



Fort Mill Band Notes

March 2007



FMHS HS Band Director Announced

John Pruitt, a successful band director in South Carolina for the past 15 years, will become the new band director at Fort Mill High School next year. Mr. Pruitt is currently the Band Director at Cheraw High School, which won the AA State Marching Band Championship last fall. He will succeed Mr. Martin Dickey, who will become Band Director at Nation Ford High School when it opens in August of this year.

Mr. Pruitt has served as a band director in Cheraw for the past 11 years. He is a graduate of East Carolina University and earned his National Board Certification in 2005. Prior to becoming a music educator, Pruitt served in the US Navy and sang with the Naval Aviation Command Choir. In addition to playing trombone and the drums, Pruitt enjoys flying. He holds a commercial pilot's license and flight instructor rating.

Welcome to the Fort Mill Area Band Programs!!!

Hawaii Trip Information

Enclosed you will find an updated itinerary for the Hawaii trip as well as an activities sign-up sheet. The activities sign-up form will need to be returned to Mr. Dickey by **Tuesday, March 27, 2007** with payment (cash or checks - made payable to the Blue & Gold Band Club).

All Hawaii information has been posted to the band's website at www.fortmillband.com. Any questions about the trip should be directed to Mr. Dickey.

SC State Concert Festival

The South Carolina State Concert Festival is next **Wednesday, March 28th** at Gaffney High School in Gaffney, SC. The Concert Band will perform at **1:40 PM** with the Wind Symphony performing at **7:45 PM**. Please don't hesitate come out and watch the band students perform!!!

Spring Concert *(New Date & Time)*

The Fort Mill High School Spring Concert will be **Monday, April 30th** at 7:00 PM in the Fort Mill High Auditorium. The booster meeting scheduled for the same night will be moved to the following Monday, May 7th which will include the elections for both high school booster boards.

Please visit www.fortmillband.com for the latest and up to date schedule of events!!!

Spring Barbecue/Silent Auction

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this year's annual Spring fundraiser, the barbecue and silent Auction, on April 27th and 28th has been cancelled. Stay tuned for other fundraising opportunities and events coming up!!!

Coming in Fall 2007

The city of Fort Mill, South Carolina will again be host to a BOA Fall Preview Event in **September of 2007**. Thanks again to everyone who made the 2006 event a success. We look forward to continuing that success next year!!!



Hawai'i State Tours

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Fort Mill Band

Martin Dickey, Director

April 5th – April 13th

“The Trip of a Lifetime!!!”

PINEAPPLE GROUP 35

Thursday, April 5th Approximate departure from CLT 8:30 AM
Thursday, April 5th Approximate arrival in HNL 3:30 PM

COCONUT GROUP 30

Thursday, April 5th Approximate departure from CLT 7:00 AM
Thursday, April 5th Approximate arrival in HNL 2:30 PM

PAPAYA GROUP 30

Thursday, April 5th Approximate departure from CLT 7:00 AM
Thursday, April 5th Approximate arrival in HNL 2:30 PM

MANGO GROUP 57

Thursday, April 5th Approximate departure from CLT 12:00 PM
Thursday, April 5th Approximate arrival in HNL 7:00 PM

BANANA GROUP (Dayton) 14

Thursday, April 5th Approximate departure from CLT 8:00 AM
Thursday, April 5th Approximate arrival in HNL 3:00 PM

DAY ONE / THU / APR 5TH

Depart for Honolulu, Hawaii. Upon arrival, get our first experience of the Aloha Spirit with a traditional fresh flower lei greeting. After identification of luggage board buses for transfer to the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani Hotel (luggage will be delivered to rooms by hotel porters).

After Check-in: Meet in hotel lobby for a stroll through Waikiki to our Aloha Orientation and Briefing. Evening includes **pizza dinner** with **local entertainment** and **hula lessons** in Waikiki.

DAY TWO / FRI / APR 6TH

Good morning!! No, you're not dreaming....we're still in paradise!! This morning we'll head over to Perry's Smorgy for an all you can eat breakfast to get our day started.

**All breakfast coupons distributed each day may be redeemed at:
Perry's Smorgy Buffet (Breakfast hours: 7:00am – 11:00am)**

TBD Meet in lobby for a short walk for rehearsal at the Kapiolani Bandstand.

1:00PM Free time for lunch (on own), beach, shopping, etc.

