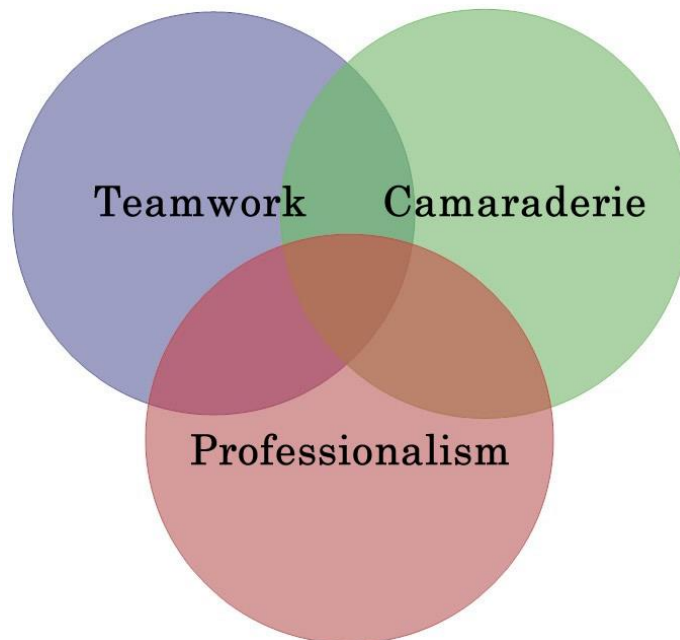


The Awesome Original Second Time Arounders Marching Band



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SHEPHERD / LEAD GUIDE



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Helping Build the Rounders Family

Thank you for accepting the position of Shepherd or Lead for your group! You have assumed an important role within the band to promote **teamwork, camaraderie, and professionalism**. This document offers ideas to help accomplish these goals in a pro-active manner, and the way you creatively interact with your group, may not be like anyone else!

The Rounders Family

Every person is important to the success of this group! The relationships you develop in the Rounders can be long term friendships that last a lifetime. Each new member in the Rounders needs some helpful guidance to become an effective *part* of our *35 year tradition*. Anticipate the questions! You can offer that guidance or ask mentors to help new members feel comfortable. Every member contributes to the successful outcome of a performance.

TEAMWORK

Working as a team, many times we can accomplish goals, that as individuals we cannot. For a group to accomplish their goals both directions and expectations must be communicated. Otherwise, we simply end up going in 300+ directions. This is a simple, but important concept. Your effectiveness and success can be great by simply confirming WHAT IS IMPORTANT for the group!

How many times have you gone to a Homeowner's Association Meeting (or any group) and hear, "We were never told that" when the fact was ... the concept had been communicated many times, both by written and verbal means.

By reinforcing and working toward the team's goals, you will assure that each Rounder is part of our successes and that their experience is a meaningful one.

Making a Commitment to Excellence

Preparation for a successful performance takes on many forms. A new member may need coaching on several of the many details a returning member takes for granted:

- Be prepared - Know the music or routine
- Wear the Uniform correctly
- March in the Rounders-style
- Represent the Rounders organization well
- Help each other
- Participate in Sectionals
- Recruit new members
- Support community outreach programs sponsored by the Rounders
- Assist with fundraising opportunities

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CAMARADERIE

Ideas to Help Encourage Enthusiasm

Asking Others to be Involved in Your Section – You can get others involved by asking them to mentor new section members, asking someone to help with communication, asking someone to track attendance, or asking someone to update web information for your section. All of these ideas allow others to become a larger part of the group and lessens your load. However, this does not relieve your leadership responsibility.

Email Ideas – Emails can be sent as often as needed. Weekly emails allow you to anticipate the questions that will come up and reinforce important topics for a smooth season. Topic suggestions: music practice hints, what to bring to rehearsals, informal gatherings, local concerts of interest, practice hints, calendar changes or performances by other members in your section or other Rounders.

Sectional Saturdays (or Tuesdays) – During the season, dates will be announced that will be open to larger groups (woodwinds, brass, etc), whereby your group will have the opportunity to rehearse more difficult sections of the music ... then maybe all go out for lunch afterwards!

Nametags – New Members find it a daunting task to learn 300+ names, so nametags are a good way to help them at rehearsals.

Music and Practice Clips – From the Rounders web site, your music is available to be downloaded and practiced. Practice clips will give your section a head start on how the overall group will sound, as well as, how to learn difficult rhythms.

What Part Should I Play ... 1st, 2nd, 3rd? – You, as your section's Shepherd, will make assignments based on the musical needs of the piece.

Marching Tips – (on web site)

Making Memories

Informal Gatherings – Although not mandatory, gatherings of smaller groups (maybe at a concert or restaurant) give members the chance to get to know each other.

Group Photos – Take the time to document your group's experience and we will post them on Facebook or the web site.

