

Battle of the Bands is our own SCSBOA field show tournament (“marching band festival”). It is our biggest one-day fundraiser of the year, raising money for our *entire* music program, and involves roughly 200 volunteer positions.

We ask that *all* students and parents in *all* of the music and color guard programs please work at *least* one shift. (Some parents will be working for essentially all three days, including Friday setup and Sunday cleanup!) We would also appreciate if families who don’t have a student in marching band would consider covering evening shifts, during which our own marching band will be performing and thus require uniform, prop, and equipment support.

For any questions about any aspect of the event, contact the Tournament Director at botb@moorparkmusic.org.

Flow of Vehicles & People

Parking Attendants direct busses to proper locations, monitor parking entrances to keep spectator cars out, and answer questions of passersby. Not the most exciting job (bring a book!), but *extremely* important – for spectator and participant safety, steady flow of the event, and engagement with other schools – and *must* be filled!

Band Check-In volunteers welcome visiting band directors as they arrive, instruct them where to go, and provide an overview of the show so that participants know what they are doing and where. An important “first impressions” role that sets the tone of our interactions with other schools, and the pace of the event, so that all runs smoothly.

Top and Bottom Ramp volunteers control the flow of spectators and (more significantly) bands up and down the western ramp to the stadium field, interfacing with each other as well as between the field marshal and band guides (MHS students who lead each band to and from warm-up areas) to keep the tournament running smoothly.

Pit Gate Crew do the same thing at the visitor side, maintaining flow to and from the field from the north side.

Ushers close stair entrances (esp. on each side of the press box) to prevent interruptions during performances.

Food & Vending Services

Hospitality volunteers serve food, keep drinks and snacks stocked, and clear tables and trash in the teachers’ lounge, where we provide respite to band directors, coaches, and judges, keeping them comfortable and happy.

Food Court/Grab & Go volunteers prep food, serve customers, and serve as cashiers. We offer hamburgers, hot dogs, cold drinks, and quick items (e.g. apples and Cup Noodles). The last shift helps pack-up as things wind down.

Ticket Sales volunteers sell wristbands (“tickets”) and event programs at all three entrances to the stadium.

Beanie/T-shirt volunteers sell Battle of the Band t-shirts and consignment beanies near the top of the stands.

Button Booth volunteers sell custom-made buttons, both pre-printed and customer-designed on the spot.

Administration

Command Central is the main hub from which we control facilities, manage services, and provide coordination of the entire event, including volunteer check-in and -out, monitoring of communications, and handling of any crises.

Facilities volunteers build the infrastructure, establish supply chains, and relocate supplies throughout the event.

- The Friday shift sets up lights, tables, chairs, tents, trashcans, signage, and the judges’ platform.
- The morning shift prepares the field and delivers supplies throughout campus.
- The daytime shift responds to ongoing needs as they arise, including transporting ice, people, and trash.
- The evening shift monitors lights, trash, and MHS band needs, and begins tear-down and clean-up.

Judge Runners collect score sheets and voice recorders from judges after each performance, deliver them to Command Central, and keep snacks and coffee flowing from the Hospitality room to the judges’ platform.