6:30PM Meet in lobby. We'll be dining with our favorite celebrities this evening. Okay, not really, but it's the next best thing! It's a short walk to **Planet Hollywood** for some “ono grinds” (good food) music, and movies. After dinner, we'll have time to visit the International Marketplace. Let's see who finds the best bargains!

DAY THREE / SAT / APR 7TH

6:00 AM Meet in hotel lobby for a short walk to breakfast buffet.

7:00 AM Board buses for transfer to **Pearl Harbor's U.S.S. Arizona Memorial** to see where history was made. We will experience the film "Pearl Harbor Story", the visitor center museum, boarding a Navy launch and entering the memorial. We will witness the actual sunken hull where over 1000 servicemen were entombed during the December 7, 1941 sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

10:00 AM At the **Pearl Harbor's U.S.S. Bowfin**, we'll go below deck to wind our way through the narrow compartments where the Bowfin's crew worked, ate and slept through nine harrowing war patrols. You will learn about the Bowfin, which served with great distinction in WWII and earned her nickname "**The Pearl Avenger.**"

11:00 AM Performance at Pearl Harbor

12:00 PM Lunch at Pearl Harbor

1:00 PM We'll board our bus to the Pearl City Swap Meet for souvenirs and then take a **Honolulu City Tour**. We'll drive past the **Iolani Palace** - the only royal palace on American soil, the **King Kamehameha Statue**, the **State Capitol**, and drive through **China Town**.

Dinner tonight (on own) in Waikiki.

DAY FOUR / SUN / APR 8TH

6:30 AM Meet in hotel lobby for a short walk to breakfast buffet.

8:00 AM **Easter Service** on Waikiki Beach.

9:00 AM Start stretching as we prepare to hike about 3/4 of a mile to the 760 foot summit of the most recognized mountain in the world – **Diamond Head Crater!** **Bring your camera** for a fantastic 360 degree view of the southeast coast! Below, we'll see the lighthouse, coral reefs, sailboats, and even surfers on the waves at Diamond Head Beach!

4:30 PM **Happy Easter Hawaiian Style!! Go Native!** Become a part of "America's Best Luau" as filmed by ABC's Good Morning America. Feel like "one of the family" at **Germaine's Luau** as you learn to dance the popular Hukilau hula. Help yourself to a 16-course, ALL YOU CAN EAT buffet of traditional Island dishes and continental cuisine (for you less adventurous eaters). Return to hotel at approx. 10:30pm.

DAY FIVE / MON / APR 9TH

7:30 AM Meet in hotel lobby for a short walk to breakfast buffet.

Day of Leisure

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE:

Surf Boarding	Sunbathing	Catamaran Sailing	Snorkeling
Outer Island Tours	Shopping	Polynesian Cultural Center	

Lunch and Dinner on your own today

DAY SIX / TUE / APR 10TH

6:30 AM Meet in hotel lobby for a short walk to breakfast buffet.

8:00 AM We start our adventure with the **Grand Ali'i Tour**, a narrated drive across the Koolau Mountains to the tropical Windward side of O'ahu. We are met by our guide, a Polynesian Chief, who will share some of the customs and cultures of the native islanders. We'll enjoy an educational stroll through botanical gardens and learn to make fire from sticks, husk and open a coconut and much, much more.

It's not over...- Imagine boarding a raft to access our secluded getaway. Watch out for the live barracuda! The tour includes "fun in the sun" at a private island for the day to include volleyball, canoeing, kayaking, horseshoes, badminton, sunbathing, lazin' in hammocks and more! **Also included is a catered lunch with all the trimmings!**

2:30 PM Board bus for a scenic trip to the **Nuuanu Pali Lookout**, a half mile past the Queen Emma Summer Palace. We'll drive through a canopy of trees overhead draped with hanging vines and philodendrons. In 1795 King Kamehameha routed O'ahu's warriors up the trail during his invasion of the island. Warriors were forced over the cliffs. Local residents *never* visit the lookout at night because of the ghost warriors that still walk the trail!! Return to Waikiki approx. 3:30 PM.

5:30 PM **Catered Dinner on Queen's Surf Beach**

8:00 PM Wait! We're just getting started! After some short "walk your dinner off" time, we PARTY on our **Dance Cruise along the Waikiki Coast and Honolulu Harbor.**

DAY SEVEN / WED / APR 11TH

7:30 AM Meet in hotel lobby for a short walk to breakfast buffet.

