

Banding Together for Success

It was August 1, the first day of band practice. The next few months would be centered around practicing, performing, and traveling. The day began at 8:30, and exercise to limber up was first on the agenda. The flag girls and rifle men went outside to loosen up.

The flag girls were taught to twirl the flag, while veterans were taught some new methods. They also brushed up on marking time, left and right faces and about faces. While the flags and rifles were working outside, the rest of the band worked inside and learned the music for the new show.

The second week was band camp. That was the week the band room became our second home from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Many students complained because it got hot! When it was 90 degrees outside, it was 110 degrees on the asphalt. Senior Mark Manigo said, "although some of those hot days seemed almost unbearable, the team work and dedication kept us going."

All of the energy put forth in practice was payed back double when the band received much recognition during marching season.

Attentively watching one of the Palmetto Band Classic performances, is Band of Blue Director, Bill Young. The Palmetto Band Classic successfully raises money for the band booster club each year.

