



MISSION STATEMENT

Allegiance is a non-profit youth color guard activity based in Dundee, Illinois. We offer color guard learning and performance opportunities year round. The organization is proudly established through Exploring, a co-ed division of the Boy Scouts of America. Our goal is to provide fun and educational experiences for young people through the art of color guard.

WHAT IS SUMMER GUARD?

Summer Guard is a 3-month activity that runs mid-May through mid-August each year. As a member, you'll learn new skills manipulating color guard equipment such as flags, rifles and sabres. Those skills are then incorporated into fun routines choreographed to pre-recorded music! Once learned, you'll have fun performing the routines at various parades and the Summer Showcase! Essentially, Summer Guard represents the start of our 2016-2017 Color Guard calendar year. It acts as a pre-season training program for the upcoming competitive Winter Guard season.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Membership in Allegiance is open to co-ed youth in age groups 8-14 and 14-22 from the Dundee Township area and various communities throughout Illinois. Previous color guard or dance experience is not required! All levels are welcome (beginner, intermediate and advanced).

SUMMER GUARD REGISTRATION FEE - \$125

This non-refundable fee includes all color guard instruction, 3 Spin Clinics, use of flags at rehearsals and performances, parade participation, and Allegiance Summer Guard T-shirt. To register, please go to our website www.allegianceyouth.org/programs/summer-guard. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation via e-mail. Once your registration is submitted, you will need to print and fill out the medical-release form and bring that with you to your first rehearsal along with \$125 payment (cash or check). Checks must be made payable to "Allegiance Youth". First time participants may attend one rehearsal to try it out before paying the registration fee.

REHEARSALS & SPIN CLINICS

Allegiance will hold regular Saturday morning rehearsals (9am to Noon) and 3 full day Spin Clinics (9am to 4pm) throughout the summer (see schedule). Unless otherwise communicated, all summer rehearsals and spin clinics will be held at Dundee Middle School in West Dundee. Rehearsals are closed to members and staff, however, parents are welcome to enter the gym and watch the last 30 minutes of any rehearsal.

PARADE PERFORMANCES

Allegiance will be performing at some local events including the Dundee Memorial Day parade, Elk Grove Village parade, Elgin 4th of July parade, and Algonquin Founders Days parade (see schedule). A more detailed itinerary will be e-mailed to members and/or parents prior to each event.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to events is the responsibility of each member/family. If you need help with transportation, we have a great group of parents that are willing to help with carpooling.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Good attendance is critical to the success of each individual and the entire color guard organization. Members are expected to attend all scheduled events, however, if you have any known conflicts (i.e. vacation, wedding, etc.), please list them in the member/parent agreement section of the online registration form so we are aware of any absences in advance. Also, if you are running late to a rehearsal or performance, please take a moment to call or text the director to provide an ETA and reason for your late arrival. Any unexpected tardies or absences without a reason provided by the member or parent will be automatically considered unexcused. Excessive unexcused tardies and/or absences could result in dismissal from the program (no refunds).

REHEARSAL ATTIRE/APPEARANCE

T-shirts, shorts, sweats, dance attire (preferably all black), are considered acceptable items for rehearsal attire. Please do not wear jeans or restrictive clothing. Necklaces, rings, earrings, watches, hats, should be removed during rehearsals and performances. Long hair should be pulled up into a pony tail or bun and long bangs should be secured back away from the face.

PERFORMANCE ATTIRE/UNIFORM

Allegiance has a "casual uniform" approach for summer performances. Each member will be issued an Allegiance Color Guard T-Shirt to be worn at all performances and team events. Additionally, each member will need to wear the following items as part of their uniform:

1. PLAIN black cotton shorts (hem should be at the knee or just above the knee... please NO short-shorts).
2. PLAIN white ankle or "no-show" socks. (NO colors, just plain white)
3. PLAIN white athletic shoes or sneakers (sorry, NO colored accents will be allowed).

Your Summer Guard T-shirt along with these items is considered your uniform and should always be kept CLEAN and free of any wrinkles or stains! You will be financially responsible for a replacement t-shirt should yours become lost or damaged. Parents and staff are welcome to purchase a Summer Guard T-shirt to show team support at performances and team events.

USE OF EQUIPMENT

Flags will be provided for members to use during the Summer Guard season at no additional cost and must be handed in at the final rehearsal or performance to avoid a non-return fee. If you are selected to train or perform on rifle and/or sabre, you will need to have or purchase your own. Purchasing a rifle and/or sabre does NOT usually apply to first time members because flag is typically the first piece of equipment new members are trained on. But regardless, first time members are welcome to purchase a rifle or sabre if they choose (optional). If desired, please speak with the director to receive rifle/sabre ordering information. The cost of a rifle is typically between \$40-\$50 and a sabre runs between \$60 -\$215 depending on your level (beginner or experienced).

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

To help keep our costs affordable, we depend on our members and parents to help at fundraising events. This summer we will need volunteers to run a car wash, help with different tasks at the Phantom Regiment show, and work a tent at the Lake in the Hills Ribfest. (See schedule).

SUMMER SHOWCASE - SAT, JULY 23rd

On this day, Allegiance members will hold their FINAL Saturday morning rehearsal (9am-Noon) before showing off their skills to family and friends at our annual Summer Showcase (1pm-2:30pm). Members will also have the option of putting together short solo and ensemble routines to perform in addition to the group routines. For lunch, Allegiance will supply pizzas for members to enjoy between Noon and 1pm (included in your registration fee). Doors will open to family and friends at 12:45pm!

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parent involvement is important to the success of any great color guard program. Parents can help with many things including:

1. Carpooling members to/from rehearsals and performances.
2. Parade Walkers (parents walking alongside the color guard during the parade and passing out water to the members between their routines, handing out flyers to the audience, etc).
3. Driving the sound system in parades (it's fairly simple... the speaker is attached to the roof of your car)
4. Helping out at fundraising events.

VIDEO FOOTAGE, FACEBOOK, YOUTUBE, SOCIAL NETWORKS

No rehearsal choreography or performance of Allegiance in whole or part may appear on YouTube, Facebook or any public media site unless approved by the director. Originality of our product must be maintained. If you have video footage that you would like to post somewhere on the internet OR if you wish to have footage uploaded to the Allegiance YouTube page, please contact Eric directly. Thank you. Proper social media etiquette is expected from members and parents at all times. Any social media issues or negative communications posted online may lead to dismissal from the program.

REHEARSAL AND GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Be RESPECTFUL towards the directors, staff, and fellow members at all times!
- ARRIVE so that you are dressed in proper attire and ready to begin rehearsing at the scheduled start time.
- NO gum chewing during rehearsals or performances!
- Parents are welcome to enter the gym and quietly watch the last 30 minutes of each rehearsal.
- All members are responsible for the set-up and breakdown of rehearsal, including proper storage of props and equipment. Members will not be dismissed until the rehearsal space is clean, organized and all trash is deposited into the proper receptacles.
- Cell phones must be kept on silent mode. Members may check messages during breaks.
- Talking during rehearsals, especially when being worked with by the staff is not allowed. Please be considerate and raise your hand if you have a question.
- Any injuries or illnesses must be brought to a director or staff member's attention immediately.
- Members are not allowed to leave a rehearsal block for any reason. If you need to use the restroom, please wait for a break or raise your hand if you have an emergency.
- Members are not allowed to leave the rehearsal facility or area during breaks, lunches, or otherwise without permission from a director or staff.
- Every attempt should be made to schedule outside activities and appointments around rehearsals and performances. Social plans, family gatherings, doctor/dentist appointments, etc. are not reasons to miss a rehearsal. If you have any conflicts with the summer schedule, they must be included on the member/parent agreement portion of your online registration for consideration.
- Any unexpected conflicts with the rehearsal or performance schedule needs to be brought to the director's attention immediately. Excessive unexcused tardies and/or absences will be handled on a case-by-case basis and may be grounds for dismissal.
- If a member is dismissed from the color guard due to misconduct, poor attendance, or quits without a legitimate reason, he/she may lose privileges to participate in Allegiance activities in the future.
- Any guard member possessing or using controlled substances, which includes tobacco and alcohol, during any guard function will be subject to immediate removal from the program.

2016 SUMMER GUARD SEASON SCHEDULE (dates, times & locations are subject to change)

MAY 2016

SAT MAY 21	REHEARSAL	9AM-NOON	DUNDEE MIDDLE SCHOOL
SAT MAY 28	MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY	7AM-8:30AM	DUNDEE TOWNSHIP CEMETARY – EAST
DUNDEE, IL			
SUN MAY 29	REHEARSAL	9AM-NOON	DUNDEE MIDDLE SCHOOL
	DUNDEE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE	NOON-3PM	EAST & WEST DUNDEE, IL

JUNE 2016

SAT JUN 11	JUNE SPIN CLINIC	9AM-4PM	DUNDEE MIDDLE SCHOOL
SAT JUN 18	ELK GROVE VILLAGE PARADE	5PM-8PM	ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL
SAT JUN 25	REHEARSAL	9AM-NOON	DUNDEE MIDDLE SCHOOL
SUN JUN 26	CAR WASH FUNDRAISER	10AM-3PM (SHIFTS)	CULVERS-CARPENTERSVILLE

JULY 2016

SAT JUL 2	REHEARSAL	9AM-NOON	DUNDEE MIDDLE SCHOOL
MON JUL 4	ELGIN 4 TH OF JULY PARADE	8AM-11AM	ELGIN, IL
TH-SAT, JUL 7-9	LITH RIBFEST FUNDRAISER	TBD (SHIFTS)	LAKE IN THE HILLS, IL
SAT JUL 9	PHANTOM REGIMENT SHOW	TBD (PM)	ROCKFORD, IL (ALLEGIANCE FUNDRAISER)
SAT JUL 16	JULY SPIN CLINIC	9AM-4PM	DUNDEE MIDDLE SCHOOL
SAT JUL 23	REHEARSAL & SUMMER SHOWCASE	9AM-2:30PM	DUNDEE MIDDLE SCHOOL
SAT JUL 30	ALGONQUIN FOUNDERS DAYS PARADE	9AM-1PM	ALGONQUIN, IL

AUGUST 2016

SUN AUG 21	AUGUST BACK-TO-SCHOOL SPIN CLINIC	9AM-4PM	DUNDEE MIDDLE SCHOOL
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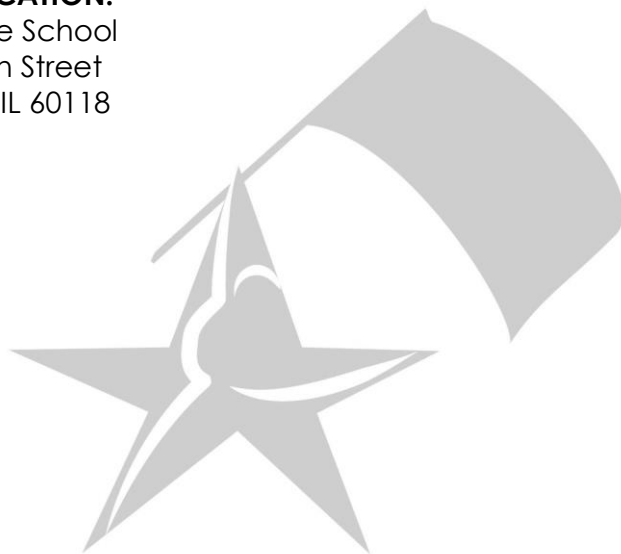
- **Sun, Sept. 11th, 2016** – Allegiance A & RA Winter Guard Auditions for team placement (ages 14-22)
- **Wed, Sept 14th, 2016** – Allegiance Cadets Winter Guard First Rehearsal (ages 8-14, no auditions)

ALLEGIANCE STAFF

Our staff is a wonderful group of people who are excited to volunteer their time, talents and love of color guard with the members of Allegiance! Staff includes former members of the Cavaliers, Phantom Regiment, Pride of Cincinnati, and Juxtaposition color guards! They are dedicated to encouraging our youth to be successful in the activity while helping them to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible individuals.

REHEARSAL LOCATION:

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