Leadership in the Community

The Board of Directors chooses many ways during the year to *give back* to the community, in addition to performing in parades and performances. As Shepherd/Lead, suggest participation in these activities:

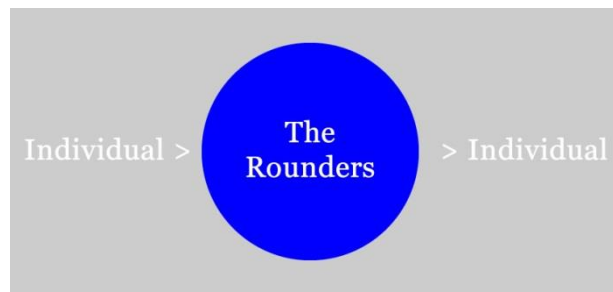
- Annual Musical Petting Zoo
- Band Camp Scholarships for Pinellas County students – University of Tampa
- Music to Our Ears

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PROFESSIONALISM

“Being the Best We Can Be”

As soon as you step out in the Rounders uniform, you are recognized as part of the Rounders. Rounders should always present themselves in a professional manner. We are all unique individuals with talents and energy to give to the group. When we work together (teamwork) to produce a memorable performance, we become part of the Rounders and shrink our individualities. When we leave, we can become individuals again, hopefully satisfied with the performance beyond what we could ever create just by ourselves.



Therefore, Encourage Your Section to Make a Commitment to Excellence:

- Wear all of the uniform – even when joining the performance or leaving the performance.
- Play your instrument only at the appropriate times (i.e. – Do not play your instrument on the way to or from rehearsals or performances)
- In the warm-up period, passionately and attentively rehearse the music or routines for the day's performance. Work toward a superior ensemble performance, both in accuracy and musicality.
- Arrive at the pre-performance inspection with a complete uniform. Missing hats, missing accessories, extra pins or logos will keep you from being included in the performance. (See uniform policy – ask any questions weeks before the first performance)
- Make the effort to blend with the style of your instrument, section and auxiliary group.
- When marching and not playing, sections hold their instrument the same (parallel or vertical)
- When marching, minimize the up-and-down head movement. Minimize upper body and hand movement. Glide down the street.
- Directional Brass – When marching with your instrument hold parallel to the ground, or higher (practice in a mirror).

<p>Musician's Checklist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrive early to warm-up and tune (and all help pack at the end)• Music – downloaded/print from the web• Know how to play your charts (rehearsals work on musicality not notes)• Flip folder or music stand• Pencil, paper, eraser	<p>Auxiliary Checklist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrive early to stretch and warm-up• Know the routines – (training videos on the web site)• Unpack all twirling and flag equipment (and all help pack at the end)• Pencil, paper, eraser
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SUMMARY

How To Get Started – Shepherd / Lead Choices

1. Introduce yourself via email or phone before the season starts (especially new to members).
2. Promote excitement for the upcoming season (Trips, performances, gatherings).
3. Know the music yourself. Help point out the rough spots for individual practice.
4. Anticipate questions – Include information you might want to know as a new member.
5. Be available – offer ways to communicate, especially with members who may be struggling with music or routines.
6. Recruit – We have time before season starts to add to your group.
7. Provide feedback to the Director, Visual Coordinator or Drum Major. Help make sure there is a coordinated message for the group.
8. Add “Active” or delete “in-active” profiles from your “Faces” page, and encourage all to upload a current photo.
9. Upload a group photo from your last gathering to your “Photos” page.
10. Use humor – We are all here to have a good time!

“Marching to Greatness” – Be A Rounder!

Your personal contribution of time and talents to the Second Time Arounders Marching Band will continue the great 30-year tradition that is etched in photo collections and the minds of our audiences. Your participation and leadership will help take the band to the next level of professionalism and fame.

Send Questions or Suggestions to: communications@SecondTimeArounders.org

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Appendix - Web Site Tools – Available to Shepherds/Leads (How To)

Shepherd/Lead Info

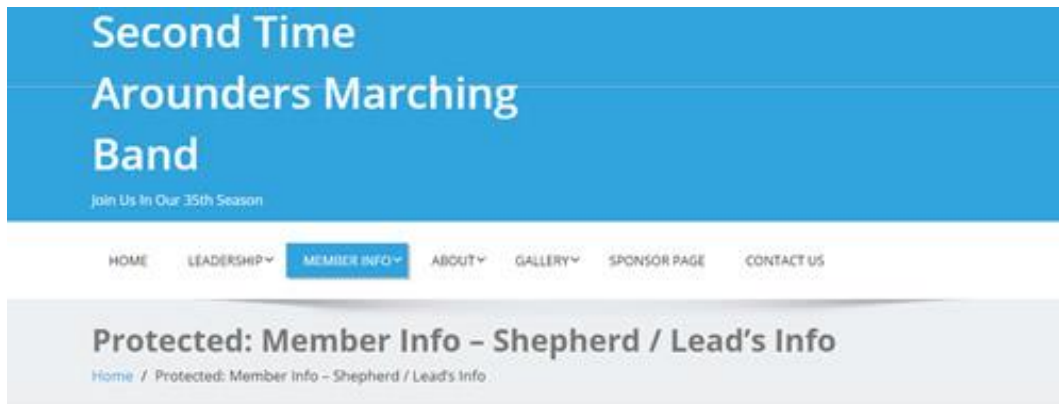
Certain section/group lists will be made available to Shepherds and Leads on the “Member Info – Shepherd /Lead Info page. At the beginning of the year the password will be ‘fabulous.’ That will change and be communicated to you.

What’s different?

No member logins needed this year to get information.

Music Download / Clips

A section password has been announced in the December 5th newsletter. Members download and print their music by selecting “Member Info – Music Download” on the web site, then. Selecting their section and entering the section password.



Shepherds/Leads Document Download

GROUP CAMARADERIE (More Info)

Galleries - Faces – Photos

For each section / group, there are dedicated pages on the web site. The “Gallery” pages shows each of the members of your group in first name order. When any member wants to update their photo, they can send a more current photo to photos@secondtimearounders.org.

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