

# MCHS Band Boosters

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The Montezuma-Cortez High School Marching Panthers are  
**Five-Time State Champions.**

We live in a small town, barely within the boundaries of Colorado, but this town is **on the map** when it comes to Marching Band.

**YOU make that happen.**

The MCHS Band Boosters have been in action for over fifty years. As of 2005, we are a 501(3)C not-for-profit organization. **This organization is successful.** On average, we raise over \$20,000 per year. Every penny of that goes right back into the band program. We rely on the participation of every single band parent to make this happen. We are fortunate to support such talented students, who are guided by incredibly talented staff. Our success depends entirely on volunteers. The more volunteers, the less time any one individual will be required to assist.



## Meetings

We hold meetings on the first Monday of every month, at 6:00 p.m., in the band room. Check the web site ([www.mchsbandboosters.com](http://www.mchsbandboosters.com)) for updates on special meetings. Our bylaws are also available online. If you sign up for our e-mail list, we will e-mail you MCHS Band Booster news.

## Fund Raising

We hold several fundraisers per year. These fundraisers help offset the cost of traveling to competition and the cost of band camp. The band director holds special fundraising for the students to help pay for individual costs (special trips, fees, etc). Our fundraisers are:

- Fall Raffle
- Concessions (Football and Softball)
- Community Appreciation Concert (Chili Dinner)
- Silent Auction (Spring)
- Spring Raffle
- Magazine Sales (online)
- City Market Cares
- Toner Cartridge Cell Phone Recycling
- Car Washes and Bake Sales

We have other fundraisers throughout the year. We need every single band parent to participate. We do not charge a fee or membership cost. We rely entirely on band parent volunteers. The money we raise is sent back to you by supplementing travel costs, food costs, etc. If we did not raise this money – TOGETHER – the cost of putting one student through a year of band would be substantial.

## Committees

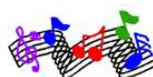
Every parent should plan on signing up **for one or more committees**:

**Phone Tree Committee:** These people call band parents to remind them of upcoming meetings, events, and fundraisers.

**Food Committee:** This group of parents helps plan and prepare meals for the students while they are at competitions and band camp in the summer.

**Public Relations Committee:** This group prepares news articles for the paper and radio stations. They also help with advertising events.

**Marching Band Uniform Committee:** These parents help keep track of and maintain the band uniforms. Each Student is issued a uniform, and this committee is responsible for their care. At competitions, the uniforms are on the “band wagon” with a check



out/check in system. We are always looking for parents volunteers to help with uniform assignment and the check-in and out process.

**Fund Raising Committee:** These parents help to organize and plan fund raisers.

**Raffle Committee:** Occasionally, the Band Boosters conduct raffles. At this time, we are not independently licensed and rely on the Cortez Chamber of Commerce license to hold a raffle. The licensed agent from the Cortez chamber must be present for all raffle drawings.

## Services

**Pit Crew:** When the band performs a staff of parents is needed to help setup the pit. These parents carry equipment onto the field and set it in place; the podiums for the drum majors, sound equipment, percussion instruments, etc. When the band is competing, they are timed. Their time begins when the first person steps onto the field and time ends when the last person leaves the field. Therefore, it is important that parents not get too anxious to enter the field early.

**Sponsors:** A sponsor's job on a band trip is much like that of Mom or Dad. You are there to help the band in any way necessary to help the trip or activity run smoothly. You will be expected to enforce the schedule and expectations as defined by the band director. Chaperones help maintain order and supervise the students. Some parents are also needed to help drive vehicles to and from events. We need chaperones for these major events during the year: Band Camp (last week in July), Delta (early October), Grand Junction (early to mid October) and State (late October). We usually have one more trip – either a BOA competition or similar – that the kids compete in. We need sponsors for all of these events.

**Band Camp:** Each year our students participate in our own band camp at Adam's State College in Alamosa. This camp helps us get our show started. This year (2008) we opted to have the camp in Cortez, to save money and to focus on the program. We may have it out of town next year – it's up to Mr. Ritthaler. If we do, this is how it works:

Our band booster group provides sponsors for the camp. The sponsors cook and prepare the student's meals, and act as "Mom and Dad" during the trip. This helps us reduce our cost to each student for the camp. We need at least 4-6 parents that are able to go to the camp each summer. The camp is held during the last week of July every year.

We realize that this time is precious in the summer, but we need the help. You can come for a few days or the entire week. Please plan some time for band camp this next year! It's a lot of fun!

Each student in band must attend this camp. There is a fee for the camp, due the week before camp begins. Contact the band director for more information.

