

Guidelines for Blue Bandit Leaders



Blue Bandit Leaders responsibilities include but are not limited to the following: Planning and scheduling Outgoing and Incoming Raids, Informing the President and Newsletter Publisher, Prepare sign up sheets / maps, Announce future raids, Prepare articles for the monthly newsletter, Maintain a Blue Bandit Notebook, Maintain card file, award bars and stars as appropriate, Maintain a record of banner locations and Attend board meetings. These responsibilities can be shared by Co-Leaders in any way they deem appropriate and agree upon.



Outgoing: Plan two (2) to three (3) months in advance. Never schedule outgoing raids on Whirl & Twirl dance nights, i.e. no outgoing Plus Raids on Fridays. Before scheduling a raid it should be understood by the raid leaders of each club what level the dance will be (some Plus Clubs will dance Mainstream or MS/Plus upon request) and that the club being raided will reciprocate by raiding Whirl & Twirl. Try to schedule a Mainstream raid shortly after our dancers complete the Mainstream lessons. Avoid scheduling a return raid to the same club sooner than six (6) week following their raid at our club. The Raid Leader will use the sign up sheet to record attendance, lead the "Blue Bandit March" accept the appropriate banner and announce who we are, when and where we dance, who our caller and cuer are, any special events coming soon and invite the host club to visit us. Give the host club a Whirl & Twirl pass (good for one year from date of raid to be distributed as they wish). Raid Leaders will present the banner to our president during the next dance at Whirl & Twirl. Banners from other clubs will be displayed on the Blue Bandit Trophy Bar.

Incoming: We accept raids on any Wednesday or Friday unless it is a closed membership night. Incoming raiders are welcome to attend our Wednesday Night Pot Luck dinners if they bring their own table service and a "pot" to share. Try not to have incoming banner raids on a Friday night when Whirl & Twirl is having a pot-luck dinner, if they do come for the dinner there is a \$5 per person charge plus they must bring a "pot" and their table service. Also, suggest a different night if the incoming club request to come on a graduation night or other special event night, i.e. nights that include competition and judging, etc. that take extra time. Let them know why you are suggesting a different date. The Raid Leader will welcome the incoming raiders, offer refreshments etc. and present the appropriate banner during the raid ceremony. Take a count of the raiders in the raiding group, a minimum of eight (8) dancers is required. Before and during the dance, encourage club members to dance with the raiders.

Always have your raid calendar available during an Incoming or Outgoing raid. When possible schedule a return raid with the other clubs raid leader during a current raid if it has not been previously scheduled.



Immediately after scheduling a raid, incoming or outgoing, inform the President and Newsletter Publisher preferably via e-mail. This will ensure that the raid is included on club calendar updates.

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Prepare a sign up sheet showing the date, time and club where the raid will be held, post on the Blue Bandit Bulletin Board. Maps and directions to the restaurant / club should be available to prospective raiders well in advance of the raid date. Make reservations at the selected restaurant in advance where possible. Inform the restaurant that we are the "Blue Bandits" and will be dressed in blue and white, request that the raiders be seated in the same area and that they be seated and orders taken as they arrive, with individual billing. (it doesn't hurt to ask about senior or group discounts)



Announce future raids during all Whirl & Twirl dances. Encourage members to sign up for outgoing raids and request member to bring extra refreshment on incoming raid nights.



Our monthly newsletter includes a front page column for "Bandit Biz" This space is used to promote the Blue Bandits by covering past experiences and future plans. The article should be e-mailed to the Newsletter Chairperson by the 15th of each month or earlier if requested.



This guideline, a copy of the Central Florida Association Banner Stealing Guideline, a current Whirl & Twirl calendar of events and directory, past sign up sheets (five years), a year by year record of incoming clubs with dates and number of raiders (five years), to help you or your replacement in the future maintain a list of clubs that we raid with the current Raid Leader / Banner Chairperson's name, phone number, e-mail address, etc., a record of Banner locations and any other materials deemed appropriate are maintained in a loose-leaf notebook. Raid Leaders should bring this book to board meetings and the club upon request but otherwise keep the book at home for use as needed.



The card file should contain individual cards on each Whirl & Twirl member that has participated in a Blue Bandit Raid. Each card will show name, raid date & location, type of raid and summative points for the individual. Cards should be updated using the sign up sheet immediately following a raid. For security purposes it is advisable that the card file and the bars and stars be kept at the home of the Raid Leader, but the points etc. of individuals should be available to them on request. Cards of former members will be separated from the active file, the date membership was dropped will be entered on the front of the card. These cards will remain in the file, if the former members rejoin Whirl & Twirl their cards will be reactivated at the previous point level.

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Points and Awards as follows:

5 points for each raid attended wearing club badge and colors

50 points earns a Blue Bandit Bar (Regular Members Blue - Lifetime Members Silver)

100 points earns a star (silver, bronze or gold depending on availability)

200 earns a second star

300 earns a third star

400 and higher, a bar with the numbers in large letters

Following a raid the Raid Leaders will present the award at the first Whirl & Twirl dance attended by the recipient.

Request additional Bar & Stars as needed from the club treasurer. NOTE: Stars are purchased at Navy Exchange.

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Maintain records indicating location of Whirl & Twirl banners and all banners of other club currently at Whirl & Twirl; also indicate the date that they were stolen.

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Raid Leaders are encouraged to attend all board meetings to keep board members informed of current and future Blue Bandit plans.

Follow this guideline, the Central Florida Association guideline, ask former Blue Bandit Leaders, use common sense and have FUN.

This guideline was approved during the Whirl and Twirl Board meeting on_____.

President: _____

Secretary: _____

Bandit Leaders: _____

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Addendum 1: July 22, 2005

■ Passes received from other clubs will be awarded to Blue Bandits prior to a raid on that club. As Blue Bandits receive a bar or a star they will be placed on a waiting list and presented a pass, based on availability, for the next raid they attend.

Addendum 2: October 17, 2005

■ When the Blue Bandit Leader is unavailable to lead a raid parade or serve as spokesperson an Honorary Leader / Spokesperson will be selected by the Blue Bandit Leader. Only Blue Bandits with one or more stars will be considered for this position.