



Boom Squad, Inc.

Boom Squad Beat

The BSI Quarterly Newsletter | Spring 2008

BSI...More Than a Drum Line!

Performances / Events

- April 23—Vanderburgh County Substance Abuse Council Orange Ribbon Ceremony, C.K. Newsome Center, 4:30 p.m.
- April 23—City of Evansville and Old National Bank Reception for Tochigi, Japan visitors. Wayne Henning Atrium, 6:30 p.m.
- May 3—Toyota Spring Day 8K Run Princeton, 9:30 a.m.
- May 10—Mental Health Awareness Day, Garvin Park 1 p.m.
- May 16—Middle School Graduation Dance, Kissel Community Center, 6 p.m.
- May 17—Hero's Race, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Center, 9:00 a.m.
- May 18—2nd Annual Melanoma Benefit Concert, Howell Park 1:30 p.m.
- May 24—Rollergirls of Southern Indiana (ROSI), Swonder Ice Arena, 5:30 p.m.
- May 31—Alexandrian Public Library, Mt. Vernon, 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- June 14—Tour de Cure American Diabetes Cyclist Event, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, 7:30 a.m.
- June 20—Golf Scramble Registration Deadline
- June 21—Garvin Park S.M.I.L.L.E. on Downs Syndrome Fundraiser, 1 p.m.
- June 24-26—Camp in Collaboration with Evansville Police Department, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. daily
- July 1—Band Camp Registration Deadline
- July 12—2nd Annual BSI Golf Scramble, Eagle Valley Golf Course. Shotgun Tee Off, 1:00 p.m.
- July 21-25 Band Camp Camp Brosend, Newburgh Registration begins at 8 a.m.
- July 28—Black Expo Parade H. L. Neblett Center, 800 W. 5th St., Owensboro, KY, 6 p.m.

BSI TAKES LEAD & HONOR AT 2008 LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The unmistakable beat of Boom Squad, Inc. (BSI) led the way to the 13th Annual Celebration of Leadership held at University of Southern Indiana on Tuesday, March 18. Seemingly undaunted by the downpour of rain, BSI provided a welcoming performance just outside the bridged entrance to Carter Hall for more than 475 attendees.

The ceremony is held each year by Leadership Evansville to recognize area organizations and individuals for their collective leadership to improve the community. This year's celebration honored 97 nominees and 25 award recipients.

Having the opportunity to showcase the amazing talent of BSI at such a monumental event is an honor itself; however, during the course of the evening BSI was given the *distinct* honor of being named the **2008 Division Winner: Recognition for Business & Organizational Achievement.**

This award recognizes BSI's community partnership philosophy and celebrates BSI's distinction as being "*more than a drum line*". As a community partner, BSI often lends its infamous sound to other Evansville area organizations, eagerly performing at local events



helping to promote awareness, encourage participation, or simply to celebrate the efforts of others. But beyond working to provide a captivating level of talent, BSI works with even more conviction to serve the needs of its squad and member families through workshops, after school programs and community service involvement.

Louisville Orchestra and the Pied Piper with Tales & Scales

BSI opened for Tales & Scales for their orchestral premier of the Pied Piper with the Louisville Orchestra on March 22. Braving 30° temperatures as they welcomed guests to the show, the squad impressively rose to the chilly occasion.

Inside the Kentucky Center, positioned before a full orchestra, the rich sounds of

youth percussion roared through Whitney Hall.



BSI's performance was well received, and the unique experience was memorable for the squad, as well as the family members that accompanied and supported them.

Cultural Enrichment Ali Center, Louisville, KY

Following the Louisville performance, squad members and their families attended the Ali Center as part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing the lives of our students—culturally and socially, as well as academically.

Indiana Pacers Halftime Performance

BSI kicked off the New Year by making their NBA debut on Wednesday, January 2, in Indianapolis. The drum line performed at Conseco Fieldhouse during halftime of the Indianapolis Pacers' game against the Memphis Grizzlies.

The process began with an audition DVD that was sent in October, from which an invitation to perform was received only weeks before the end of 2007. Also accompanying the drum line on the basketball court was their recently added dance team,



the BSI Glitterettes.

The event was equally as rewarding and exciting for the parents as it was for the squad members. Highlighting the magnitude of the event was the sentiment expressed by Kerry Johnson whose seven-year old son, Kel'von plays chest tenor for BSI. Kerry once dreamed of playing professional basketball after high school. Without fully seeing his personal dream fulfilled, he described being close to tears as he watched his son perform on the court that he'd hoped to call home.