Partial Day of Leisure

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE:

Surf Boarding	Sunbathing	Catamaran Sailing	Snorkeling
Outer Island Tours	Shopping	Polynesian Cultural Center	

BANANA GROUP (Dayton) 14

Wednesday, April 11th Approximate departure from HNL 5:00 PM

Thursday, April 12th Approximate arrival in DAY 8:00 AM (+1 day)

Board buses @ 1:30 PM for transfer to the Honolulu International Airport and prepare for departure.

5:00 PM After a chance to clean up, board bus for shopping and dinner at the Ala Moana Center. Not only will you have a chance to check out a local mall, but take advantage of the unique food opportunities to sample food from every corner of earth at the lower lever food court or restaurant. Dinner is on your own.

DAY EIGHT / THU / APR 12TH

This is your last day to catch some rays, do last minute shopping or whatever.

Then the complete check-out procedure. Bring all carry-on items to designated area for storage and turn in keys at front desk.

Board buses for transfer to the Honolulu International Airport and prepare for departure.

PINEAPPLE GROUP 35

Thursday, April 12th Approximate departure from HNL 9:30 PM
Friday, April 13th Approximate arrival in CLT 4:00 PM (+1 day)

COCONUT GROUP 30

Thursday, April 12th Approximate departure from HNL 4:00 PM
Friday, April 13th Approximate arrival in CLT 9:00 AM (+1 day)

PAPAYA GROUP 30

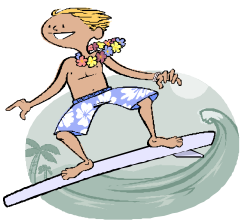
Thursday, April 12th Approximate departure from HNL 3:00 PM
Friday, April 13th Approximate arrival in CLT 8:00 AM (+1 day)

MANGO GROUP 57

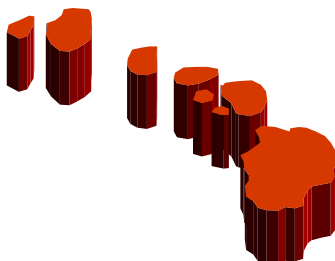
Thursday, April 12th Approximate departure from HNL 11:00 PM
Friday, April 13th Approximate arrival in CLT 6:00 PM (+1 day)

DAY NINE / FRI / APR 13TH

Arrive back in Fort Mill. There's no place like home! This concludes the trip, but we're sure that you'll have some new friendships, have been touched by the many diverse customs and cultures, and have experiences and fond memories to last a lifetime!!!



ALOHA!!



FORT MILL BAND HAWAII TRIP 2007 Optional Activities Sign-up Sheet

This form must be completed for **EACH** person participating in the activity. Snorkeling and the catamaran sailings do not need advanced booking and may be booked once we are in Hawaii (cash and check only). Society of Seven, East Oahu, and Polynesian Cultural Center may still be available in Hawaii, but are only guaranteed by reservation. You must include payment (cash or check payable to Blue and Gold Band Club) with this form to reserve the activity. Please check appropriate boxes below for each activity being reserved. Return to Mr. Dickey by TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007.

Celebrate with the Society of Seven: Reminiscence with all your musical favorites -- Broadway, impersonations, '50s and '60s, pop hits and surprises from Waikiki's master showmen. Guaranteed high energy, great entertainment!! Showtime 8:00 PM, return to hotel approximately 10:30pm.

\$23.00 Students / \$35.00 Adults

East Oahu Tour: Includes Diamond Head Crater, Makapuu and Sandy Beaches, Hanauma Bay lookout and a spectacular drive through the tropical rainforest which takes us to the Pali Lookout to view the Windward side of Oahu from 2000 foot cliffs.

\$30.00 per person

Polynesian Cultural Center: Stroll through seven authenticated villages of the South Pacific...shaking hands with Tongans, dancing hula with a Tahitian, or even learning to make fire with sticks and coconuts from a Samoan. After a full buffet dinner, experience the "Magic of Polynesia", a Polynesian Extravaganza featuring over 200 performers! See why this is the #1 visitor attraction in the Islands. Return to hotel approximately 10:30pm

\$80.00 per person

Date preference: ___ Monday, April 9th or ___ Wednesday, April 11th

One Day Tour / Island of Maui: Enjoy a full day exploring the "Valley Isle". Treasure the view from atop Haleakala Crater. From the 10,000 foot summit, you can see the Islands of Molokai, Lanai and Kahoolawe. Also on this tour, visit Iao Needle and the famous whaling capital of Lahaina. **\$275 per person**

Date preference: ___ Monday, April 9th or ___ Wednesday, April 11th

One Day Tour / Island of Kauai: Visit the "Garden Isle" and cruise along the Wailua River to the luscious Fern Grotto where Elvis sang the Hawaiian Wedding Song. You'll view the Waimea Canyon - the Grand Canyon of the Pacific. Also, you can relax through the sleepy town of **Hanalei**, made famous in the song, "Puff, the Magic Dragon", (do you remember?) Other movies filmed on this lovely isle include Rambo, South Pacific, scenes from Fantasy Island and more.

