

# Raider Brigade Volunteers

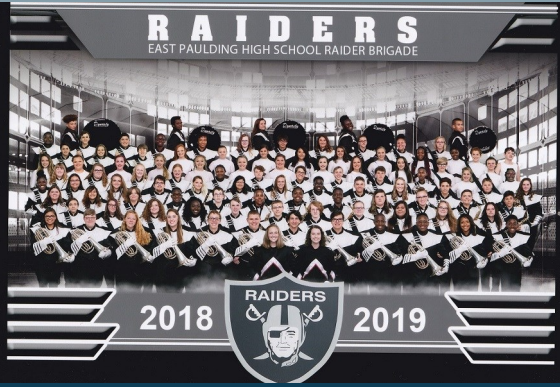


Angie Barton



Involving  
Fun  
Inspiring  
Rewarding

We want you to become part of our amazing family!



## Benefits of volunteering

- You'll make many new friends
- You'll get to know all the awesome kids in the band
- You'll see your child's progress from up close
- You'll become part of a big, loving family



Congratulations, your child has decided to join the Raider Brigade Marching Band! Now we want YOU on board too. To make your child's marching season a success, we need all the help we can get. There is a lot of work to be done, but the good news is there is something out there for everyone. The more parents help out, the less work there is for everyone. Your child is working very hard and volunteering is a great way to show them your appreciation and commitment.

## Most common misconceptions about volunteering

### It is too much work

If we have enough people helping out, it doesn't have to be much work at all. For every person that does not help out, someone else will have to do more work. So it is completely up to you how much work it really is!

### I don't have time

We have all sorts of volunteers: single moms, working moms, moms with young children. They all find time to help out. Even an hour at the concession stand during football games, or half an hour before or after a game or competition to help with the uniforms would help.

### I don't know what to do

We have so many areas in which we need help, there is bound to be something out there you like. We are more than happy to welcome you in and show you the ropes!



# Uniforms

During band camp, we fit the kids into their uniforms and make alterations as needed. Before every game and competition we help the kids get dressed, and occasionally sew on a button or help find a missing glove. After a game or competition we make sure all the uniforms are put back on the hangers and placed on the rack in the uniform room. Every few weeks, we take the uniforms home and wash them. This volunteer job has a lot of involvement with the kids!



Ineke Hudson

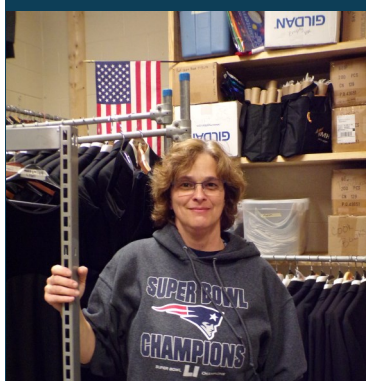
## Meet Ineke Hudson

**A little bit about me:** I am André's mom. He is a freshman and plays trumpet. This is therefore my first year as a band mom.

**Where do you volunteer:** I help out with uniforms, concessions and I chaperone on away games and competitions.

**What is the best part about volunteering:** I love interacting with the kids and being close to my son. The best part though is all the new friends I made! Band moms (and dads) are awesome people!

**What can make volunteering challenging:** I have two younger kids at home, and when my husband is not home, I have to find a babysitter for them. Sometimes I bring them with me! It is a great way for them to learn about the band and see what their big brother is accomplishing.



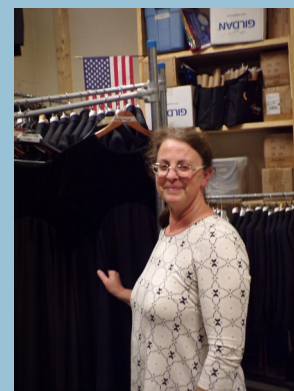
Dawn Fortner



Rebecca Twiggs



Beth Irby



Mitzi Burge

## Hospitality

Our kids need to eat! During band camp or on days that we have away games or competitions, we feed the kids. For this, we have to set up meals, shop for food and serve it in the cafeteria. This requires a lot of volunteers. It is also a great way to interact with the kids.



Tina Holloway, Rosanna Schofield and Graceann Secrist



Susan Jones and Heather Austin



Chrissy Harris and Carmelia Cole





Sharon Weaver, Kay Myers, Amy Lester and Paige Carter

### Meet Amy Lester

**A little bit about me:** I am Lauren's mom. She is a sophomore and plays percussion. Next year my daughter Kristen will join as a freshman.

**Where do you volunteer:** I serve meals with hospitality and prepare coolers before the games.

**What is the best part about volunteering:** Talking with other band moms.

**What can make volunteering challenging:** Finding time around my work schedule.



Anita Boyd, Robin Andrews, Carmelia Cole and Kristi Richardson



## Operations

This is where our strong volunteers come in. Props for the show need to be designed and constructed. After completion, they need to be transported and placed during games and competitions. These volunteers also help with loading the truck and placing water coolers on the buses and the trailer during away games and competitions.



Jeff Mason, Curtis Letner, Carla Broyles and Ken Curtis



John Barton, Alex Pruitt, Jim Reece and Carla Broyles



## Concessions

During home games we have concession stands. Supplies need to be ordered and stocked. The stands need to be organized and cleaned. And we need a lot of volunteers to prepare and sell the food! This is a great opportunity to help out. Most parents are already at the game anyway and even an hour of your time can make all the difference. If we have enough people helping, we can work in shifts and no one will have to work the entire game.



Angela Reece and Mr. Thomas



Anita Boyd

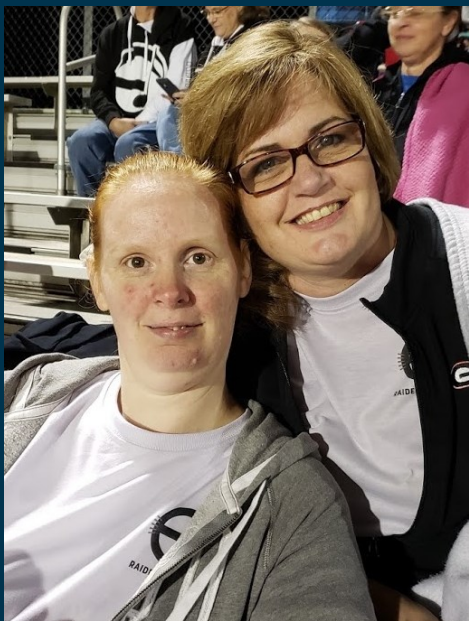
### Meet Anita Boyd

**A little bit about me:** I am Mia's mom. She is a junior and she is a drum major in marching band.

**Where do you volunteer:** Chaperone Chair which makes the schedule of chaperones for all away games and competitions.

**What is the best part about volunteering:** Getting to know the kids.

**What can make volunteering challenging:** The time commitment is quite a bit, especially in October with competitions, but it's worth it!!



Rebecca Twiggs and Susan Jones

## Meet Susan Jones

**A little bit about me:** I am Steven's mom. He marches mellophone and is currently playing French horn in concert band.

**Where do you volunteer:** This is my 8th year as a band mom and I'm currently serving as Financial VP. I have served as Concession Chair (5 years), Treasurer (2 years), and also worked in fundraising, hospitality, and chaperoning. My older son graduated in 2015 and I stayed active with the band during the "in between" year before Steven started in 2017.

**What is the best part about volunteering:** The best part about volunteering is being involved with the kids. You get to know them and they become part of your life. And I have made some amazing friendships through the years.

**What can make volunteering challenging:** The part I don't like about volunteering is that the same core group seems to do everything. Believe me when I tell you that there is something for everyone. We need for others to join us and be a part of this incredible band program. It's work, but we have fun and the investment that is made in the lives of these kids is worth it all.





## Chaperones

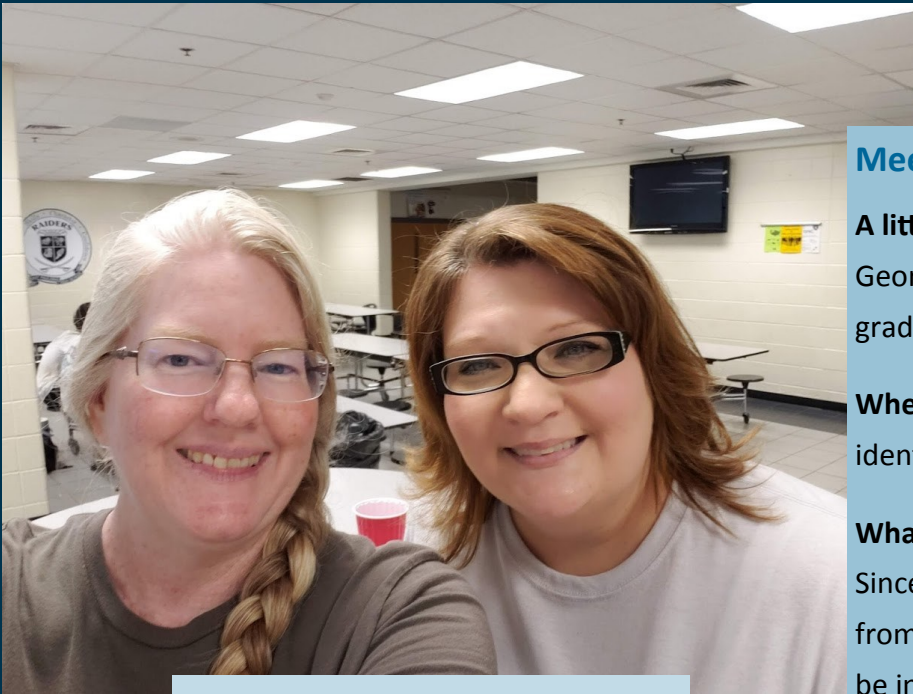
When the marching band is traveling for away games or competitions, we need chaperones on the buses. We usually have at least two chaperones per bus. They provide a light snack for the students on that bus. At games they help passing out water and keep an eye on the students and make sure they are safe and well. This can be a time consuming job, especially when we have to travel a little out of our area, but it is also so much fun! We always have a great time in the stands.



