

## Soddy-Daisy High School 2009-2010 Marching Band Agreement

Each member of the Soddy-Daisy High School must understand his/her importance to the overall show and performance at each event and competition where the band performs. In every case when there is an absence, it becomes a hole in the show. This hole may result in negative score at contest, and also requires that other members of the band make necessary, often difficult, adjustments for the absent individual. This includes being at all called practices during the fall break.

The director, staff and students understand that there may be times that an absence is unavoidable. However, by signing this agreement the students and their parents/guardians state that they will make every attempt possible not to miss performances and practices.

Also, there have been years where students tell directors that they will be a member of the next fall's marching band and then are "no-shows" for band camp. This creates a great problem for the staff and the entire band. The Band Boosters pay \$4,000 for a professionally written drill. The drill writers spend many hours working on a drill for Soddy-Daisy that will rank the band nationally. When a student does not show, or quits band, each member of the band must have every spot in the show changed to make up for the missing person. There are 160+ members in the band this year, and our shows traditionally have about 60 drill charts that each member must fix if someone quits.

Therefore, you are asked to make this signed commitment to be here for camp, the rehearsals and performances of the marching band. If there are times that a student **MUST** miss, a note from the parents/guardians is expected prior to the absence if possible. If the student wants to march, the commitment must be made prior to summer.

I understand the obligations of camp, rehearsal and performance attendance for the 2009-2010 Soddy-Daisy High School Band and agree to fulfill my responsibilities to the best of my abilities. I have read the Handbook.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_