



2016 Student/Parent Handbook

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Welcome to the Marching Pride of Lawrence Township

This MPLT Handbook specifically addresses Marching Band and the areas where the Lawrence North and Lawrence Central programs come together. There are many points which will be addressed separately at each high school, and will be covered in the LC & LN Band Handbooks.

Please refer to those additional handbooks for clarification.

MPLT Mission Statement

MPLT is an organization compiled of focused, self-accountable, undeniable performers, driven by their desire to work hard and commit to a constant positive attitude.

Staff Listing

Lawrence Central Staff:

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Contact Us and Stay Connected

***All LCHS and Belzer MS students/parents will direct questions and payments to Lawrence Central.
All LNHS and Fall Creek Valley MS students/parents will direct questions and payments to Lawrence North.***

Websites: For information about all performing arts activities and events, including performances and rehearsal schedules, itineraries, forms, fundraisers and volunteer opportunities go to: www.marchingpride.org

For school specific information: www.lcpaa.org or www.lnband.com

E-Mail List serves: There is a link on each website to add your email address to the MPLT List Serve recipient list. During the marching season and the school year this is the primary method of communication that the Band utilizes to provide important time-sensitive information about upcoming events and activities. WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ALL PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS TO SIGN ON TO THE LIST SERVE.

Twitter: Follow us on Twitter for band program highlights. www.twitter.com

@MPLTBand @LNband @LCPAA @MPLTRose @PridetoPasadena

Instagram: mpltband

Facebook: [Marching Pride of Lawrence Township Band](#) (closed group, request to join)

[Marching Pride of Lawrence Township](#) (community page, click "Like")

[Marching Pride of Lawrence Township Fan Club](#) (closed group, request to join)

Contact us if you have questions:

Performing Arts Secretary: **LC:** Kimberly Corman kimberlycorman@msdlt.k12.in.us 317-964-7550

LN: Alison Goller alisongoller@msdlt.k12.in.us 317-964-7951

Our Schools: **Lawrence Central High School**, 7300 East 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226

Lawrence North High School, 7802 Hague Road, Indianapolis, IN 46256



Rehearsal start and end times are listed below. Students must be in place with their instruments ready at the posted start times. Students will be available for pick up approx. 20-25 minutes after rehearsal ends, once equipment is put away.

2016 Summer Calendar (Subject to change)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
M	5/16	MPLT Kick-off Show Reveal Meeting	LC	7pm-8:30pm
F	5/27	Rookie Camp (all Rookie Marchers)	LN	5pm-9pm
	5/28-6/19	VACATION!		
M-W	6/20-6/22	Rehearsal	LN	2pm-9pm
Th	6/23	Rehearsal	LN	10am-4pm
Th	6/23	Drum Corps Evening Field Trip	Lucas Oil	5pm-11pm
F	6/24	Rehearsal	LN	2pm-9pm
M-F	6/27-7/1	Rehearsal	LN	2pm-9pm
T	***6/28	MANDATORY PARENT MEETING	LN	7:00pm***
Sa	7/2	Tag Day		10am-4pm
M	7/4	Lawrence July 4 th Parade	LC	10am-12pm
	7/5-7/24	VACATION!		
Su	7/24	Band Camp <u>Registration ONLY</u>	LC	6pm-8:30pm
*Once you are registered, you are dismissed.				
M-Sa	7/25-7/30	Band Camp	LC	7am-9:30pm
Sa	7/30	Parent Performance and Cookout	LC	6pm-8pm
M	8/1	Rehearsal	LC	3pm-9:30pm
T	8/2	Rehearsal	LC	7am-9:30pm
W	8/3	No Rehearsal		
Th	8/4	First Day of School/ Regular Season Rehearsal (see below)	LC	6:30pm-9:30pm

For the full season calendar, updates and to sign up for the MPLT List Serve go to www.marchingpride.org

