

Flamingos fly at Anderson High

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Back-to-school means band camp for kids all over Austin during the last weeks of summer vacation, and at Anderson High it means flamingos. Right, pink flamingos. Or maybe the occasional blue or yellow flamingo.

“Flamingo-ing” is Andersonspeak for a crazy-wild fundraiser for the Anderson Band. During the last two weeks of summer vacation, under cover of darkness, Anderson musicians trade their instruments for wire-legged, plastic flamingos and plant a flock in yards of friends and family. The birds stay till a donation is received.

“This is more than a fund-

raiser, though,” said Anderson Band parent Ken Rowley. “This is team building, because it is incorporating new students and old students, freshmen and seniors. It’s well organized.”

“Flamingo-ing” proceeds will help Anderson Band members get closer to their fundraising goal for their trip to London, England, to march in the New Year’s Day Parade.

Although the pink flocks will fly away Monday until next summer, if you’re crazy-wild to have flamingos for a birthday, an anniversary or other special occasion and want to help the Anderson Band get to London, call Anderson band director Mike Williamson at 414-7957.



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Anderson Band members, from left, Laura Wagner, Allie Smith and Sara Beth Purdy get ready to sneak a flock of flamingos onto a yard, with the hope of raising money for the Anderson Band.