOUR LOGO
- **Business Name with PREMIUM SPOT (listing on both sides of truck and LOGO on back) of Truck which travels everywhere we go (and that's a lot of travel!)**
- Four Annual Passes to all band events (reservations may be required – does not include athletic events – includes dinner dances, concerts, and festivals – please visit [www.swarmofsound.com](http://www.swarmofsound.com) for a calendar)
- Verbal recognition at all home football games
- **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL! BOLD and ALL CAPS Recognition on our band page in the Athletic Boosters Football Program (DONATION and AD MUST BE received by August 1, 2015 to qualify)**



# Band Parents Association of Leesburg High School, Inc.

## Sponsor Application

- Ads are Black and White
- Email artwork to [director@swarmofsound.com](mailto:director@swarmofsound.com)
- *To be included on the sponsor board, applications need to be received two weeks prior to the first HOME game.*
- Missed deadlines are okay! Sponsorships are welcomed year round.

Name of Company / Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief description of your company / yourself in the box below that you would like added to the advertisement, please print or type. *(If no ad preference is indicated, we will supply a positive message to our bands on your behalf)*


Amount of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check or money order made payable to

Band Parents Association of Leesburg High School, Inc.  
1401 Yellow Jacket Way  
Leesburg, FL 34748

If a specific member of the LHS Swarm of Sound Band or Color Guard contacted you, please list their name for our records:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## THANK YOU!