

TMEA CONVENTION

The Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) calls on the Taft Band students and parents to work at their annual convention downtown. This is a relatively easy way for us to make some much-needed revenue for our band program. The convention occurs in mid-February from Wednesday morning through Saturday night. Texas music educators from all over the state attend this annual event along with music students selected for the Texas State Honor Band, Orchestra, and Choir who will perform concerts in the Lila Cockrell Theater on Saturday. Several hundred vendors will be present to sell instruments, sheet music, software, marching programs, uniforms, repairs, teaching aides, fund raiser examples (with samples!) and other music related items that fill the Exhibit Hall at the San Antonio Convention Center.

The Raider Band Boosters and students perform a variety of functions for the Conference over four days. 16 volunteers are needed to check passes at the entry doors to the Exhibit Hall,, we assist the TMEA Officers during the Conference, we line-up the parents and friends prior to entering the Lila Cockrell for the All State Honor concerts, we direct the State Honor bands, choirs, and orchestras to the changing rooms, the rehearsal rooms, get on and off the stage, get photographed, and then to their respective receptions. We basically help out, guard doors, help the attendees, and have a good time!

OTHER KEY POINTS:

- 16 volunteers are needed between 7:30 am and 9:30 pm each day (Wed – Sat)
- 4 hour shifts are scheduled (but can be adjusted if needed).
- Some parents will work one shift, some will work several. Greatest need is during Wed-Fri morning/afternoon since many must take off work to help during these times.
- Students will be asked to assist with the concerts on Saturday
- Volunteers can shop the exhibits before/after a shift
(lots of great deals are there for instruments, music, and more!)