Celebration with Students in Richmond

BSI was invited to celebrate with the students of the Richmond School District as they consistently maintained their improved ISTEP scores.



The squad was asked to perform and make presentations to the students at each of the three schools visited. Life Skills Instructor, Debbie Kemp, worked with each of the students during a special Round Table session to prepare and everyone did a fantastic job!

Presentations were given by Joshua Sutton and Gabby Hooper at Discovery School, Alita Miller and Ty'Relle Hardin at Starr School, and Drew Duncan and Bianca Reed at C.R. Richardson. Following each presentation, the floor was opened for a question and answer period. One of the most asked questions was,

“Do you ever mess up?”, one which left the squad chuckling and confessing!

The Richmond trip highlighted BSI's huge impact on the squad. Many members reflected on remaining on the right track, determination to stay out of trouble, and aspirations of attending college. Additionally, this event demonstrated the squad's ability to work together in challenging situations. With time constraints, shuttling sixty students between locations, and consistently decreasing performance spaces, the squad adjusted with near ease.

Our Spring Break trip to Richmond ended with dinner at Golden Corral, where a secondary benefit was observed—togetherness. Our Parent / Volunteers proudly took notice as the squad members simply enjoyed being together.

Without a doubt, BSI...more than a drum line!

Round Table—Life Skills Classes

Round Table, our Life Skills class, meets on Saturdays from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. This program was originally established to give squad members the skills to understand and take ownership in the operations of the squad. From this original purpose, participants wrote their own pledge, developed their current motto (see Page 4), and designed business cards.

As Round Table ensued, it became a voluntary forum for squad members to learn vital life skills and to enhance their cultural experience. Round Table promotes free expression, teamwork, community awareness, and creative thinking through various planned activities that frequently include guest speakers. Guests have included local artists, international students from local universities, as well as community activists and law enforcement personnel.

Most recently, Round Table sought to bridge the gap



between the students' perception of law enforcement and the local police department. With the full support of the Evansville Police Department, Round Table hosted a four-week session of student teams with local police officers as team leaders. Each team competed in team building activities such as basketball tournaments, obstacle courses, impromptu skits and rap music, and building model cars.

In response to this experience, a majority of the students have volunteered to take part in a newly formed Round Table program known as “Souljas for the City”. In an effort to build a rapport with the community, “Souljas” will partner with the Evansville Police Department for a Camp session on Tuesday, June 24 through Thursday, June 26, 9:00 a.m.—3 p.m. Plans for future camps and open registration are ongoing.

2nd Annual "Tee to the Beat"



Golfers & Non-Golfers, don't miss this afternoon of fun and sun....last year we had pros along with non-pro golfers enjoying the day on the greens, while supporting BSI!

Saturday, July 12, 2008
Eagle Valley Golf Course
10350 Petersburg Rd.,
Evansville, IN

Registration & Lunch.....12:00 p.m.
 Shotgun Start.....1:00 p.m.

- \$65 – Individual Entry (includes lunch, 18 holes green fees, cart, & drinks)
- \$100 – Tee Sign Sponsor
- \$150 – Beverage Cart Sponsor (includes sign on beverage cart)
- \$260 – Foursome (includes lunch, 18 holes green fees, cart, & drinks)
- \$350 – Corporate Foursome (includes tee sign, lunch, 18 holes green fees, cart, & drinks)

Register by **June 20, 2008** online:
www.BoomSquadInc.com/Contributions.php

By mail: **Boom Squad, Inc., P. O. Box 3902**
Evansville, IN 47737-3902

Summer Band Camp

Sponsored in part by:



The 2nd Annual Summer Band Camp will be held at Camp Brosend in Newburgh the week of July 21-25!



Learn the fundamentals of percussion and precision marching along with activities that include various games, team-building exercises, a talent show, life-skills workshop, a dance...and making smores!!! Come each day or stay for the week!

True Summer Camp faire — focused instruction, friendship and fun! A good time for all!

Cost is \$75.00! Sign up today!!!

