



# Buzz & Beat

*Band Camp 2025 & Beyond!*

Band camps are quickly approaching! It truly takes a village to run marching band camp and the season. Volunteers are crucial to the success of the DeWitt Marching Band. Below you will find information on how to prepare and what to bring to band camp, volunteer opportunities and a fun event to celebrate the students' hard work!

## Band Camp Schedule & Information

**July 21 - 25:** Pre-Camp\*- *detailed schedule found by clicking the activity on the [DeWitt Bands calendar](#)*

**July 27 - August 1:** Band Camp- *see below for more details*

**August 4 - 7:** Post Camp\*- *detailed schedule found by clicking the activity on the [DeWitt Bands calendar](#)*

**August 4 - 8 :** Guard Camp\*

**\*No meals provided. Students bring lunch, snacks and water.**



### **Full Band Camp: July 27 - August 1**

**Sunday: 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Monday: 8:00 am - 9:00 pm**

**Tuesday: 8:00 am - 9:00 pm**

**Wednesday: 8:00 am - 9:00 pm**

**Thursday: 8:00 am - end of tailgate performance**

**Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

***Snacks & dinners provide***

### **Prepare Your Student for the Rigors of Camp**

Camp days are long, hot, and exhausting. Students, please prepare accordingly!

- Eat a good breakfast and pack nutritious lunches Monday through Thursday. No delivered lunches - campus is closed.
- A mid-morning snack (Monday - Friday) and dinner (Sunday - Thursday) will be provided.
- Pack/wear sunscreen, bug spray, hats, and large water canteens, pencil/highlighter.
- Print and bring music (flip folio for music is nice to have).
- Athletic shoes or drills (no flip flops).



### **Band Camp Registration- July 27 from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

This first day of camp is for parents and their students. Parents, please plan to spend about an hour registering your student in the DeWitt High School activities hallway (gym/auditorium/pool) followed by a short parents' meeting in the cafeteria at 3:00 pm.

Activities include:

- Order: drillmasters-aka *band shoes* (\$50) and gloves (\$14)
- Purchase Thursday tailgate tickets (\$6 each) and other band supplies
- Pay band fees and accessory charges (any remaining balance, drillmasters, school instrument fee, etc)\*
- Sign all 2025 marching band forms and waivers
- Sign up to volunteer

\* Credit card or check accepted. If you need to know your outstanding balance prior to registration, please contact the treasurer at [treasurer@dewittbands.org](mailto:treasurer@dewittbands.org).

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### **Band Family Tailgate and Presentation**

**When:** Thursday evening (dinner @ 5:00pm)

**Where:** Marching band practice field

**Cost:** \$6/person for dinner (hot dogs, chips, potato salad, drinks and dessert)

**What:** Come celebrate and see what our students have learned! After the students eat, they will perform. Feel free to bring a blanket or chairs.

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### **Volunteers/Supplies Needed for Camp!**

We need many hands to help during camp week and throughout the fall in order to have a successful marching band season. Current needs include:

- Assisting with uniform fitting - no sewing skills are necessary but with so many students to fit, your organizational skills are urgently needed!
- Providing support at the practice field as a field parent
- Assisting with prepping and serving dinner/snacks.
- Donating drinks and desserts.

A further listing of all our volunteer opportunities during band camp and throughout the fall is located at the end of this newsletter. You can also visit the new BoosterHub website: [Volunteer Opportunities](#)

We look forward to seeing new and familiar faces at camp!

DeWitt Public Schools requires a volunteer form to be completed every year. Click the [ICHAT](#) link or scan the QR code to the right to complete the 2025/2026 form.



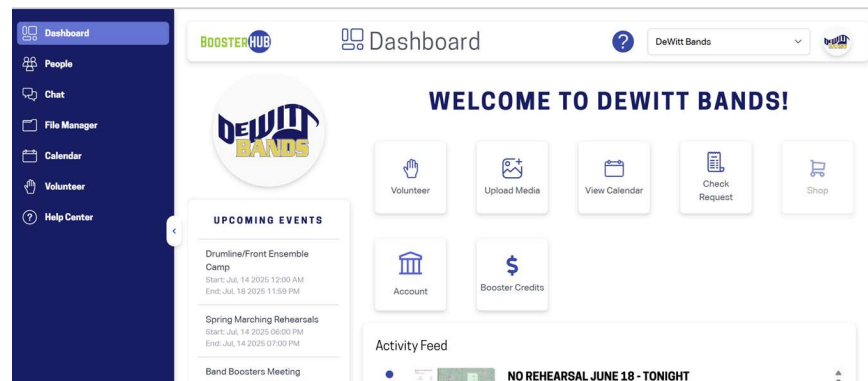
## News and Notifications

### ***BoosterHub Website is Here!***

A brand new DeWitt Bands website is here! With the new platform, you'll be able to find a calendar of events, pay registration fees, order spirit wear, sign-up for volunteer opportunities & more!