Weekly Rehearsal Schedule

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Monday	4:30pm-6:30pm
Tuesday	4:30pm-6:30pm
Wednesday (Before 10/12/16)	OFF (10/19/16 and after) 4:30pm-6:30pm
Thursday	6:30pm-9:30pm
Friday (Non-game days)	4:30pm-7:30pm (Game Days) 4:30pm-9:30pm
Saturday (8/6 – 9/10/16) (9/17 – 11/12/16)	10:00am – 5:00pm (except 9/3 OFF Labor Day) All Day/Contests TBA

Home Football Games

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>	
9/2	@Lucas Oil	LN vs LC Game	1:00pm-10:30pm
9/9	@LN	Homecoming	4:30pm-9:30pm
9/16	@LC	Homecoming	4:30pm-9:30pm
9/30	@LC	Senior Night	4:30pm-9:30pm
10/7	@LN	Senior Night	4:30pm-9:30pm

Competition/Performance Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
9/17	LC Invitational
9/24	Contest TBA
10/1	Contest TBA
10/8	Contest TBA
10/15	ISSMA Regional @ Center Grove
10/22	ISSMA Semi State @ Ben Davis
10/29	ISSMA State Finals @ Lucas Oil Stadium
11/4 – 11/5	BOA Indy Super Regional @ Lucas Oil Stadium
11/10 - 11/12	BOA Grand Nationals @Lucas Oil Stadium

SAT/ACT Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OK to TAKE?</u>
9/10/15	ACT at LC	No
10/1/15	SAT at LN	Yes
10/1/15	SAT at LC	Yes
10/22/15	ACT at LN	No
11/5/15	SAT at LC	Yes

Rose Parade Rehearsals

12/10/16	10am – 5pm	Location TBA
12/27/16	10am – 5pm	Location TBA
12/28/16	10am – 5pm	Location TBA

Pasadena Tournament of Roses Trip 12/29/16 – 1/4/17

The full MPLT calendar is posted at www.marchingpride.org

Please check regularly for updates and changes.

Competition itineraries will be available the week of the competition for students to pick-up, posted to the websites and emailed via the list serves.

Rules of Conduct and Member Responsibilities

Being a member of the *Marching Pride of Lawrence Township* is an exciting opportunity as well as a privilege. The performance opportunities you will experience will be special and the benefits long term.

Attendance: Members will attend all rehearsals and performances unless excused in advance by a director.

- Be prompt. In order to begin on time, all members should **report 15 minutes before** the designated starting time.
- Members will bring **water**, sunscreen and be appropriately attired for all rehearsals and performances.
- Permanent performance slots are based on attendance and work ethic. In instances where students miss significant rehearsal time it may result in them sharing a performance slot in the show with another student.

Code of Conduct: ALL MSD OF LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP RULES AND POLICIES ARE IN EFFECT AT ALL TIMES.

- Students in the *Marching Pride* will conduct themselves in exemplary fashion at all times.
- Show up for all rehearsals on time and work hard during rehearsal.
- Maintain a clean school disciplinary record (no referrals) and an average to above average academic record.
- Treat fellow band members, staff, parent volunteers, facilities and property with dignity and respect.
- Students will react positively to staff instruction.
- Students having trouble in any of these areas may have their performance eligibility revoked at any time.

Financial Obligations: Parents and/or guardians and students will be held responsible for all financial obligations outlined in the MPLT handbook. Payments must be made ON TIME or financial arrangements must be made. (See page 9 for more details.) Fundraising activities are available and designed to assist with these expenses/fees.

Forms: All members must have the following information on file with your home school's PA Office by the start of Band Camp registration, July 24th to be considered for a permanent spot in the show:

- Marching Band Performer Contract
- Student/Parent Certificate and Consent Form, and Medical Consent Form
- Physical Evaluation History and Examination Form *signed by a physician*.
- Information Verification Form (all forms are available online at www.marchingpride.org)

Performance Readiness: Marching band is about working together to achieve a high level of excellence.

- Work as a team at all times. Every student will give their best at every rehearsal.
- Prepare music, movement/choreography, equipment work (color guard) and work hard during rehearsals.

Bus Rides and Transportation: It is important that the group travels as a unit to all performances in order to focus and prepare mentally. The trip home is also a time of group unity and shared responsibility upon arrival to unload and put away all equipment.

