

It is a great moment in the SOGO history to have so many willing and helpful members. Because we continue to grow in numbers, some positions need specific guidelines. It is my hope the guidelines below allow for a harmonious experience for all our members.

Spirit of Great Oak Marching Band and Guard Chaperone Guidelines

CHAPERONES will consist of 10 pre-planned CONFIRMED parents; these parents MUST ride the bus to and from all events. After you sign up for an event the volunteer coordinator will contact you by email, text or phone call, YOU MUST reply with your confirmation to secure your spot. If you do not respond within 24 hours, the lack of action will be considered a DECLINE and the spot will be filled with another parent. There will be 2 CHAPERONES per bus with a total of 5 buses. Occasionally this may change.

ONLY THE 10 DESIGNATED CHAPERONES WILL BE GIVEN A WRISTBAND.>If you choose to ride on the bus for the event as a spectator you will not be given a wristband.

THE MANY HATS CHAPERONES WEAR DURING AN EVENT

- 1) CHAPERONES are to ASSIST the kids move ALL equipment to and from rehearsal area.
- 2) ASSIST with hospitality to quickly provide water when hospitality (Jane Smith) instructs chaperones to do so at the directors discretion.
- 3) PLUME SHAKOS.
- 4) PUSH equipment on to and off the field at the appropriate time.
- 5) COLLECT SHAKOS after the show as kids return to bus area, then chaperones stay with the kids until they have ALL left the bus area after changing.
- 6) SIT near our kids after they have returned to the stands to watch the remaining show and awards. WALK BACK TO THE BUS WITH KIDS.
- 7) DO ATTENDANCE prior to your bus leaving the event.
- 8) At arrival to GOHS, FINAL SWEEP of bus for items left behind.

**Staying with the kids through the entire evening is necessary, there should not be any chaperones leaving to sit in the opposite side of stands because they think their job is done.

There will be a total of 4 wristbands available to the signed up, PRE-PLANNED CONFIRMED PIT CREW. Three of these wristbands can be in a rotation of members; one is permanently for the Equipment/Tow dad. These are for the dads that work on and push the bridge. The bridge is a work in progress and needs knowledgeable hands. The bridge is in 4 separate pieces and a chaperone can assist each pit dad with pushing it to and from the field. The remaining CHAPERONES become auxiliary pit crew and pushes equipment. It will take ALL 14 (chaperones and pit crew) to move equipment to field.

The total of 14 WRISTBANDS will be handed out by Don Smith; CHAPERONE COORDINATOR

**** AS A PARENT, IF YOU DRIVE TO THE EVENT YOURSELF and choose to help the band, you WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING YOUR OWN WRISTBAND. We simply will not have enough.**

****Administering of Tylenol/ibuprofen requires Parental approval and oversight of an adult present.**

****ALL Chaperones must be adults**

On behalf of The Spirit of Great Oak, your support and efforts are greatly appreciated.

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