\$275 per person

Date preference: ___ Monday, April 9th or ___ Wednesday, April 11th

One Day Tour / Big Island of Hawaii - Volcano National Parks Tour: An island of diversity and beauty, the Big Island has everything from volcanoes and black sand beaches to tropical rain forests. See why it is called the "Big" Island. The tour includes: Steam Bluffs & Crater Drive, Kealakekua Bay Overlook, Fern Tree Jungles, Volcanoes National Park, Hilo City Tour, Kilauea Iki Crater, Thurston Lava Tube, Hawaii Volcano Observatory, all transfers & admissions. **\$275 per person**

Date preference: ___ Monday, April 9th or ___ Wednesday, April 11th

* One day tours depart hotel approximately 5:30am and return at approximately 7:00pm. Price includes roundtrip transportation to/from airport and roundtrip inter-island air. Tours are fully narrated. Tours subject to availability.

Name: _____ Amount included: _____

(please print)

List names of people you are doing these tours with: _____
(please print)

2006-2007 Fort Mill High School Band Payment Schedule

Event/Item	Due Date	Cost	Points
Band Camp	Total Cost	\$ 150	75
	Deposit	05/30/06	\$ 50
	Balance	07/15/06	\$ 100
Fall Marching Uniform	Total Cost	HS Registration	\$ 75
Instrument Maintenance	Total Cost	HS Registration	\$ 60
BOA/Competition Fees	Total Cost	\$ 250	125
	Deposit	09/01/06	\$ 200
	Balance	10/01/06	\$ 50
Fall Marching Accessories	Gloves	08/31/06	\$ 5
	Scrubs	08/31/06	\$ 13
	Shoes	08/31/06	\$ 25
Fall Color Guard Uniform	Total Cost	\$ 145	n/a
	Deposit	08/01/06	\$ 100
	Balance	11/01/06	\$ 45
Fall Guard Accessories	Equipment Bag	08/20/06	\$ 20
	Wind Suit	11/01/06	\$ 55
	Hoodies	11/15/06	\$ 25
	Shoes	01/15/07	\$ 33
Concert Dress (New)	Total Cost	01/15/07	\$ 67.50
Concert Dress (Used)	Total Cost	01/15/07	\$ 40
Region Band (per audition)	Total Cost	12/01/06	\$ 7
Solo/Ensemble (per audition)	Total Cost	02/01/07	\$ 3
"Open" Guard	Total Cost	\$ 1,000	500
	Pymt #1	01/15/07	\$ 250
	Pymt #2	02/15/07	\$ 250
	Pymt #3	03/15/07	\$ 250
	Pymt #4	04/15/07	\$ 250
"A" Guard	Total Cost	\$ 750	375
	Pymt #1	01/15/07	\$ 200
	Pymt #2	02/15/07	\$ 200
	Pymt #3	03/15/07	\$ 200
	Pymt #4	04/15/07	\$ 150
Percussion Ensemble	Total Cost	\$ 400	200
	Pymt #1	12/04/06	\$ 100
	Pymt #2	01/15/07	\$ 100
	Pymt #3	02/15/07	\$ 100
	Pymt #4	03/15/07	\$ 100

Please detach and return with payment to:

Blue & Gold Band Club, Inc. (B&GBC)
PO Box 611, Fort Mill, SC 29716

Or

Have band members place payment in mailbox just inside Mr. Dickey's office

Student Name: _____

Event/Item: _____

Amt(\$/Pts): _____

Event/Item: _____

Amt(\$/Pts): _____

Event/Item: _____

Amt(\$/Pts): _____

Verizon Amphitheatre & Knights Stadium

HELP IS NEEDED!!!

The booster club continues its fundraising activities at Verizon Amphitheatre and Knights Stadium. The band program earns a percentage of the concession stand's sales and is our most lucrative fundraiser event that **benefits all band, guard and percussion students** while workers earn points that can be used to pay band fees, trips, etc.

