

## Cleaning Your Trumpet

You will need the following:

A Snake,

Mouthpiece brush,

Denis Wick Valve Casing Brush (available online)

Clear dishwashing liquid that cuts grease, (like Dawn) – maybe have a color, but you must be able to see thru it!

Cup for the valves.

Bath Tub.

1. Fill the bathtub with warm water, **not hot** (you might drop your horn).....just enough to cover the horn. Use about 2 tablespoons of soap.
2. Completely disassemble the trumpet. Place the VALVES in the cup (filled with soapy water). **DO NOT OVERFILL The pads (felts) should not get wet.**
3. Place the trumpet parts in the tub and valve parts in the cup and let all soak for at least 30 minutes.
4. Work the snake thru the horn, but NOT the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> valve slides. Use the Denis Wick brush for these slides and the valves. Clean your mouthpiece too!
5. Rinse ALL thoroughly. Dry the outside with a soft cloth and place all parts on a bath towel to dry overnight (**8 hours-BONE DRY**).
6. Grease the slides, oil the valves liberally, and reassemble. The valve number etched the on the valve stem should be facing you when assembled.
7. Do once a month during marching band and twice in the spring.

### QUIK CLEAN – Weekly

**Holding the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> valve slides in your hand...turn the trumpet upside down and let warm water run thru. BLOW the water thru the horn, HOLDING the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> valve slides. Wipe and Oil valves**