



WHEATON NORTH NORTHERN WINDS FALL COLOR GUARD

2016 SPRING/SUMMER CLINICS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Spring/Summer Clinics is to get team members, new and returning, ready for the WNHS Marching Band season. This allows students to learn necessary equipment and dance techniques associated with the Color Guard activity.

We will be covering basic and advanced flag technique, basic dance & rifle technique as well as how to work as a team & individual responsibility.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Any student who is eligible to participate in Extra Curricular Activities at WNHS and is interested in being a part of the Fall Color Guard should attend.

Please note that previous color guard/marching band experience is not required. You do not need to be enrolled in the curricular music program at WNHS but do need to enroll in Fall Marching Band through the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1PqZvOoHi_3tAumABbFdni2wrURiOuDXUfxBxjLoLCKQ/viewform?c=0&w=1

WHAT TO BRING

- **Dress appropriately** -- All students should come to rehearsal dressed in black, tighter fitting clothing suitable for athletic activity. Avoid dress shoes, hiking boots, sandals and other casual footwear. Running, Basketball, or Tennis shoes should be worn. A black T-shirt or Wicking Shirt and tighter fitting athletic shorts/pants are acceptable. Avoid jeans or dress pants. Hat and Sunglasses are also recommended when we start going outside.
 - Please come with hair pulled back, away from the face.
- **Equipment** – All students will be given practice & show equipment as needed. Please bring this to all rehearsals along with black and white electric tape to fix issues through the season.
- **Water Bottle** – This is an athletic activity and when the weather is nice we will be outside potentially far from a water source. Please bring your own to stay hydrated.
- **Color Guard Gloves** – We will be doing a lot spinning over the next few months. When gloves are provided please bring them to all rehearsals.
- **Pencil** – We make a lot of adjustments through the year. Have a pencil handy.
- **Sun Screen** – We spend a lot of time outside. Bring a high SPF sun screen.

WHAT IS COLORGUARD

The Fall Color Guard of the Fall Marching Band is broken up into 2-3 lines based on equipment: Flag Line, Rifle Line & Sabre Line. All three pieces of equipment along with dance technique make up the visual aspects of a marching band show that helps the concept 'come to life.' It is important for the each guard member to know their part and understand the role they play as we allow the music to paint a picture.

MARCHING BAND COMPETITIONS

From the start of the school year through October the Marching Band competes against other Marching Bands from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. Competitions are held on weekends at various high schools in the Chicago area.

COST

The cost of these clinics is nothing. This is part of your Marching Band tuition & fees. There are no added costs for participating in these clinics.



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ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

Rehearsal attendance is mandatory. If there is a conflict Mr. Krause or Coach Lauren or Coach Lia need to be notified before the day of. Missing rehearsals will not only get you behind but may impact placement in the color guard section.

If a student wants to audition for rifle line the student must be at the audition date. If a student has a conflict with that date they need to work with Color Guard staff for an alternate date prior to the one on the schedule. Failure to do so may result in the student forfeiting their opportunity. We will do our best to work around conflicts if given proper notice.

REHEARSAL QUANTITY

Color Guard has a lot to learn before putting the show on the field in August in terms of equipment and techniques. Because of this plus the demand of the Marching Band program we need time to teach and build the various techniques that are required.

These rehearsals are not only meant to help introduce students to new techniques but they are also meant to help get the section ready for the competitive season. We'll not only cover the basics but will begin to put together the visual portion of our competitive program. Think of it as a sort of Spring Training.

REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS

It is expected for students to be on time to all rehearsals unless otherwise noted via email. We will be covering a multitude of techniques and skills so being at rehearsal on time and ready to learn is key. Our rehearsal times will go from the allotted start to end time specified on the sheet; please allow an additional 5-10 minutes before and after each rehearsal for setup and cleanup.

Students should also practice outside of rehearsal and come with any questions they may have. Learning a 6-7 minute show in just a few weeks requires that members are able to continue to grow throughout the season both in and outside rehearsal.

CONTACT INFORMATION & RESOURCES

STAFF

Director of Bands – Mr. Kent Krause, kent.krause@cusd200.org

Color Guard Director – Lia Pardun, lia.pardun@cusd200.org

Color Guard Director - Lauren Pardun, lauren.pardun@cusd200.org

BAND WEBSITE - www.wheatonnorthband.com

Events Calendar, forms and other resources can all be found on the website.

FACEBOOK – Search: Wheaton North Falcon Band and Band Parents



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MAY			
Tuesday, May 10th	Color Guard Clinic	2:30PM	4PM
Friday, May 13	Color Guard Tryouts	7PM	9PM
Saturday, May 14	Color Guard Tryouts	9AM	10AM
Monday, May 16	Parade Rehearsal	7PM	9PM
Monday, May 23	Parade Rehearsal	7PM	9PM
Monday, May 30 th	MEMORIAL DAY PARADE		
JUNE			
Monday, June 6 th	Parade Rehearsal	7PM	9PM
Thursday, June 9th	Color Guard Rehearsal	6:30PM	9PM
Thursday, June 16th	SPIN CLINIC	6PM	9PM
Friday, June 17 th	SPIN CLINIC	5PM	9:30PM
Saturday, June 18 th	SPIN CLINIC	10AM	7PM
Monday, June 20 th	FULL BAND REHEARSAL	6PM	9PM
Thursday, June 23rd	Parade Rehearsal	7PM	9PM
Monday, June 27 th	FULL BAND REHEARSAL	6PM	9PM
JULY			
Monday, July 4 th	4TH OF JULY PARADE		
Monday, July 11th	FULL BAND REHEARSAL	6PM	9PM
Thursday, July 14 th	Color Guard Rehearsal	6:30PM	9PM
Monday, July 18 th	FULL BAND REHEARSAL	6PM	9PM
Saturday, July 23 rd	Color Guard Rehearsal	9AM	12PM
Monday, July 25 th	FULL BAND REHEARSAL	6PM	9PM
AUGUST			
Monday, August 1 st	Band Camp (Full Band)	ALL DAY	
Tuesday, August 2 nd	Band Camp (Full Band)	ALL DAY	
Wednesday, August 3 rd	Band Camp (Full Band)	ALL DAY	
Thursday, August 4th	Band Camp (Full Band)	ALL DAY	
Friday, August 5 th	Band Camp (Full Band)	ALL DAY	
Saturday, August 6 th	Band Camp (Full Band)	ALL DAY	

After Band Camp, the Color Guard follows the Marching Band Calendar for rehearsals and competition. With the exception of sectional time. Please reference the band website for more details.

If there are known conflicts with any of these rehearsal dates (planned vacations, sports, work, etc...) please notify Staff as soon as possible. Please do not wait until the last minute and do not inform staff through another student. Contact us directly. We are more than willing to work around them when given proper notice.