

FAQ (frequently asked questions)

BGACB is a 100% volunteer organization with musicians from Bowling Green and the surrounding area. Members represent a wide-range of professions, - from education to law, medicine to business, government to engineering. Some are retired. All appreciate the opportunity to share their musical gifts! The "tie that binds" is our love for <u>music</u> and for <u>bands</u>. New members are welcome! We rehearse weekly. A schedule of events is available at the start of each Concert Season.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

ADULTS who successfully participated in high school or college bands may participate. To perform on a concert, members are to rehearse with the band regularly. Exceptions are handled on a case-by-case basis with the conductor, in advance. Communication is key!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS may be eligible for membership. They must be enrolled in their school band programs, submit a recommendation from their current music teacher, and pass a playing audition. If found eligible, they must submit (1) an emergency medical form and (2) written permission of parent/guardian to participate.

We continue to enjoy a thriving esprit de corps! Members often exceed minimum expectations.

IS THERE A FEE?

No. Our operational model is a well-functioning *family*, trusting that each member will "pitch-in" for the good of all! Some may wish to help with publicity, art, handling property/equipment, or managing our music library. Others may choose to help with social media, social events & receptions, or financial development. We are especially grateful if members can support the band financially through our Patron Program.

MUST I PROVIDE MY OWN INSTRUMENT?

Our agreement with the BG Schools and understanding with the BG Band Program allows us to use rehearsal space and large percussion instruments. Otherwise, members provide instruments for themselves. If you have a special need, *please* contact the conductor!

WHERE ARE REHEARSALS HELD?

Rehearsals are held on Mondays from 7:15 -8:45 PM in the Middle School Band room. Starting in November, rehearsals are held in the HS Band room.

WHAT IS CONCERT ATTIRE?

Fall-Winter-Spring: "Concert Black"

Women: black skirt or slacks, black top (or black dress), black shoes

Men: black sports coats and slacks, white shirt, black tie, black shoes, black socks

Summer: white band shirts (ordered periodically as needed), black slacks, black shoes, black socks

WHAT ABOUT JAZZ AND BiG Band BG?

For more information, please contact William Lake, director: 419-353-7793 or wlake@bgsu.edu