

# KBBA Newsletter



## Keeping Band Fees Low

Although the amount of our band fees for the year may seem high, the truth is Kell has the lowest fees of any Cobb band program of its size. We have worked very hard to keep the fees as low as possible. One way we do that is by finding multiple ways to help raise funds for the general fund.

Deal Steward, a Cobb County-based "daily deals" company, will be donating \$5,000 directly to Cobb County High School band programs via a member referral promotion from today through June 30th of this year. This is a great opportunity to find daily deals right here in Cobb and help out the Kell band program at the same time.

Simply check out the Deal Steward website at:

<http://dealsteward.com/BandPromotion.html>

There you can register your email address to receive special deals for area restaurants, spas, golf courses, entertainment venues and more. Make sure you mark Kell as your non-profit of choice. Kell will receive a donation for everyone who signs up as well as 10% of proceeds collected through Deal Steward.

Try it and help support the Kell band program.



## How Can You Find Help Paying Your Band Fees?

Each year KBBA offers multiple programs to help students and their families pay some or all of their band fees. SCRIP is an excellent program that allows families to help pay band fees with 'free money.' SCRIP Updates are always included in our newsletter.

Other ways KBBA helps is through a variety of fundraisers. March-a-thon, PGA Concessions, and cookie dough sales are just a few of the ways individuals can help raise money to offset their individual accounts.

In the past KBBA had done such a great job with concessions for PGA that we've been asked to help with a new venture this year. July 16 - 24 KBBA has been asked to help provide concession volunteers for the Atlanta Tennis Championships.

If you are interested in helping out we have created a quick survey on our website. Just go to :

[http://www.kbba.org/ATC\\_Concessions.html](http://www.kbba.org/ATC_Concessions.html)

and let us know if you're available on one of the dates listed.



## Everyone - One

Along with the almost 50 seniors graduating this year many of our parent volunteers are also 'graduating.' As we begin planning for the 2011-2012 season we have many volunteer opportunities.

For the upcoming year we are asking that EVERYONE take time to volunteer for at least ONE area of service. Whether serving as a chaperone at band camp, helping serve meals to our students, or assisting with equipment there is place and need for everyone.

For more information about volunteer opportunities you can check out our website, [www.kbba.org](http://www.kbba.org), or contact one of our board members.

If EVERYONE can help with just ONE area then we will be able to provide the much needed support for our students.

## 2011-2012 Marching Band

Students may be contacted by their section leaders concerning Sectional Rehearsal throughout the summer.

Next up:

Percussion & Guard Camp – July 20-21

Marching Band Mini-Camp – July 25-28

Band Camp/Picture Day – July 30

Please note the date changes above!

## E-mail Troubles

We have been informed by the CHARMS office that Yahoo and Bellsouth have been blocking e-mails sent through the CHARMS program. This is the primary way KBBA keeps in contact with its members.

This week we will be sending our newsletter in several smaller e-mail groups hoping to circumvent the filters at Yahoo and Bellsouth. Until we can work this out we ask that everyone be patient. Remember to check out the website regularly and check CHARMS for posted information.

## Committee Volunteers

As the summer moves we have several volunteer opportunities available. If you are at all interested and willing to help we have several positions that need to be filled for next year.

Travel Committee Co-Chairs– to help coordinate our travel to various competitions and events. This year we will divide this position up by trip (Jacksonville State BOA, Atlanta BOA, Savannah, etc).

Hospitality Co-Chair – to assist our current chair with feeding our kids at camp, rehearsals and at Friday night games.

If you would be interested and willing to help please contact Darryl York at :  
[kbba.york@gmail.com](mailto:kbba.york@gmail.com)



## SCRIP Update

Thank you all for allowing Debbie and me to support you in this very EASY, "FREE," but important way to fund your child's band account. We had a record-breaking month in May, with over \$3,000 of your purchases going into student accounts. June started off strong as well. I hope we can set another record this month.

If you are not participating in SCRIP, you need to stop by and start. Even if you buy nothing other than grocery and gas cards, you will be making a difference over the course of time. But there are lots of great "activity" cards that you can get to have fun over the summer and still put money in your child's account. There is Disney, Carnival Cruises, rental cars and hotels, movie tickets (which have an awesome 16% rebate on them) and don't forget our own Six Flags tickets - good for any single day pass.

If you are not participating yet, NOW is the time to start!

SCRIP will be open each of the remaining Tuesdays in June from 5:30 - 7:00 PM in the Latin room at Kell High School. If you are wanting to receive gift cards prior to the week of the 4th of July, you need to place your orders these next two Tuesdays (June 14th and 21st) in order to receive them by the 28th. We will have extra Publix and Kroger cards on the 28th to allow you to stock up for the week of July 4th when SCRIP is closed.

Thanks,  
Ellen



Specials announced this week - please note that the Lowe's 2% bonus expires on Friday 17th and the Home Depot 2% bonus expires on the 24th. Be sure to stock up for those summer projects around the house.

JCPenney 2% ScripNow! and Reload Bonus Offer



Great news...JCPenney will be offering our customers a 2% bonus contribution from Saturday, June 18, 2011, through Friday, July 1, 2011, on JCPenney ScripNow! and Reload purchases only. That means JCPenney Reload and ScripNow! purchases will have a 7% contribution instead of the normal 5% contribution, during that time period only. The JCPenney Gift Card and eCard is redeemable at store locations and online at [jcp.com](http://jcp.com).

**Be sure to keep checking  
[www.kbba.org](http://www.kbba.org) to stay up to date on all  
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