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Roll Call

The following **thirty-five (35) schools are represented within BSI:**

Pre-School

- C.A.P.E.
- Carver
- Crossroads Child Care
- Noah's Ark Christian

Elementary

- Caze Elementary
- Castle Elementary
- Culver Elementary
- Dexter Elementary
- Evansville Christian
- Evansville Day
- Fairlawn Elementary
- Harper Elementary
- Hebron Elementary
- Homeschool
- Highland Elementary
- Joshua Academy
- Lincoln Elementary
- Lodge Elementary
- Newburgh Elementary
- Stringtown Elementary
- West Terrace Elementary

Middle

- Castle Junior High
- Evans Middle
- Glenwood Middle
- Harwood Middle
- McGary Middle
- Oak Hill Middle
- Perry Heights Middle
- Plaza Park Middle
- Thompkins Middle
- Washington Middle

High

- Bosse High
- Central High
- Harrison High
- Reitz High

2007-2008 Roster

Drum Majors

Ty'Relle Hardin
 Marcus Robinson

Tot

Cameron Banks
 Khaliq Boyd
 Noah Cooper
 Jackson Dassel
 Kaylie Johnson
 JaHeim Johnson
 JaRue Johnson
 Elijah Wagner
 Katrell Norman
 Dinali Simms
 DeVonte White

Chest Tenor

Jaylin Chinn
 Marcus Ellard
 Justice Grant
 Travis Holder
 Cameron Hooper
 A'mon Johnson
 Kel'von Johnson
 Marvin Johnson
 Stephen Johnston
 Stephen Kelle
 Alita Miller
 Marice Milligan
 Joshua Sutton
 Daziaun Sargent
 Keoni Thompson
 Tyron Waddell
 Bryson West

Leg Tenor

Timothy Brown
 Taryn Bush
 Manoah Farmer
 Jyrus Freels
 Breona Goodloe
 Keona Goodloe
 Darion Hamilton
 Gabrielle Hooper
 Dennis Jackson
 Jessica Jackson
 Andrew Johnston
 Keevon Joyce
 Aaron Carter
 Austin Pam
 Kamren Poole
 Keonon Poole
 Sharyl Robins
 Kiah Tyus
 Keovie Sargent
 Latasha Smith
 Lavonte Smith-King
 JaDrien Sutton
 Marlon Waddell
 Cody Woodard

Bass

Verquindon Fitzhugh
 Levron Flemming
 Derek Hunter, Jr.
 Zachary Kelle
 Jaelyn Langley
 De'Arian Lipson
 Courtney Mockabee
 Kyle Watson
 Ben Wickware

Quad

Robert Christian
 Arman Cooksey
 Price Miller
 Saeed Walcott
 DeVonte Wheat
 Tre White

Snare

Markel Agnew
 Trevor Blackwell
 Jason Brown
 Drew Duncan
 Loren Henderson
 Devin Hobby
 Bryant Hooper
 Terren Johnson
 Ky'erre Morris
 Jalen Payne
 DaShar Stewart
 Dealo Tyus

Cymbals

Courtney Boring
 Janae Carter
 Ayona Cheatem
 Aylaiha Cole
 Sade Cole
 Madiya Farmer
 Sta'Shauna Flemming
 Ahmeisha Flemming
 Makinzi Graessle
 Breea Hooper
 Whitney Johnson
 Vejoun Shelby
 Aaliyah Sutton
 Erisha Thomas
 Brittney Young
 Whitney Young
 Danielle West

Glitterettes

Nia Anderson
 Camry Booker
 Jasmine Booker
 Taraya Bush
 Brehlyn Calhoun
 Armani Cole
 Amari Compton
 Bryanta Foreman
 Khalia Howell
 Jasmine Milligan
 Robnisha Murray
 Bianca Reed
 Brianna Reed

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Look for our next issue...
Summer 2008!

Did you know...

BSI distributes food to sixty school-aged children and their families each week in partnership with Tri-State Food Bank.

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BSI MOTTO

ONE BOOM

Represents Our Impact On Our Community

ONE SQUAD

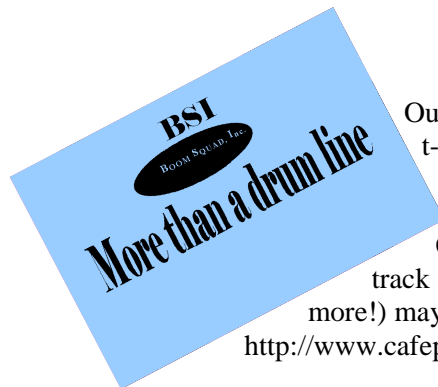
Reflects Our Unified Diversity

ONE SOUND

Exemplifies Our Commitment to Excellence

UNDER GOD

Humbly Dedicates Our Blessings and Praise



Our new "More than a drum line" t-shirts are now available! Please phone or email for details!

Other great BSI gear such as hoodies, track suits, mugs, clocks, mouse pads (and more!) may be purchased from our online store:
<http://www.cafepress.com/boomsquadinc>



Downtown Evansville riverfront