- If a student must leave a performance site with a parent/guardian, a letter of authorization, signed by the parent/guardian, must be given to the band directors prior to departure from the school. Before leaving the performance site, the student and parent/guardian must check out with the director.

What You Can Expect from the Staff: The marching band staff commit to giving students the best quality instruction and product possible. Every effort is made to design a highly competitive and enjoyable program.

Extra/Co-Curricular Participation Conflicts: If a student wishes to participate in more than one school activity, it is the student's responsibility to compare both schedules carefully. The music and athletic departments have agreed that students will split overlapping practice time between the two activities when practices conflict; however, if too many conflicts exist, the student should not participate in the activities which take place during the same season. Refer to the Co-Curricular and Non-Athletic Extra-Curricular Activities and Clubs section in your home school's student handbook.

Uniforms and Appearance

All members are expected to wear appropriate attire for all rehearsals and dress for the weather.

Suggestive or revealing attire is not acceptable. Color guard members: jeans or jean shorts are not acceptable.

Shoes: All members will wear tennis shoes and socks for rehearsals. A strong tennis shoe with good arch support is recommended. **Marching shoes must be purchased and worn for all performances.** Fees do not include mandatory marching band shoes. Shoes must be purchased from your home school, will be fitted during rehearsals, and can be worn over multiple seasons. All first year marchers will need shoes. Cost is \$40.

Uniform for Marching Band and Color Guard: Fees include marching uniform rental (or color guard costume), uniform laundering, undergarments, 1st pair of gloves and 1st pair of socks. Additional socks and gloves may be purchased as needed.

All parts of the band or guard uniform must be returned at the end of the season.

The cost of any missing items will be invoiced to the student's account.

Student Responsibility: It is the responsibility of each student to keep his/her uniform and accessories clean, neatly hung up and properly stored. Marching band uniforms are to be kept at Lawrence Central.

All school owned items are to be returned at the end of each season.

Loss of, or damage to the uniform is the student's financial responsibility.

Alterations: School owned uniforms will be altered, as needed, by the Uniform Committee.

Cleaning: Bulk cleaning for **school owned** items will be provided at the end of each season.

Shirt Orders: Orders will be taken during the season for marching band show shirts and spirit wear for students and family members to purchase separately.

Letter Jackets: Wool athletic style coats with leather or wool sleeves may be purchased at Webster's Sporting Goods in Castleton. This jacket is not a uniform requirement.

Hair: Marching Band: Wear up under shako for performances; no bandanas or other forms of head wraps are permitted. All male students are to be clean shaven on all performance days.

-Color guard: Hair must be kept a natural color during the performance season. Braids or micro braids must be approved in advance prior to the performance season. Hair will be designed to coordinate with the costumes for the show and all must adhere to the overall look.

Make-up: Marching Band: Light make-up is allowed for performances.

-Color guard: All members are required to wear make-up for performances. MPLT will purchase make-up for color guard performers. **ALLERGIES:** if you have allergies due to sensitive skin, you are required to purchase your own specific make-up that matches the requirements of the show if it is a higher cost than that purchased by MPLT.

Jewelry/Nail Polish: No jewelry or nail polish is allowed for performances.

2016 Band Camp Information

Band Camp Registration: Sunday, July 24, 2016, 6-8:30pm at LC

Band Camp: Monday, July 25 – Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at LC

For a student to attend camp, all the following details must be taken care of by parents and students:

Forms: All members must have the following information on file with your home school's PA Office prior to the beginning of Band Camp to be considered for a permanent spot in the show:

- Marching Band Performer Contract
- Student/Parent Certificate and Consent Form, and Medical Consent Form
- Physical Evaluation History and Examination Form *signed by a physician.*
- Information Verification Form

(all forms are available online at www.marchingpride.org, www.lcpaa.org and www.lnband.com)

Fees: All payments must be current and up to date, including any previous outstanding balances paid in full.

Handbook: Read the handbook fully.

Attend Mandatory Parent Meeting: Tuesday, June 28, 7:00pm at Lawrence North HS.

