



Rancho-Maze Middle School Bands

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The Rancho-Maze Middle School Band & Color Guard, part of one of central California's most successful middle school music programs, is seeking contributions from the business community to help finance the purchase of uniforms, equipment and transportation that regular school funds and traditional student-run fundraising efforts do not cover. For over forty-four years, the students in this program have represented their community and schools in marching and concert competitions throughout central and northern California. Many of this year's band and guard members are second generation students whose parents were part of the same band program 20 and 30 years ago. The costs associated with the program are substantial and the students raise a portion of the required funds through various fundraisers.

We are planning to continue our award winning efforts by attending four competition events as well as several local parades and concerts. Our students train all year for this opportunity and these events are truly the highlight of the school year. The discipline and commitment instilled in these children while preparing for the events stays with them for life.

This year, things are a little different. Due to the positive reputation of the Hollister School District music program, the 2009/2010 band & guard program has an enrollment of over 140 students. The good news is that there will be many more students enjoying the wonderful program. The bad news is that our costs will be higher than we expected. In addition, the current economic situation in the Hollister School District may eliminate any school-supplied funds we received in the past.

Although we plan several fundraising activities to finance the program, we need help. We are asking businesses to help by making a donation as an investment in the future of these children. Any amount you are willing to contribute will be greatly appreciated. The Band Boosters Association is an IRS registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization so your donations are fully tax deductible. If you choose to donate by check, please make it payable to **Rancho-Maze Band Boosters**. Also please include a business card or company logo so that we can share our appreciation of your generosity with the community.

Donations may be sent to:

Rancho-Maze Band Boosters
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Thank you for your generous support!

Sincerely,

Tony Weir, President
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