***Go to the Band app or [dewittbands.org](https://dewittbands.org) for registration information!***

Information is also shared on our Facebook page: DeWitt Bands - Panther Pride!



## Upcoming Events

**August 4:** Culver's Fundraiser

**August 9 - 10 :** Scrap Metal Drive

**August 11, 6 - 9 pm:** Monday Night Rehearsals Begin

**August 11 - 7 pm:** Band Booster Meeting

**August 16 - 9:15 am:** Ox Roast Parade

**September 2 - 4 pm:** Percussion Rehearsals Begin

**September 3 - 4 pm:** Wind and Guard Rehearsals Begin

**September 9 - 7 pm:** Band Booster Meeting

**September 27:** MCBA Competition #1- Grand Blanc High School

**October 4:** MCBA Competition #2- Lake Orion High School

**Dine at Culver's of DeWitt**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH FROM 5-9PM**

and we will donate a percentage of all sales to the:

**DEWITT BAND BOOSTERS**

DeWitt Band Boosters supports instrumental music instruction for all DPS bands—purchasing special instruction, instruments, music, uniforms and equipment for the benefit of student in DeWitt Schools.

**October 11:** DeWitt Marching Band Invitational

**October 13:** Band Booster Meeting

**October 25:** MCBA Preliminaries Hosted by DeWitt High School

**November 1:** MCBA State Finals- Ford Field

**November 7:** Apple Pie Making

**November 8:** Craft Show

Please check the [DeWitt Bands calendar](#) for times and the most updated information.

SALE COMING  
● FALL 2025

## DeWitt Bands

### Spirit Wear Rummage Sale



#### Donation Drop-Off Dates

**July 27**  
Band Camp Registration  
**July 31**  
Band Family Tailgate  
**August 15-16**  
DeWitt Ox Roast  
Arts Festival

Clean out your closets and support the DeWitt Band Boosters at our gently used school spirit wear sale! Whether it's old DeWitt tees, team sweatshirts, or anything that shows Panther pride and deserves an encore performance — give it new life and help raise funds for our amazing band program.

**ANY SIZE**  
**ANY SPORT**  
**ANY ACTIVITY**

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Who can be a band booster?

If your student is in band, you are a band booster! This group works diligently to coordinate fundraisers, host competitions, build props and more. There are always coordinator positions available.

The following positions are waiting for you!

- Volunteers Co-Chair
- Uniforms Co-Chair
- Communications Co-Chair
- Sponsorship Co-Chair

Band Booster meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm in the DHS band room. Check the calendar for more information.

*Not ready to do it alone? Ask a friend! Many coordinator/chair positions can be filled with two (or more) people.*

If that's still too much, volunteer for events or sign up to donate items. The next pages highlight the many volunteer opportunities we have coming up over the next few months!

Please email [president@dewittbands.org](mailto:president@dewittbands.org) or come to the next booster meeting to get more information and ask questions.

### ICHAT Requirement for Volunteers

[Form](#) is found on the DeWitt Public School website under the human resources tab. You can also access by scanning this QR code:



The DeWitt Band Boosters is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports instrumental music programs in DeWitt Public Schools for grades 6-12. It accepts and appreciates any financial gifts.

Questions or something to share: reach out to us at [communications@dewittbands.org](mailto:communications@dewittbands.org)





# Volunteers Needed.

The success of the DeWitt Bands wouldn't be possible without our amazing volunteers. Whether helping at events or supporting behind the scenes, your time makes a big difference!

♥ Join us and help keep the music going strong!

👉 Register & sign up at: [dewittbands.boosterhub.com](http://dewittbands.boosterhub.com)

✉ Questions? Email: [volunteer@dewittbands.org](mailto:volunteer@dewittbands.org)

**We need YOU!**



2025 Volunteer Coordinator  
Emily Berghorn



# Band Camp

Band Camp is the exciting kickoff to our Marching Band season, with camps in July and August for Color Guard, Drumline, and the full Marching Band. These camps are an amazing opportunity for students to bond, learn their roles, and get their first look at the year's show.

We're looking for awesome volunteers to support our students during Marching Band Camp week.

A few ways to help:

- ✓ Serve as a Field Parent – keep students safe & hydrated
- ✓ Assist with Evening Food Service
- ✓ Donate Supplies for the week
- ✓ Provide support for uniform fittings

Don't miss out on Thursday's cookout & show preview! Tickets will be for sale at Band Camp registration.

It's a great way to support the band and kick off the season with our amazing community!



# Camp Dinners & Concessions

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our DHS Band Camp Dinners & Concessions crews! Your support is vital in helping with Band Camp dinners, running concessions at the DeWitt Invitational and MCBA State Prelims, and the annual Band Boosters Craft Show.

Whether you can give a few hours or help regularly, your time and energy will make a big difference. Join us in supporting our talented students and keeping these important events running smoothly!