What to Bring: Water jug, sack meals as directed, sunscreen, tennis shoes and socks, appropriate attire, a GREAT attitude!

Performance Day Reminders

- ALL MSD OF LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP RULES AND POLICIES ARE IN EFFECT AT ALL TIMES.
- Students in the *Marching Pride* will conduct themselves in exemplary fashion at all times.
- Treat your uniform with respect and wear it with pride – you are representing your school and your district!
- NO food or non-water drinks allowed while in uniform.
- Your uniform and your equipment is YOUR responsibility. Make sure you have everything you need and are prepared for performance.
- When preparing for performance, sections need to stay together so communication is possible at all times.
- Before and after performances, all members must wear their show shirt so the group can be easily identified.
- All male students are to be clean shaven on all performance days.
- All members are required to wear their hair up, off the back of the neck and under the shako; no bandanas or other forms of head wraps are permitted.
- Light make-up is allowed for performances, no jewelry or nail polish is permitted. (Color Guard members will wear performance make up.)
- Pre and Post performance transits will be done in a uniform fashion. Be prepared to take instruction from directors and section leaders.
- After performing, stay together to receive instructions.
- After performances, uniforms must be properly hung up and returned to the uniform room or truck before anyone will be dismissed. All uniform parts must be fully accounted for and stored properly to ensure they are kept in good condition. If your uniform needs repair at any time, let a parent chaperone know!
- *Your uniform is your responsibility.*
- Pick up trash, even if it isn't yours.
- Students must stay with a group at all times.

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO RIDE THE BUS TO AND FROM ALL PERFORMANCES

Financial Information 2016

Running a National level competitive band program is very expensive. Each member must fulfill their financial responsibilities ON TIME or make arrangements in writing through LC or LN band office. **We want to work with you to allow all students to participate fully in the *Marching Pride of Lawrence Township* program.**

Marching Band & Guard Fees: Your financial obligation to participate in the *Marching Pride of Lawrence Township* is **\$700.00**. This fee includes clinicians salaries, show design, uniform, uniform laundering, undergarments, 1st pair of gloves, 1st pair of socks, transportation, crayons, band camp, water, meal plan (on competition days and before football games), bus snacks, ticket to DCI event in June and ticket to BOA prelims in November. (Additional socks and gloves may be purchased from your home school for an additional fee.)

Fees do not include mandatory marching band shoes or mandatory Pride to Pasadena t-shirt. Shoes and t-shirt must be purchased from your home school. Shoes can be worn over multiple seasons. All first year marchers will purchase shoes at a cost of \$40.

All payments will be made through your home school's booster organization:

Please include student's full name and reason for payment on the memo line.

Checks: LC Students: to "LCPAA" mailed to: LCHS, attn. Kimberly Corman, 7300 East 56th St, Indianapolis, IN 46226

LN Students: to "LN Band" mailed to: LNHS, attn. Alison Goller, 7802 Hague Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46256

Payments can also be turned in to the PA Office at each school.

Credit Card Payments: Visa, Mastercard and Discover payments can be made at:

LC: In the Performing Arts Office, call 964-7550.

LN: At <http://lnband.com/fees.php> or call the LN Performing Arts Office at 964-7951.

Payment Options Available:

- Payment in full on or before June 30, 2016
- Five monthly payments of \$140 June-October
- Ten bi-weekly payments of \$70 June - November
- **All accounts must be paid in full before November 15, 2016**

Payment Plans & Financial Assistance:

- Payment plans and financial assistance opportunities may be arranged with the Band Directors at your high school.
- Fundraiser details are available on your home school's websites, newsletters and through booster organizations.
- Multiple fundraising opportunities are in place for students to defer a portion of their marching band fees.
- All students and their parents will be expected to volunteer for events and participate in fundraisers, especially if requesting financial assistance.
- All students will be held financially responsible for their participation in MPLT.

Meal Plan:

A portion of the marching band fees is for a meal plan to ensure that ALL MPLT members have convenient, nourishing and reasonably priced meals while remaining at a rehearsal or performance site. Information will be given regarding which meals are provided and when students will need to bring meals.