Questions, event information, schedules, arrival time and sign-up forms can be found on the band's website (www.fortmillband.com – see the Verizon/Knights section) or by contacting:

Chris Krieger at 803-548-6946 or via email at ckrieger@comporium.net

Upcoming Schedule*

Verizon Amphitheatre

Knights Stadium

4/18 (Wed)	Fall Out Boy	7/21 (Sat)	Brad Paisley	No Events Scheduled
5/11 (Fri)	Alan Jackson/Brooks & Dunn	8/1 (Wed)	John Mayer	
5/12 (Sat)	Gwen Stefani	8/2 (Thu)	Kenny Chesney	
6/22 (Fri)	Toby Keith	8/18 (Sat)	Rascal Flatts	

TIPS training dates to be announced soon. Watch email blasts and website for more information!!!



Important!!!

*TIPS training is required to serve adult beverages at Verizon events but we do have other jobs that do not require the TIPS training (food/soda only windows, etc.). Please come out and see what other volunteers are doing for the band program at Verizon that **benefits all the students and the entire band program!!!***



**Concert dates are subject to change. Please visit the band's website for the latest schedule!!!*

Email from the Booster Club

If you would like to receive information via email from the booster club, please send a note to our the booster club's email address at fbandclub@comporium.net so we can update and/or add your email address to the Fort Mill High School Band distribution list.

If you are not receiving email from the booster club and you should be, please make sure your anti-spam/email filtering program allows the email address of fbandclub@comporium.net to reach your mailbox.

Nominations for Upcoming Elections

Nominations for board members for the 2007-2008 year are now open. Because of the addition of Nation Ford High School, we will need to elect two separate boards for each high school booster club. Each board will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 4 At-Large members. Anyone interested in becoming a board member and help lead the band programs through this challenging but exciting time, please contact Chris Krieger or Tina Walters.

Elections will be held during the April booster club meeting on **May 7, 2007** - yes the April booster meeting will be in May due to a scheduling conflict - in the Fort Mill High School band room at 7:30 pm.



Important Dates



Dates and times are subject to change. Please visit the band's website – www.fortmillband.com - for the most current and complete schedule.

March

- 24 (Sat) Winter Guard & Percussion State Championship (West Ashley HS - Charleston, SC)
- 26 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)
- 28 (Thu) State Concert Band Festival (Gaffney HS – Gaffney, SC)
Concert Band - 1:40 PM
Wind Symphony - 7:45 PM
- 31 (Sat) Winter Guard CIPA Championships (Western Carolina Univ – Cullowhee, NC)

April

- 5-13 (Thu-Fri) Hawaii Trip w/ Performance at Pearl Harbor
- 6-15 (Fri-Sun) No School – Spring Break
- 12-15 (Thu-Sun) Winter Guard WGI Championships (Dayton, OH)
- 18-22 (Wed-Sun) Percussion WGI Championships (Dayton, OH)
- 21 (Sat) FMHS Prom
- 24 (Tue) Springfield MS Spring Concert (Springfield MS – Fort Mill, SC)
Gold Hill MS Spring Concert (Fort Mill HS – Fort Mill, SC)
- 26 (Thu) Fort Mill MS Spring Concert (Fort Mill HS – Fort Mill, SC)
- 27-28 (Fri-Sat) Solo/Ensemble Festival (Fort Mill MS – Fort Mill, SC)
- 30 (Mon) Fort Mill HS Spring Concert (7:00 pm – Fort Mill HS – Fort Mill, SC)
(April booster meeting moved to May 7th)

May

- 5 (Sat) Fest-i-Fun
SAT Test – DO NOT TAKE ON THIS DAY
- 7 (Mon) April Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)
Elections for FMHS and NFHS Booster Boards
- 15 (Tue) Percussion Concert (TBD)
- 22 (Tue) Half Day of School
- 23 (Wed) Last Day of School – Half Day
- 26 (Sat) Graduation – **BAND WILL PLAY (REQUIRED)**
- 28 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)

June

- 2 (SAT) SAT Test

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Next Booster Club Meeting – Monday, March 26, 2007

7:30 PM – Fort Mill High School Band Room

Booster Club Meetings Are The Last Monday of the Month!!!

***SC Winter Ensemble
Championships***

Saturday, March 24th

West Ashley HS - Charleston, SC

State Concert Festival

Wednesday, March 28th

Gaffney HS – Gaffney, SC

Concert Band - 1:40 PM

Wind Symphony - 7:45 PM