

Band Aide Duties

Band Aides are band students from those HEBISD junior high schools that “feed” into L.D. Bell. Band Aides accompany the L.D. Bell Blue Raider Band to every football game as members of the Band support team.

Duties include:

- Holding doors open for the band.

Band Aides hold the band hall doors open when the band goes to and from the field to practice before a game. This is to facilitate the traffic in/out of the band hall.

When the band leaves the school for a game, Band Aides again hold the band hall doors open. Also, two Band Aides run down to the exterior doors by the busses and have those open when the band goes through. Once all band members are through, the Band Aides board the first bus (with the flutes). The drums are also loaded on that bus and two or more Band Aides must sit in the back of the bus with the drums to hold them in place while the bus is moving.

On return to school after a game, the Band Aides “hustle” to get to the exterior doors and the band hall doors before the band does so that they can hold them open. The exterior doors that are used on return are the ones by the tennis courts.

- Handing out water.

Bottled water is carried on the band trucks. The truck drivers unload the water, and the Band Aides help move the water to the distribution point. As band members file from the busses into the stadium, Band Aides hand a water bottle to each member.

After the band is in the stands, water is handed out as needed and/or as requested; the water is kept so that it is readily available. The truck drivers load unused water back onto the trucks at the end of the game.

- Handing out and collecting plumes.

The plumes that the band members wear on their shako hats are stored in boxes that are carried on the band trucks. The plumes are handed out when the band files out of the stands before halftime, and retrieved when the band comes off the field after their halftime performance.

- Collecting trash.

At halftime when the band is on the field is when the Band Aides collect any trash and empty water bottles from the stands occupied by the band. When the band files out of the stands after a game, Band Aides will hold trash bags for the band member to deposit any trash that they carry out of the stands.

- Props

The truck drivers unload the props and assemble them. Band Aides assist as they are able.

Band Aide Expectations – 2015

1. **Eat** something nutritious **before** call time.
2. **Meet** at the loading dock by the band hall at call time (usually 5:00 PM) and wear appropriate attire including your Band Aide shirt and athletic shoes (no flip flops).
3. **Be alert** to band movement and be holding doors open **before** band members arrive. Continue to hold doors open until everyone is through.
4. **Work** as a group to pick up trash at half-time. After trash pick-up, you may be given permission to get food or drink. Return to group the before the end of half time.
5. **Take** someone with you when leaving the group; never go anywhere alone.
6. **Ensure that the chaperone knows where you are at all times.**
7. **Travel** to and from each game with the group on the band bus. Know that Thursday night games are school nights for everyone. If you are working as a Band Aide for a Thursday night game, you are expected to stay for entire game.
8. **Sign out** with the Band Aide chaperone before you leave after the game.
9. **Support** the L.D. Bell Band and your fellow Band Aides. Your role to support the band at the football games. Remember, as a Band Aide you are a representative of the L.D. Bell Band; the same high standards of behavior that are expected of the band apply to you as well. **Please behave accordingly!**

Permission Form

I, _____, give _____
(print parent/guardian name) (print student name)

permission to participate as a Band Aide for the L.D. Bell Band at football games for the 2015 season. I understand that they will ride the bus to and from every game with the band.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Application for Band Aide

Name _____

Grade ____ Age ____ Adult T-Shirt Size ____ School _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ **Student** Cell Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent's Cell Phone # _____

Student email address: _____

Parent / Guardian email address: _____

I prefer to receive information / reminders by: email phone text

Other information that the Band Aide chaperone and Band Directors should know (if any):

Student's Statement of Responsibility

I, _____, have read and understood the Band Aide Expectations and
(print student's name)

will abide by those standards. I understand that the Band Aides function as a support group for the L.D. Bell Blue Raider Band, and that my actions while performing Band Aide duties are a reflection on the Band. I will behave at all times in a mature and responsible manner.

Student Signature

Date