2025 Camp Dinners & Concessions Chairs:  
Angela Straus  
Suzie Unruh



# Scrap Metal Drive

DeWitt Bands is looking for volunteers for our annual Scrap Metal Drive! Your support helps fund our amazing band programs—come lend a hand and make a difference!



Some of the roles available:

- Event setup – tent & signage setup
- Food & beverage donations
- Drivers w/trucks & trailers to pick up scrap
- Scrap unloading & sorting
- "Yard" sales
- Metal sorting expert "Supervisor"
- Overnight security
- Parking lot cleanup
- Delivery of scrap to Padnos post-event



2025 Scrap Metal Drive Chair:  
Chris Lau





# Ox Roast & Raffle

The DHS Marching Band is proud to march in the annual Ox Roast Parade—always a community favorite!

New last year, the DeWitt Band Boosters added a booth at the event, featuring spirit wear, apple pie pre-orders, and our long-running DeWitt Bands Raffle.



This fun tradition gives community members the chance to win a private performance by the marching band at a location of their choice.

Be sure to stop by the booth to show your support, grab some gear, and get your raffle tickets for a chance to bring the band to you!

**2025 Raffle Chair:**  
Andrea McDonnell



# Invitational

Our Marching Band Invitational is one of the biggest events of the season, and we need your help to make it a success!

No matter how much time you can give, your support is essential—and greatly appreciated!



Opportunities include event setup, parking, ticket sales, concessions, band hosts, timekeepers, judge support, crowd control, merchandise sales, food runners, and more.

We also rely on donations of food and drinks, plus help with cleanup and teardown at the end of the event.

**2025 Invitational Chair:**  
Eliisa Bernosky



# Props & Pit



Help bring the show to life by supporting the design, construction, painting, assembly, movement, and transport of props and front ensemble equipment.

It takes a team—many hands make light work, and we need lots of helping hands to make it all happen!

The Props & Pit Crew is essential for logistics at home games, home playoffs, & competitions—including loading and unloading trailers, assembling props, and providing sideline support.



**2025 Props & Pit Chairs:**  
George Berghorn  
Brooke Broughton  
Ian Broughton



# MCBA Prelims

In addition to our Invitational, we're excited to also be hosting the MCBA State Semi-Finals—an even bigger event that brings in 2 flights of bands, more spectators, and requires even more volunteer support!



Many of the same roles are needed, but we do have longer hours and more positions to fill.

Whether you can help at one event or both, we'd love to have you on board—your time and energy make these incredible days possible for our students and guests!



**2025 MCBA Prelims Chair:**  
Elissa Bernosky





# Apple Pies



One of our biggest fundraisers of the year!



Our annual Band Pie Sale is a beloved tradition—our community looks forward to these delicious homemade pies every year! It's also a favorite for our students, who have a blast making them while jamming out to music.



**2025 Apple Pie Chairs:**  
Rhonda Berns  
Mindy Render

To keep this fun and festive event running smoothly, we need additional parent and volunteer support on Pie Making Day. Come be a part of the fun and help us make this year's sale the best one yet!



# Sponsorships

The DeWitt Band Boosters are seeking sponsorship partners to support our student musicians and growing program.

Our tiered benefits program offers great visibility based on sponsorship level.

Leads are always welcome, and if you're interested in helping with outreach, we'd love your support!

Together, we can keep the music going strong!

**2025 Sponsorship Chair:**  
George Berghorn



# Band Boosters Craft Show

Be Part of the Magic at the DeWitt Band Boosters Craft Show!

Our annual Craft Show is one of our biggest and most exciting events—and we can't do it without you!

Plenty of ways to help, including:

- ✂ Setup the evening before
- 📅 Early morning vendor check-in and setup
- 🛒 Vendor support during the day
- 🍷 Concessions & pie sales
- 🚚 Vendor load-out
- 🧹 Event cleanup

There's a role for everyone—no matter your schedule! Be sure to sign up and join us in creating a fun and welcoming event for our community!



**2025 Craft Show Chair:**  
Becky Austin



# Other opportunities



🎵 Volunteer • Donate • Get Involved

Volunteers are a huge part of the DeWitt Bands formula for success. Whether you can lend your time, unique skills, or helpful resources, we have a place for you!

- ✅ Special skill or talent?
- ✅ Know someone with a truck or trailer?
- ✅ Short on time but willing to donate supplies?

Visit the Volunteer module on BoosterHub to see the latest opportunities to volunteer or donate.

A few wish list items:

- 🚚 Enclosed trailer(s) & drivers for prop transport
- 🎨 Painting supplies (rollers, trays, tape, etc.)
- 📏 Large tarps for prop storage

Don't forget to complete your annual Volunteer Background Check/ICHAT. Scan here:



💙 Thank you for supporting DeWitt Bands!

Don't see your niche? That's okay! **LET'S CHAT!**

**2025 Volunteer Coordinator:**  
Emily Berghorn