



Dartmouth School Music Association – How Things Work!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE DSMA

The DSMA relies heavily on volunteers within the Dartmouth community. From the all-volunteer Executive Board of Directors to the grandmother of a student who helps raffle 50/50 tickets at a home show the DSMA could not exist without a large group of *enthusiastic* volunteers. The old adage that ‘many hands make for light work’ rings true for the DSMA and their efforts to support the music and performance programs within the Dartmouth public school system. There are many opportunities to help throughout the year, many require only a small commitment of time and all provide an opportunity to meet friendly, like-minded people with a keen interest in music and performance art in Dartmouth.

Some of the volunteer opportunities include:

Prop Design and Construction	Costume design, sewing and alterations	Concession sales
Prop and equipment handling @ shows	Truck Driving either CDL or Box Truck	Web Site management
Grant writing	Publicity	Logo Clothing management
Scholarship policy administration	Ad Book management	Band Uniform management
Home show volunteers, ticket takers, concession workers, greeters, visiting band liaison, parking/loading dock volunteers, announcers, runners etc...		
Truck loading and un-loading at shows/events		

Chaperones

Throughout the year the DSMA needs adult chaperones to travel with the band/guard to shows throughout the region. The vast majority of these shows are on a Saturday and/or a Sunday and may require travel on a school bus or in your own car to a regional show depending on the number of students and the bus capacity. The chaperone manages the students on their bus during the travel time as well as assists during the day to keep their group together and focused on the events of the day. Chaperones are expected to stay with their group of students throughout the event and will be given a list of students, their parental contacts and a medical bag containing basic first aid items should they be needed. First time chaperones will be accompanied by an experienced chaperone to get them acquainted with the requirements of chaperoning.

In addition to these short-term chaperone opportunities there are several, longer events such as the MetLife and Dayton trips that require multi-night stays out of town. Chaperones for these events might be able to travel on a coach bus with their students and stay in the same hotel as the student group, again depending on group size and bus capacity. Chaperones will have contact information for all student’s parents/guardians and emergency medications for individual students if required. These chaperones will also be required to monitor hallways at night on a rotating schedule with other chaperones. Given the additional requirements that these opportunities entail, lodging and meal costs may be waived. The DSMA reserves the right to select these chaperones based on their previous experience chaperoning other events and participation in other volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

Should you have an interest or a question about any of these volunteer opportunities please contact the DSMA via their Web site www.DSMAHome.org or on their Facebook page. Please remember we need everyone to pitch in a little time and effort to make each year a success. We cannot do it without you! **Thank you.**