

# NNHS MARCHING BAND E-NEWSLETTER

June 1, 2010

## *Welcome to the NNHS Marching Huskies!*

To the new students who expressed interest in joining the NNHS Marching Huskies, and their parents/guardians, and to our veteran students and parents/guardians:

Welcome! This is the introductory issue of our electronic newsletter that will help you and your parents understand what's going on with marching band. It will be sent again before each of the rookie clinics, but then will be sent weekly starting just before band camp, until the end of the marching band season. We know that some of you haven't yet made up your minds about marching band; when you decide to join the band, you can confirm your interest by returning your registration forms and trip deposit (details below) - by July 1st, please!

**The 2010 NNHS Marching Huskies Handbook was mailed May 21.** We hope you received your copy of the 2010 NNHS Marching Huskies Handbook. If you did not, please contact one of the Marching Band Parent Volunteer Co-Chairs, Anne or Teri (contact information at the bottom of the newsletter) to get a handbook. The handbook contains information about fees and their due dates, registration forms, rookie clinics, summer music rehearsals, band camp dates, the performance schedule, contact information for section leaders and committee chairs, and a whole lot of other information! The handbook has been (or will soon be) posted at the NNHS Friends of Music website ([nnhsmusic.org](http://nnhsmusic.org)) under the Marching Band Downloads & Links page; click [here](#) to get to the page that contains the handbook and forms. Please feel free to contact Anne or Teri if you have any questions about marching band or the information in the handbook.

**Ribfest, July 4th, is the first of our major fundraisers.** The marching band participates in 2 very important fundraisers, which help to pay for many of the marching band's props and costumes, and many other needed items. The first of these fundraisers takes place on Sunday, July 4th, at Ribfest in Naperville. You will soon receive information in email from parent volunteer Derke Price, the Ribfest fundraising coordinator. Your attendance at this event will help us claim additional bonus money provided to the group with the largest number of volunteers, so please respond to his emails. Derke will supply the details, but essentially, as volunteers, we get in to Ribfest for free, so there is an opportunity to see the shows and the fireworks! Stay tuned for more information from him.

## **Trip Deposit and 3 Marching Band Registration Forms Due July 1**

The non-refundable Disney trip deposit (\$200) is due July 1 to Friends of Music Treasurer, Vicki Paavilainen. The Disney trip is January 3-7, and is optional. **If your student is going to Disney, please make your check payable to NNHS Friends of Music.** Details about the trip are still being worked out; we will provide information as soon as hotel, bus, and park arrangements are finalized.

The following forms (in the handbook, also at the Marching Band Downloads & Link [page](#)) are also due July 1:

- **2010 Marching Huskies Commitment Form:** completed and signed, by both student and parent (all band participants, including musicians, drum majors, color guard, and actors)
- **Health/First Aid Permission Form:** complete both sides, must be signed by parent (all band participants, including musicians, drum majors, color guard, and actors)
- **Uniform Measurement Form:** include all measurements (all band participants, including musicians, drum majors, and actors. Color Guard does NOT need to turn in this form).

Please send the non-refundable trip deposit and completed forms to Vicki Paavilainen at 986 Huntleigh Drive, Naperville, IL, 60540 by July 1st.

**Color Guard Mini-Camp at NNHS (Optional), June 14 - 18** - Optional camp sponsored by Northern Lights Winter Guard, where color guard members can build their skills. The information and registration form can be found [here](#). You can also show up to camp with your form and fee payment. For more information contact [Roberta Smith](#), 630-219-3898.

**Rookie Clinics, July 6 and 20, 9 am - 12 noon** - All new members (musicians and color guard, actors optional) are expected to attend AT LEAST ONE of these sessions. See handbook for details.

**Summer Music/Guard Rehearsals, July 6 and 20, 6 - 9 pm** - These rehearsals prior to Band Camp are not required for musicians and color guard, but please make every effort to attend as getting ahead start on the music and guard skills will make Band Camp smoother for all involved. See handbook for details.

**Band Camp Dates are August 3-5, and Aug 9-13.** Details can be found in the handbook.

### **Please Consider Volunteering with the Marching Band**

*The marching band always needs volunteers and many of you signed up at one of the April/May parent meetings. If you were not able to attend one of these meetings, and would like to volunteer, there are many areas in which we can use your help. Contact Anne or Teri, or the chair of the committee(s) you would like to volunteer with. If you think you would like to be a chaperone for any of the competition trips, you **must** be fingerprinted to ride the bus. Please contact Anne Stickley Michel to have your name submitted (send you full name, address and phone number) and you will be contacted to schedule your fingerprinting.*

**Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting the newest band members and welcoming the returning veterans!**

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