

MUNSTER



BAND BACKERS

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As our children get older, there are fewer opportunities to stay involved with their activities. By the time they are juniors or seniors in high school, we come to realize that their years living in our homes are coming to an end as they come closer to moving away to college or on to their adult life. Don't miss these waning years of supporting your child's activities. Get to know their friends and other band parents.

The Munster Band Backers offers us a great opportunity to make their years in the Munster band program truly a family activity.~

Band Backers would like to offer as many opportunities as possible for each student to earn part of their trip expenses by participating in fundraisers specifically planned for that purpose. If you have any experience with past successful fundraising efforts with this or any other organization, or have some ideas to share regarding fundraising, please tell us about it.

Participation Points

For students to earn the most possible money to offset the expenses of the semi-annual band trips, Band Backers plans and facilitates various fundraisers and activities throughout the year.

By volunteering at these fundraisers and other activities, the student and parents/guardians can earn participation points, commonly referred to as "points". Through this "points" system, the volunteer hours of both parents/guardians (who are paid Band Backers members) and band members are recorded and converted into points. Various activities equate to a set number of points.

In January of a trip year, the total number of points earned by all band members and parents during the past two school years are added up and divided by the total amount of money allocated by the Band Backers to this program. (This amount is determined based on the income from fundraisers and other budgetary considerations.) In that way, a monetary value is calculated for each point. Lastly, the number of each individual band member's points (in combination with their parents' points) are multiplied by that amount and converted into "Student Reserved Dollars" in that student's name. Depending on the level of involvement in Band Backer activities and fundraisers, and the success of Bandbacker sponsored fundraisers, this amount can easily be in the hundred's.

The purpose of the Participation Points program is to provide every student with the means of earning money toward his/her band trip. It is our sincere wish that not one student is ever excluded from participating in a band trip due to lack of funds.

See the back of this sheet, "Participation Points Munster Band Program 2006-2007", for more details about the Points program.

PARTICIPATION POINTS MUNSTER BAND PROGRAM 2006-2007

DEFINITIONS:

POINTS: the numerical value given to a parent or student's hours of, or degree of, participation in a band activity. (Chairpersons positions earn more points than simply working assigned hours, Band Backer office holders earn set hours for their office, etc.)

STUDENT RESERVED DOLLARS: the monetary value of those points.

SIGN IN - Parents and students are responsible for signing in during the event. If you neglect to sign-in on the sheet provided by the committee chairperson, you will receive no participation points. If you do not provide the times you arrived and departed on the sign-in sheet, you will receive the minimum points allocated for the event.

PARENTS - If your name is different from your student's last name, please make a note.

STUDENTS - Please sign in legibly using your name, not a nickname.

We want everyone to receive their points.

**** ONLY parents/guardians who are paid Munster Band Backers members will receive parent points.**

**** All students will receive the points that they earned.**

**** Points will be converted to dollars after a dollar amount is approved.**

**** A Student's Reserved Dollars can be used for band trips and musical instruments ONLY.**

**** The Student's Reserved Dollars will remain in their account until they use the funds for a band trip or musical instrument. If a musical instrument is purchased, a receipt must be presented to the band director.**

**** If a student graduates or quits the band program, their points and/or reserved dollars can be transferred to a younger family member who is active in the band program, or who will be active in the band program during that calendar year. (For example, a senior graduating in June 2008 with a sibling starting in the middle school band program in August 2008.) No cash will be distributed.**

**** If a student has no sibling in, or coming into, the Munster band program, their reserved dollars will be transferred back to the general fund at the time of their separation from band. No cash will be distributed.**

**** Points are recorded by calendar year, and assigned a monetary value in January of a trip year.**

**** Band Backers will determine the amount of money that will be available for distribution through the points system.**

**** Money will be distributed into the students' accounts using the formula below:**

$$\text{DOLLAR AMOUNT PER POINT} = \frac{\text{TOTAL DOLLARS ALLOCATED TO PROGRAM}}{\text{TOTAL POINTS EARNED BY ENTIRE BAND}}$$

**** Any outstanding money due to Band Backers will be deducted from the Student's Reserved Dollars and transferred back to Band Backer's general fund.**