



2009 Band Olympics

August 21, 2009

Check in at 5:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies at 5:40 p.m.

Hey Oak Ridge Band! Do you have what it takes to bring home the gold in the first annual Band Olympics? This will be a great night of fun with your friends as we compete in brain wars, athletic events, silly games, video game competitions, and much, much more.

Each section will create with a unique country name that includes their section in the name, i.e., The Republic of Cymbalia. Each country should create their country flag, and competition uniform to be worn throughout the night.

We will start with a photo scavenger hunt for this evening. We need parents that can drive us around as we come up with the most unique, funniest, most creative pictures that we can find. Each team will be split up into groups for the scavenger hunt. Each group needs to make sure that they have a digital camera and the USB or firewire connection to a computer for the uploading and scoring of the pictures.

When we return to the school, we will begin competition in the Olympic Games! Each country will send it's team of competitors to the events throughout the evening and try to score as many points as possible.

We will end the evening with the Band Olympics Closing Ceremonies where medals will be presented to the top 3 countries, and the overall 2009 Band Olympics Champion country will be crowned.

This is a fundraising event! Part of the competition is earning sponsors for your country for the Band Olympics (and our trip to Disney World!). Each country (section) will solicit donations from relatives, neighbors, parents' co-workers, companies, etc. The country sponsorship will be judged based on their per person fundraising. For example, if there are 25 people in your section, and the section brings in \$2500 total, then the section will earn points for \$100 per person for this competition.

Each student that attends this event is required to raise at least \$50 in donations for the band program.

Use the attached donation sheet and script when you are out soliciting donations for the Band Olympics.

Script for Soliciting Donations

Wear your band shirt or country uniform

It is important that the people that you are asking for support see that you are a member of the band program and that you are excited about it. Wear your band shirt or your country's uniform when you are out asking your neighbors to help support the band program.

Play your instrument

Take a group of your country mates with you and play the national anthem of your country, or the Oak Ridge HS Fight Song. They will see that you are involved in an extra curricular activity and this is different from the every day fundraising campaigns that come around. They will be more likely to give you money if they can see what you do.

What to say:

(big smiles!!!!) Hi, my name is _____ and I am a member of the Oak Ridge High School Band. This year we are raising funds to help send the band to Disney World to march in a parade down Main Street.

I/we am/are competing in the Band Olympics and would like to ask you to sponsor our country which we have named _____. Our country's colors are _____ and _____ and our flag looks like this. (show them a picture of your flag). All donations are tax deductible and will help us earn points in the competition.

Can we play our country's national anthem for you? How about the Oak Ridge Fight Song? (if they say yes, play for them!)

Would you like to make a donation to the Oak Ridge High School Band and help me reach my fundraising goal of \$_____? (set a really high goal!!!)

(if they make a donation) Thank you so much for your donation. I can't wait to compete in the Band Olympics and I'm so thankful that you have helped me reach my fundraising goal. Have a nice day!

(if they do not make a donation) Thank you so much for your time. It was very nice meeting you. Have a nice day!

