



HUDSON HAWK BAND 2019-2020

We are preparing for the third annual Hudson Band Practice-A-Thon!! This will be our biggest fundraiser for the year. Funds raised will assist in paying for materials, clinician fees, and equipment for the band. We hope to be able to raise enough money to purchase percussion equipment, cases, new instruments, technology, and to help subsidize our spring trips and contests.

Rather than selling over-priced items and making 40% or less profit, our Practice-A-Thon enables us to realize 100% profit with no product delivery hassles or disappointed customers. We also won't be trying to sell items to people that they probably don't need. Most importantly, students play an active role in the work to raise funds by practicing, and it's **FUN!!!**

Here's how it works: Students enlist as many sponsors as possible. Sponsors can offer to donate any amount of money. The sponsor will make the donation prior to the Practice-A-Thon. Students will issue a receipt for donations and will record the contribution along with the signature of the donor on a tally sheet. Students will place their donations and tally sheet inside their envelope and can turn them in at any time. They are welcome to get another tally sheet and envelope to collect more donations if they'd like. If at all possible, contributions should be made in the form of cash. If checks are written, they must include a driver's license #, address, and phone number of the account holder. **Check should be made out to Hudson Band Boosters. You may also send money through Paypal Friends and Family to President@hudsonband.org (must include Student's Name in the note area).**

On October 25th, students will have a party at Hudson from 6:00pm-10:00pm. Students will be practicing throughout the evening. There will be scheduled rehearsals along with voluntary practice time slots. Students will be able to rehearse their band music and also put any time they practice on their practice record for the week. There will also be many fun events, such as gaga ball, laser tag, a game truck, jumbo games, movies, and more. We will have snacks, drinks, and pizza in the cafeteria for students as well. ***Students unable to attend the practice-a-thon may still collect contributions for the band.***

To participate in the event, students must raise a minimum of \$50 (\$75 for families with two students). For their initial \$50 raised and every \$25 over the minimum amount raised, students will have their name entered in a drawing to win a locker full of prizes. Students that are able to raise \$150 or more will not have to pay for their Spring Band Trip to Splash Kingdom or Pinstack. Please see the back of this sheet for the full list of prizes. All funds are due prior to the event on October 25th.

We will need lots of parent help, so if you are available to help, please use the Sign-Up Genius in Mrs. Becker's weekly Smore update!!!

PRACTICE-A-THON

PRIZES!!!

\$20,000 = If the band raises this amount, Mrs. Becker and Mr. Urban will dress up for a day, making fools of themselves in class and in the hallways!!!

\$350 = You can bring a non-band friend to the Practice-a-thon!!!

\$250 = Your band director will buy you lunch from any fast food restaurant near Firewheel!!!

\$150 = You will not have to pay to go on the Spring Trip to Splash Kingdom or Pinstack!!!

\$50 = Entry into the Practice-a-thon party and the prize locker drawing. Each additional \$25 enters you into the prize locker drawing again!!!

Hudson Band Fundraising Script

Step 1: Introduce yourself

“Hi Mr./Mrs._____. My name is_____ and I play the
(person’s name) (your name)
_____in the Hudson Middle School Band.”
(your instrument)

Step 2: Talk about the practice-a-thon party/ask for a donation

“On October 25th, the band is hosting a Practice-A-Thon, and I am looking for sponsors to support me so that I can attend the event. Instead of asking our friends and family to purchase items from a catalogue, we are asking for sponsors to donate to our band program because you support our dedication to practicing and improving our musical skills. At the Practice-A-Thon students will be practicing all evening long, dedicating part of their evening to practice while others are participating in fun activities such as_____.

I need to collect at least \$50 to attend. Any money that is donated to the band will be used to purchase new equipment and music, new instruments, to help pay for band clinicians, and to help with the cost of our spring band trips. All donations are tax deductible as well. Would you be willing to sponsor me?”

If Yes, go to step 3.

If No, say, “Ok, thanks for your time.”

Step 3: Collect donation

1. Fill out the tally sheet
2. Make sure checks are made out to Hudson Band Boosters.
3. Place the donation in your envelope.
4. Give the donor a receipt.
5. Say, “Thank you so much!”



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PRACTICE-A-THON!!!

Dear _____,

I need your help!

I play the _____ in the Hudson Middle School Band. We are raising money through a Practice-A-Thon to support the band program. Funds raised will assist in paying for materials, clinician fees, and equipment for the band. We hope to be able to raise enough money to purchase technology equipment, percussion equipment, new uniforms, cases, new instruments, and to help subsidize our spring trips and contests.

On October 25th, I will have the opportunity to attend the Practice-A-Thon from 6:00-10:00 PM. Students will be practicing throughout the evening. There will be scheduled rehearsals along with voluntary practice time slots to work on our solos and ensembles. There will also be many fun activities like laser tag, a game truck, jumbo games, movies, and more. In order to attend this event, I must raise a minimum of \$50.

I would greatly appreciate your assistance and support.

If you would like to sponsor me, please make checks payable to the Hudson Band Boosters, and mail your check to the address below. I will provide you with a receipt of your tax-deductible donation for your records. Please put my name on the memo line of the check.

Thank you in advance for helping me and supporting the Hudson Middle School Band!

Sincerely,

(Student name, instrument)

Please send checks to:
Hudson Middle School Band
Attn: Heather Becker
4405 Hudson Drive
Sachse, TX 75048

Money sent through Paypal Friends and Family:
President@hudsonband.org
Include student's name in notes area

thankyou

Dear _____
(Donor Name)

Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$_____. With your help, the Hudson Band Program will be able to continue helping band families with fees, purchasing supplies, providing transportation, and allowing our students to experience performance opportunities within our state! Please keep this receipt for tax purposes as a charitable donation. Thank you again for your support of the HMS Band Program!

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Hudson Band Practice-a-thon Tally Sheet

Student Name: _____

Donor Name:	Donor Signature: **If donor lives out of town, write "out of town" instead of signature**	Method of Payment: Cash, Check (include check #), Paypal	Amount:

Total: