



2016 - 2017

Varsity Winterguard
Guide and Contract

Expectations of the members

Once a student is a member of the Color Guard, the whole organization counts on them to not only do well on the floor, but off the floor as well.

- ❖ To pass all their classes. If the member is not passing their classes, the member is not allowed to participate.
- ❖ To be on time and present at every rehearsal and performance. Attendance is REQUIRED. It is imperative that every person be at each rehearsal so that the guard can learn to work together and synchronize as a group. Homework, doctor/orthodontist appointments, lack of transportation, work, minor illness, and personal events are not acceptable reasons for missing a rehearsal. If you are severally sick, you must notify the captains and director, as well as supply a doctor's note. Director reserves the right to bench members based on attendance.
- ❖ To know the choreography taught at each rehearsal. This means members need to ask questions and ensure they know the work before they leave rehearsal.
- ❖ To bring their equipment and proper attire for every rehearsal. Color Guard involves a lot of movement and dance. Members must wear comfortable clothing that they can move in. Appropriate clothes can go a long way in the success of a member. All equipment is necessary for every rehearsal because without it, they cannot learn the choreography.
- ❖ To be financially responsible. Since Color Guard is an extra-curricular activity and not fully funded by the school, the members must pay a fundraising commitment to keep the program running. Contact the directors for any questions concerning the dues. Communication is key. Fundraising activities will be held to help defray the costs associated with the program.
- ❖ To maintain a reputation of dignity and respect for themselves, others, and the school. At all times, on and off campus, members need to be polite, courteous and respectful of all members, staff, and adults. If this becomes a problem the director has the right to pull you from a competition or part of the show.
- ❖ MOST IMPORTANTLY! Enthusiasm and a positive attitude are a must for every rehearsal and performance. These qualities are essential to the success of the Color Guard program. You will be amazed how great you will be if you stay positive!

**If a student does not adhere to the expectations for every member. The director, in extreme cases, will bench or remove a member. If a member is benched, they are still responsible for all of the same responsibilities including attendance and finances.

Rehearsals

All rehearsals are stated on the Winterguard calendar. Please see the calendar for specific dates.

Varsity Guard- Wednesday 4- 6:30 & Friday 3:30 -6:30 (unless otherwise noted)

Competitions

Saturday Competitions - schedules are T.B.A. Plan on all day! All competitions are mandatory and not negotiable.

- ❖ January 21st - FFCC Premier
- ❖ February 4th- Belleview Show
- ❖ February 11th- University Show
- ❖ February 18th – Plant City Show
- ❖ March 4th- Fleming Island Show
- ❖ March 18th- Cypress Creek Show
- ❖ March 31st - FFCC Championships Day 1
- ❖ April 1st - FFCC Championships Day 2 (Possible)

A Typical Competition Day

The PKY Winterguard typically performs at 6 - 8 competitions during the season. Competitions are held on Saturdays. Students will be told exactly what to wear, bring, and what time to report. Upon arrival to the competition site, the guard will check in, and then go to warm up and perform! After the performance, the equipment is loaded and students are free to buy food from the concession stand and enter the gym to watch other groups. At the conclusion of the show, there is an Officer Retreat where scores are announced and trophies are awarded. After Retreat, students return back to the school. Everyone must return to the school and help unload the equipment. Students may be picked up at the school.

Parent Involvement Opportunities

- ❖ Chaperones “Guard Mom/Dad” - We need at least two chaperones to be with us at every competition. Their job will be to transport some of the guard to and from the competitions, as well as chaperone the guard throughout the day. We need someone to help make the day go smoothly and to be there in minor emergency situations such as mending uniforms, finding ice for boo-boo’s, etc.
- ❖ Floor/Prop Crew (If needed) -This involves making sure the props is put in the correct storage area when we arrive, and moving it to the ready line for our performance.
- ❖ Pep Committee – This is for any creative type parents that can create little personal bags for championships. We need 1 parent to be in charge of this important job.
- ❖ Come to competitions! There’s nothing better than having a big crowd cheering you on. So come and support your kids!

Color Guard FYI’s

- ❖ Competitions are day-long events
- ❖ As a spectator (not a chaperone), admission fees apply for Competitions
- ❖ Bumps and bruises happen
- ❖ Color guard is an art form

This Color Guard cannot exist without the generous support of our parents. We realize that extra-curricular activities for your student mean extra efforts for you as well. We truly thank you for your support!

Member and Parent Contract
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Payment Information

All Members Funding Commitment - \$300

Please make checks payable to the "University of Florida"

Guard members will have additional costs that will be related to show make-up or any other items deemed necessary by the instructor. All additional items that need to be purchased will be communicated to the parents and students in a timely manner and discussed by all parties before being required for purchase.

Payment Schedule

By December 14th - \$75

By January 11th - \$75

By February 8th - \$75

By March 8th - \$75

You may also pay in a lump sum.

Parent and Member Agreement

I have read and accepted all the requirements and expectations of my son/daughter set forth in the PK Yonge Color Guard Guide. I understand the financial responsibilities and that I am expected to complete the payments even if my son/daughter does not pass their classes, chooses to quit after this point, or is benched. I also understand that my child's report card and transcripts can be held until all accounts are settled and paid in full.

Parent/Guardian Signature

X_____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Student Signature

X_____ Date _____

Student Name (please print): _____