Additional Fees:

Fees will be charged separately for concert band participation, color guard or instrument/equipment rentals as determined by your home school. Please refer to the Lawrence Central or Lawrence North Band Handbooks for further details.

School Owned Instrument/Equipment – Rental Fees & Responsibility

Use of school-owned Brass, Woodwind, Percussion or Guard equipment: Fees and details will be determined by the home school. Please refer to the Lawrence Central or Lawrence North Band Handbooks for further details.

Instruments & Equipment Care - Student fees pay for routine repair from **normal and proper** usage of equipment, instruments, uniforms, etc. **Students are responsible for any and all damage caused by improper usage and/or carelessness.**

Student Accounts & Fundraising Opportunities

Student Accounts: Each band and color guard student is a member of, and has an account with, either the LN Band Boosters or LCPAA. All financial transactions through the band are recorded in your account. We provide many fundraising and service opportunities for families to participate in. Profits from these opportunities will be held in the student's account to be used to reduce current or future band fees and required band expenses.

Statements: Financial statements are emailed monthly and will show all changes to your student's account. Please help us keep you informed by providing correct email address and any changes to:

LC: kimberlycorman@msdlt.k12.in.us

LN: alisongoller@msdlt.k12.in.us

Student Account Management: Please pay fees according to your payment schedule or contact your band directors or PA secretary for alternate payment plans. **Fees must be paid in full before participation will be permitted in future extra-curricular activities.**

Fundraisers: Fundraising events will be offered separately through both high schools. Details will be made available through your home school's list serves, websites and newsletters. Be informed and sign up for your home school's list serves!

-Each band student and their family has the opportunity to participate in several fundraisers. **All families are strongly encouraged** to participate in General Fund service events as these are essential to minimizing student fees and pay for many long term projects necessary to assure the continued growth of all our Band Programs.

LC Performing Arts Association or LN Band Boosters: You are a Member!

LCPAA meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:45pm in the choir room at LC.

LN Band Booster meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the band room at LN.

Combined MPLT meetings will be held as needed and advance notice of these meetings will be communicated via list serve messages.

For school specific information and to sign up for List Serves, go to www.lcpaa.org or www.lnband.com

Boosters and Volunteer Group Chairs

LCPAA (Lawrence Central Performing Arts Association):

President:	Kim Earl	president@lcpaa.org	696-2728
Vice-President:	Bob Gardner	president-elect@lcpaa.org	417-0715
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	Amy Svendsen	treasurer@lcpaa.org	294-6559
Secretary:	Leeanne Kidwell	secretary@lcpaa.org	850-3333
Public Relations:	Dawn Stout	communication@lcpaa.org	823 1370
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Volunteer Coordinator:	Sue Felli	volunteer@lcpaa.org	694-7674
	Susy Haber	volunteer@lcpaa.org	370-3369
	Beth Rogers	volunteer@lcpaa.org	506-1350
	Anne Williams	volunteer@lcpaa.org	823-5736
Technology	Brian & Judy Everly	technology@lcpaa.org	506-7452

LN Band Boosters:

President:	Wendy Manubay	cilladog@prodigy.net	446-2859
VP- Fundraising:	Keta Cross	kercross10@gmail.com	496-4730
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Volunteer Group Chairs:

Meal Plan:	Kathy Gardner	rhjgardner@aol.com	294-5498
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Medical Staff:	Courtney Clardy	courtclardy@gmail.com	519-8928
Pride Fan Club:	Cindy Martens	martenspack@yahoo.com	413-7623
	Amy Svendsen	asvendsen8451@att.net	294-6559
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	Jessica Moore	mooresweet33@gmail.com	531-9733
Band Camp:	Cindy Martens	martenspack@yahoo.com	413-7623
	Amy Svendsen	asvendsen8451@att.net	294-6559
	Jill Hayth	JHayth@chacompanies.com	445-4580

Marching Pride Volunteer Opportunities

If you have a student in band, you are a band booster!