Ineke Hudson and Carla Broyles



Ken Curtis and Alex Pruitt



Julie Irish and Paige Carter

### Meet Julie Irish

**A little bit about me:** I have two kids in band: George, 11th grade percussion and Jack, 9th grade color guard.

**Where do you volunteer:** I am the band president.

**What is the best part about volunteering:** Since marching band is basically their life from band camp until November, it's great to be involved.

**What can make volunteering challenging:** Volunteering is fun! I get to meet new people and make new friends! In all fairness though, the hard part for me personally is learning to say no sometimes, haha.



Julie Irish



## Fundraising

The band cannot exist without fundraising. We have three chairs between this department: small, major and corporate. We can always use people with creative minds and fresh ideas to help get the best financial support for the band possible.



Julie Irish and Tony McAdams

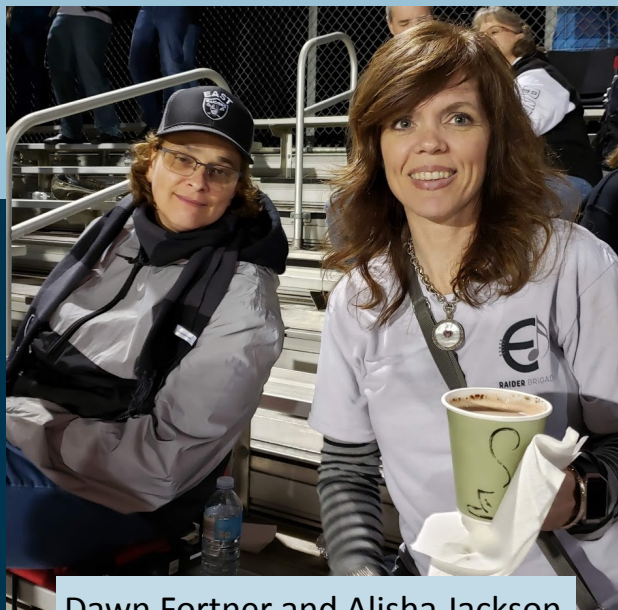
## Meet Alisha Jackson

**A little bit about me:** My band kid is Neil Jackson (currently a junior and is percussion captain this year. Will be Senior next year; Reid Jackson will be rising 9th grader and is joining band 2019-2020 school year)

**Where do you volunteer:** I'm basically anywhere that's needed! I headed up band communications this year and I'm also lead chaperone for percussion bus. I've assisted with uniforms and washing in past years and help in concessions when needed.

**What is the best part about volunteering:** I absolutely love being present and watching the kids through the marching season. They grow in so many ways, and to watch the process as a parent is an awesome thing! It is like a big family with so many things going on at once! The marching season is busy, and yes, can be tiring; but it is oh so worth it and I think I speak for many when I say that when the season is over, we miss it until the next year starts again!! It's unbelievably rewarding in so many ways to volunteer.

**What can make volunteering challenging:** I guess I don't really look at it as being hard. Do we get tired? Sure! However, the rewards far outweigh any hardship.



Dawn Fortner and Alisha Jackson



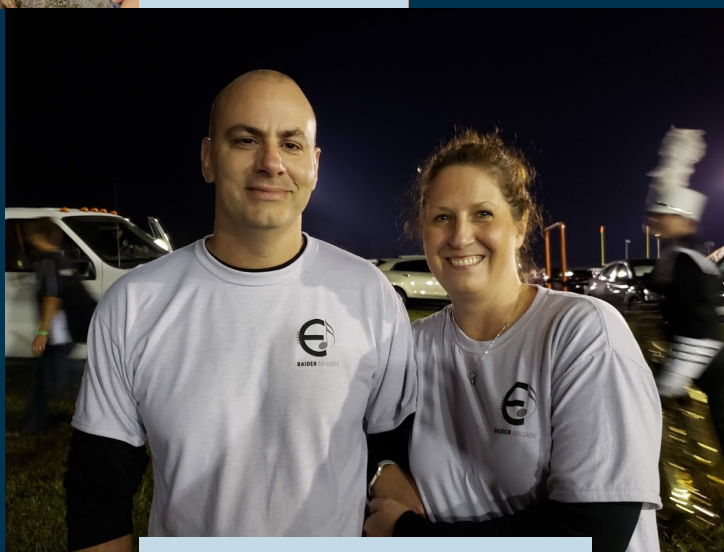


## Come join us!

As you can see, there is a lot of work to be done and a lot of fun to be had. Our kids cannot succeed in band if we don't help them any way we can. We the parents are all responsible for making marching band a success. If we all do a little bit, nobody has to work more than they want to. We would love to welcome you to our band family and get to know you better!



Jenna Curtis



John and Angie Barton

## Other volunteer jobs

Communications— sends out a weekly newsletter, gathers info from board/chairs

Paulding Meadows— volunteers needed for gate, parking lot and food booth during Paulding Meadows weekend (first weekend after Labor Day)

Spirit Wear— order, sell and distribute spirit wear

Water crew— load coolers with water and ice before games (home and away)