

Band Booster Description/Purpose:

The Shawnee Mission South High School Band Booster Club, Inc. is a Kansas Nonprofit Corporation. The purpose of the Band Booster Club, as stated in the Bylaws, is "...to promote, organize and finance musical activities and performances, trips and social events in connection with the Shawnee Mission South High School bands."

The Booster Club's business meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Band Room. Occasionally there are exceptions so check the Calendar page. All Band Booster Club members are encouraged to attend!

Dues Associated with the SMS Band Program and Booster Club

- Mr. Adams' Band dues go to the Band Account at South, not the Booster Club. These dues pay for the annual band t-shirt, dry cleaning at the end of the season, some of our social activities (think snacks!), and contribute to the annual expenses of the program including supplies, registration fees, and sheet music.
- Band Booster Club membership dues are \$30 per family. These dues, along with Booster fundraising income, pay for marching instruments, band equipment, social activities and student awards. Visit the "Mr. Adams' Wish List" page on the website to see what his top needs are at this time.

Band Booster Club volunteers are vital to the SMS band program. Getting to know the students and other parents is a wonderful bonus to volunteering. From the smallest task to chairing a committee, there is something to fit everyone's schedule. Please get involved in some way!

Important contributions we make to the Rompin' Stompin' Raider Band include:

- Distributing and collecting marching uniforms
- Providing water to the marching band after performances
- Contributing to the Beach Party during camp and the Banquet in May
- Honoring our seniors in the fall and spring
- Selling spirit wear in the stands with Green and Gold
- Planning family events such as the potluck dinner, chili supper, and Evening of Jazz
- Maintaining the band website
- Planning and administering the Germany and Florida trips

The Booster Club funds the Overland Park portion of the longstanding exchange program with our sister city of Bietigheim-Bissingen. This Exchange is the "crown jewel" of the program that Mr. Adams has built at South. Booster volunteers work hard to make the visit a wonderful experience for the German students. In early June 2011, a group of South band students had "the trip of a lifetime" to Germany to learn about the culture of the German students who visited Overland Park in April. To learn more, read Mr. Adams' blog on the website.

To find out more about the Band Booster Club, please attend a Board meeting or ask a "seasoned" band parent.