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Southridge High School Color Guard Overview

Southridge Color Guard is open to high school students within the Southridge boundaries. Students do not need experience, but must have a desire to learn. Students in grades 5 – 8 may join youth dance and guard which is described in a different information sheet.

Color Guard is a sport of the arts which combines dance with the use of equipment including flags, sabers, and mock rifles. If you have not seen a performance, many fabulous ones can be viewed online. During the fall season, the color guard performs and competes with the band as part of the marching ensemble. Choreographed shows incorporate stunning visual design, including costumes and props, and have themes ranging from ancient myths to machinery to zombies. In the winter season, the color guard moves into warm, dry gyms to perform and compete on their own with recorded music. In the spring, color guard members have the opportunity to continue their dance training in preparation for a dance concert at the end of the school year. Color guard members raise funds by selling tickets to the dance concert.

Instructors:

Color Guard Director, Katy Burns (dance_guard@simde.org) and additional staff

Time Commitment:

Rehearsal days and times vary from year-to-year based on facility access, but expect at significant time commitment. Excellent attendance at rehearsals and performances is expected. The fall season lasts from mid-August to early November. The winter season lasts from mid-November through late March or early April. Southridge competes in the NWAPA Circuit (nwapa.net). Fall competitions will be on some Saturdays from late September through early November. Winter competitions will be on some Saturdays from early February through early April. Rehearsals and competitions will be listed on the calendar at www.simde.org.

Costs:

Fees for the Fall season will be announced in May. Fees for the Winter season will be announced in November. If you would like to know last year's fees to help you estimate your family budget, please contact us.

Volunteer Needs:

Parent volunteers are needed to chaperone, fundraise, build props, pull the equipment trailer, and help in many other ways. Parents are encouraged to participate in SIMDE's general fundraisers, such as restaurant nights and Band Day. Student fees only cover a portion of program expenses. General fundraisers are essential to make the program financially possible.

Join! – How and When:

New members may join at the beginning of the fall or winter season before choreography routines are designed. To join for fall, please contact us in the spring, since there are usually workshop practices in May when you can learn basic skills and audition for placement. To join for winter, please contact us, so we can invite you to the first practice in November. If you received this information late, contact us as soon as possible to see if you can still join for the upcoming season.

Contact Us:

If you are interested in learning more or joining, please send questions and student and parent contact information (names, email addresses, student grade, student school) to dance_guard@simde.org and/or secretary@simde.org.