



# *Burlington Teen Tour Band*

*Representing Burlington, Ontario & Canada*

*spectacular*  
*wonderful*  
cherish *amazing*  
*family*  
*music*  
*life*  
*inspired*  
*confidence*  
experience  
*pride*  
responsible  
*love*  
*talent*  
awesome



## You Know You're A Teen Tour Band Member When...

- You walk beside someone and you worry about if your line is dressed or not.
- Every red shirt you see, you automatically think: "Teen Tour Band" shirt.
- You actually know what a dickie is.
- You find yourself walking in step with everyone you walk with.
- The golden arches at McDonald's are about as common a colour to you as the red tunic.
- Suspenders aren't just for old men anymore.
- It really isn't rude to stick your hands down your band pants in the wintertime.
- You don't think twice about changing out of your uniform around other band members.
- You can accept but never like the "white disco shoes".
- You walk on enough Astro Turf as any NFL player would.
- You spend almost as much time in the line for the washroom as you do marching.
- You can appreciate games like "kick the beer cup" and "bump the cameraman".
- You know ham and cheese sandwiches have meaning of their own.





# the beginning...



The tradition of excellence began December 15, 1947 when 75 nervous members of the Burlington Boys and Girls Band gave their first performance under the leadership of Elgin Corlett, the Band's founder and first music director. The Band's first appearance outside Ontario, Canada took place in the summer of 1949 when the Burlington Band travelled to Warren, Ohio to perform at a football game and concert.

By 1952, membership had climbed to more than 150 boys and girls. In 1965, the name changed to the Burlington Teen Tour Band. The management organized annual tours and developed a philosophy that focused on producing a better band that would keep members active year round.

In 2017, the Burlington Teen Tour Band celebrated its 70th anniversary.

Today the BTTB has the privilege of travelling around the world representing Burlington & Canada on the International stage. In June of 2019, the Band attended the 75th Anniversary of D-Day at Juno Beach.



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It's easy to play any *musical instrument*:  
all you have to do is *touch the right key* at the *right time*  
and the instrument will *play itself*. ~ J.S. Bach





# *the junior redcoats...*

The Junior Redcoats Band is the feeder organization to the Burlington Teen Tour Band. It is open to boys and girls from 9 to 13.

The Junior Redcoats have a history almost as long as the BTTB. At first the group was only referred to as a training band. It was given the name Peanut Band around 1970. The name was changed to the Junior Redcoats in the 1980's.

Members must be currently taking music lessons with a qualified instructor. New members can join as they begin their music lessons. Lessons are offered at the Music Centre by the City of Burlington Recreation, Community and Culture Department. The municipal music program is the largest of it's kind in Canada and provides basic training for hundreds of young musicians each year.

The Junior Redcoats perform locally several times a year. Rehearsals are Saturday mornings from 9:30 - 11:15 at the Burlington Music Centre. Members can move up to the ranks of the Burlington Teen Tour Band when they reach 13. Call 905-335-7807 for more information.



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*“I met my best friends in band.*  
It has been great! Life would be so different without band,  
it is my favourite extra-curricular.

*It is my second family and my  
home away from home.”*



# *when the band competes...*



When the Band competes everyone is a winner! The Teen Tour Band regularly returns home to Burlington as champions of international competitions ~ but the real reason for competing is to encourage members to reach for higher levels of personal achievements.

Each member of the Burlington Teen Tour band is strongly encouraged to give their best effort and to appreciate and support the efforts of all other engaged Band activities.

This philosophy emphasizes the importance of cooperation, discipline, sportsmanship, friendship and an eagerness to learn.

Through competitions, each person experiences a double benefit: the joy of playing, and the satisfaction of supporting others as they put forth their best efforts.

Each contest is a learning experience ~ far more valuable to the individual, and the entire band, than the results of any competition.

When the Band competes, it is not to win more trophies or awards. It is to support and encourage the efforts of the young adults who will pass on information and lessons learned in the Band as they march onward through their adult lives.

*When the Burlington Teen Tour Band plays . . . Everyone is a winner!*



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*“Only through this band  
could I have learned  
the desire & need  
to make music  
that is harboured  
deep in the soul.”*







## *about the boosters...*



the Band members' touring costs and chaperoning Band members on trips, parades and during other activities. The Boosters also promote and support the Band's concerts, marches and other musical endeavours; work for the good of the Band organization; assist the director in the efficient operation of the Band; and support Band activities demonstrating good citizenship.

In the late 1960's, parents and supporters of the Burlington Teen Tour Band gathered to help with the planning and organizing of the various Band activities. This volunteer group became known as the "Boosters". The Booster organization was formalized and incorporated as a registered non-profit charity in 1974.

The mandate of the Burlington Teen Tour Band Boosters Inc. is to support the Burlington Teen Tour Band. This includes organizing fundraising activities to offset



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*"The band has given me  
many opportunities  
to meet new friends,  
perform & get involved."*



# fundraising...



Boosters devote an enormous amount of volunteer time and energy each year to fundraising to offset the cost of Band tours. Small fundraising drives vary, but the major ones are usually mainstays. Burlington's treasured Teen Tour Band enjoys tremendous support from members of the public who also take considerable pride in the Band. Their donations and participation in fundraising activities have helped to keep the Band marching.

Major fundraisers have included:

- Fortinos grocery bagging.
- BBQs at various Burlington and area events.
- Annual Raffle



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"I have had many  
*great experiences*  
*& made many*  
*friendships*  
in the band that I will  
*cherish forever.*"



# sponsorship...



The Boosters offer a sponsorship program in which companies, businesses and individuals have an opportunity to donate and support the world renowned Band that brings so much pride to Burlington and to Canada.

Teenagers from all backgrounds are welcomed into the Band, where they learn the importance of teamwork, work ethics, time management, honesty, stamina and personal pride while at the same time establishing lifelong friendships and special memories.

It is through the generous support of corporate and individual sponsors -- from contributions at the supporter level of \$300 to \$500 up to the platinum level of \$3,000 -- that Band members continue to learn these values that promote good citizenship.

The Burlington Teen Tour Band Boosters Sponsorship Board is located in the Burlington Music Centre. This board recognizes all the contributions to the Boosters in the Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Levels.



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alumni...



The Alumni Association comes together for significant Band anniversaries, the 60th anniversary in 2007 being the largest gathering to date, with 300 participants.

Over 600 alumni from around the world keep in touch through the association web and Facebook sites. They recall their years in Band as ‘the time of their lives’ and have on occasion, financially supported individual band members so they can participate in tours and have the same experience.



Several thousand teenagers have been in the Burlington Teen Tour Band through the years since the Band’s inception in 1947.



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