

**2017 Decatur Central  
Marching Band and Guard  
Field and Pit Crew Guidelines**

At each of the contests that DCHS attends, we need approximately 20 to 24 parent volunteers to help transition the band and guard around the contest site. This team of parents will be referred to as the Field and Pit Crew. In an effort to better organize, provide transparency, and offer more clarity for the Field and Pit Crew, the following information has been developed:

**Sign – up:**

First and foremost, you will need to sign up in Charms to be considered as part of the Field and Pit Crew. This sign-up will be different than signing up to be a chaperone. **If you wish to be a chaperone AND in the Field and Pit Crew, you will need to sign up for BOTH.**

Sign – ups will be posted in Charms on Tuesday and will be closed on Thursday evening of the week leading into the contest. The final list of volunteers for the Field and Pit Crew will be posted on our website by no later than the Friday afternoon before the contest.

**Selection:**

The following criteria will be taken into consideration when selecting the Field and Pit Crew for each contest:

1. Prop Team Participants
2. Truck Drivers
3. Executive Board Members
4. Chaperones
5. Team Leaders
6. Seniority

**Alternates:**

Each contest, four alternate spots will be available for sign up. If someone has to cancel at the last minute, we will start pulling from the alternate list to fill the vacancies.

You may sign up to be an alternate before the main list has been filled.

**Vacancies:**

If the list is not filled by Thursday night, the following actions and order will be used to assign remaining spots.

1. Any alternate(s) will be moved to fill the list as needed for that weekend.
2. Chaperones that are not already listed will be asked to help.
3. Children of registered Field and Pit Crew members that are 12 years or older will be asked to help.

**Additional information:**

Helping move props or pushing equipment requires an average level of fitness. Due to the distance, terrain, weight of props or equipment, this volunteer position can be physically demanding.

Although the list that is posted on Fridays will be official, occasionally, a last minute change has to occur due to elements outside of our control either before or at the contest. The primary goal of the Team Leader is to ensure the job is done as the Director has asked. Please be understanding if you are asked to be a spectator instead of volunteering. That said, please always be prepared to pay to enter every contest.

In an effort to show uniformity, we would ask that if you are listed to volunteer that you please wear your current year show shirt or show sweatshirt.

Thank you for your understanding as we are making efforts to make this part of the Band and Guard more organized and transparent.

Chris Mason  
Prop Team Leader