

# Bingo Volunteer Information Sheet

## Why does École Vickers Band/Choir participate in Bingos?

École Vickers band and Choir participate in many events throughout the year. Our big event is a trip where the students have multiple learning and recreational opportunities and make memories that last a lifetime. The trips are paid for largely by the parents. Bingo fundraising provides **two** sources of income. The first is a \$50.00 credit toward a child's trip for every bingo that is worked. Band trips range from \$80 - \$450. A parent can substantially reduce their out-of-pocket expense by volunteering at as many Bingos as they wish/have time for. The second income from the bingos is a lump sum donation from Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming that goes toward reducing the costs of the trips.

## What is expected of me if I volunteer at a Bingo?

You will attend Carnival Bingo (3205 6<sup>th</sup> Ave East) 10 minutes before the start of your shift (shift times vary and will be sent by Remind or by e-mail). The onsite coordinator, Hilda Rassmussen, will have you sign in and assign you a sales apron with a float and explain the pricing for the different cards sold. You will wander up and down the tables independently and attend to clients as they wish to purchase cards. You will add up the purchase, receive the cash and make the correct change. Clients will raise their hand to get the attention of a volunteer. Once a Bingo is called, you will assist the bingo caller by attending to the client with the bingo and calling back the numbers to the caller to verify the win. You should dress in comfortable shoes and in layers as it can be quiet warm. Bring a beverage or food and beverages can be purchased at the snack bar. After the bingo, tables are wiped down and garbage is removed.

## Who can volunteer?

Anyone over 16 years of age. You may sign up as many people as you like but they must all attend the event. Children under 16 can attend with you but cannot receive a working credit. The volunteer must be able to clearly communicate, do basic addition and work independently.

## How do I volunteer?

Watch for remind notices and e-mail and respond to the messages with the names of all of your volunteers. Or, phone Hilda Rassmussen, directly at 306-960-8904 or 306-764-7684. If you have more than one child attending Vickers or they are in choir and band, please specify who and which group the credit shall go to.

## What if I can't volunteer but still want to assist in some way?

You can pay for your volunteer spot to be worked. Our Bingo Coordinator will hire all workers. Do not hire a worker on your own. Please call Hilda and she will make these arrangements for you.

You will still gain a \$50.00 credit for your student. Submit the \$30.00 payment to Hilda Rassmussen or to the school (Attn: Mr. Acorn ) at least 4 days prior to the bingo date so a worker can be hired in time. Mr. Acorn will communicate who is to be credited for the time to the on-site Bingo Coordinator at Carnival Bingo.

## How is the credit tracked?

The school band Bingo Coordinator (parent volunteer) keeps track of all of the remind notices and sign in sheets from the Bingos. Each Bingo date/worker and credited student is logged in a database after each bingo. Prior to a band trip, the database is used to determine the discount each child will receive on their band trip fees.

**What happens if I have an emergency immediately prior to the bingo I have volunteered for?**

Please phone and inform Hilda Rasmussen, first. Then, call Mr. Acorn (306-922-6446) and let him know so that arrangements can be made to hopefully find someone to fill-in for you. You may be charged \$30 – the cost of a replacement bingo worker. If a second bingo is missed, you will not be allowed to participate in future bingos.