It takes all of us working together to create a positive experience for our kids. Our greatest asset is **YOU!** Without the tireless sacrifice and dedication of parents and family members each year, the *Marching Pride of Lawrence Township* will not succeed. Please take the time to review the following sampling of volunteer opportunities. Please feel free to contact the volunteer leaders with any questions you may have. The Marching Pride family welcomes all the unique skills and talents you will bring.

Volunteer Group	Description
Meal Plan	Prepare meals before football games and on competition days. Ensures ALL MPLT members have access to convenient, nourishing and reasonably priced meals while remaining at the rehearsal or performance site. Pride Bakers provide homemade desserts for meals.
Chaperones	Bus roll call, monitor behavior, prepare water coolers and distribute snacks for band trips.
Crew/Props	Build show props, load/unload equipment, and assist moving instruments and props on and off the field.
Uniforms	Measure, fit and alter uniforms, organize, distribute and check-in uniforms after each performance.
Medical Staff	Triage and treat scrapes, sprains and other conditions, monitor student Rx at band camp and throughout the season.
Pride Fan Club	Decorations, Pride Wear, morale boosters and cheering.
Color Guard	Costume washing, "Prep" crew (hair, make-up)
Band Camp	Serve meals, water breaks, medical staff, organize fun activities, end of camp cookout setup/teardown

Glossary of Terms & Abbreviations

BOA: Bands of America, a part of the national music education organization Music for All that holds high school marching band competitions across the country. This includes Regionals, Super-Regionals and Grand National competitions.

IHSCGA: Indiana High School Color Guard Association, state Color Guard circuit.

IMEA: Indiana Music Education Association

IPA: Indiana Percussion Association, organizational group for Winter Percussion competitions in Indiana.

ISSMA: Indiana State School Music Association. This group organizes music competition in Indiana Schools.

LCPAA: Lawrence Central Performing Arts Association.

MPLT: Marching Pride of Lawrence Township

PA: Performing Arts

WGI: Winter Guard International, national Color Guard and Winter Percussion circuit.

Competition Criteria

The *Marching Pride of Lawrence Township* will perform in a variety of competitions during the season.

Invitationals: Are contests hosted by local high schools and give the band great performance experience and critical feedback from judges.

ISSMA: Each competing band will perform at an ISSMA Regional Site. To advance they must receive a Division I rating and be one of the top ten performances at that site. Next is ISSMA Semi-State where the top 10 of the 20 competing bands advance. ISSMA State Marching Band Finals are performed at Lucas Oil Stadium, where the top 10 bands in each of the four classes (A, B, C & D) compete for the state title. The *Marching Pride* performs in Class A.

Tickets to ISSMA Regional and Semi-State events are available at performance sites on the day of the event. Schools competing in ISSMA State Finals will have tickets for sale Monday – Friday (at noon) the week immediately before finals.

BOA Grand Nationals: There are no qualifications for entering a BOA Regional or the Grand Nationals event. Both the Indy Regional and the Grand Nationals will be at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Grand Nationals weekend is in three parts: 1) Thursday and Friday are preliminary competitions. MPLT will perform on one of these days. 2) Semi-finals are held Saturday during the day. 3) Finals are held on Saturday night. There is no assurance that MPLT will perform in either the semi-finals or finals round.

Tickets for BOA Regional can be purchased at the performance site the day of the event. Tickets for the preliminary rounds of BOA Grand Nationals can be purchased at Lucas Oil box office. BOA Grand Nationals Finals tickets will be pre ordered so that friends and family of MPLT can sit together in a Cheer Block. Payment will be cash only, and the order will be placed once the minimum group order has been reached.

Band Hierarchy, Chain of Command

- Band Directors
- Band and Color Guard Staff
- Leadership Council Officers*
- Section Leaders/Guard Captains
- Representatives
- Band Members

*The Leadership Council is a group of students selected for their leadership abilities and seniority in the performance ensemble. Their responsibility is to assist the directors and they are expected to be exemplary role models for fellow members and demonstrate unquestionable commitment and dedication. Drum Majors, Captains and Section Leaders are selected by the directors through an application and interview process.

Notes: