



Greetings & Welcome to the 2024 Competitive Colorguard season of The Long Island Sunrisers!

Colorguard ensemble is an activity which offers participation to BOTH males & females in an all age environment. It is the "Sport of the Arts" and much like any other team its purpose is:

- To strive for EXCELLENCE
- To develop TEAMWORK & SOCIAL SKILLS
- To learn SPORTSMANSHIP, RESPECT & DISCIPLINE
- To achieve the highest possible Ranking in the Competitive circle.
- To ENTERTAIN

Unlike sports teams, the entertainment factor makes this program unique. It can be likened to theater with elements of a drama, or a musical. This added dimension provides the members with an exposure BEYOND that offered through other programs.

A valuable experience for Colorguard Performers is in the interaction with members from other communities. This social and competitive exchange with members from different backgrounds, lifestyles and educational experiences adds another facet to their SELF-PERCEPTION while creating LASTING FRIENDSHIPS!

Very few co-curricular activities offer its members an experience which challenges and stimulates growth on so many levels:

- MULTI-PHYSICAL
- MENTAL
- SOCIAL
- TIME SEQUENCE
- THOUGHT ORGANIZATION
- TEAMWORK
- GROUP COOPERATION

The Activity demands physical involvement in rehearsal and performance involving muscle tone, conditioned response to music and other stimuli, simultaneous coordination of head, arms, legs, body stature as well as POISE AND CONTROL while experiencing the physical pressures associated with any competitive sport. Lastly, the mental training of color guard requires multi-levels of thought organization including portrayal of moods harmonious with other performers, an understanding of why they execute each move and advance awareness of what the next move will be and WHY it is there.

The cumulative result of such physical and mental discipline is a member with deeper feelings of understanding, a more disciplined focus which finds its way into both study habits and/or work not to mention an increased level of self-confidence.

Membership to the Sunrisers Drum & Bugle Corps Program is not to be taken lightly. Each guard member's position is unique and there are no bench warmers to fill positions when absences occur. If you choose to take on this opportunity, be prepared to experience a level of excellence and expectation equal to none. PLEASE CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP CAREFULLY, as we challenge you to have P.R.I.D.E.

Personal Responsibility In Delivering Excellence!



Financial Obligation:

The SUNRISERS Drum & Burtle Corps Staff each year designs, creates and devises a
NEW SHOW for the season. Every year show props, flags, uniforms etc.
are required to make the Drum Corps competitive.

The SUNRISERS are also responsible for costs of transportation to and from competitions, parades, Instructional staff for our members, winter & summer practice facilities ,meals not to mention the newest change of merging from DCA to the DCI arena moving Championships to Indianapolis IN – LUCUS OIL STADIUM .

This season the annual responsibility of the member/family
to the DCI Competitive Drum Corps PROGRAM for 2024 will be

\$ 1500.00.

This is to help defray the costs of operations for the total regular season.

Further, SUNRISER fundraisers will also be available and the responsibility of the member to help aid in dues payments defraying the out of pocket costs as well as maintain “MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING” position.

Dues can be paid in installments and can be discussed with the Executive Director – David Hobart

☐ Discounts are available to families with more than 1 member in the program please talk with the Executive Director

☐ Personal Items such as Under Garments, Guard Gloves, Shoes, Season T-Shirts , warm ups - etc., are the
responsibility of the Guard Member

*** Information regarding fund raisers will be discussed during corps meetings.



TIME COMMITMENT:

COLOR GUARD BASIC TRAINING SEASON BEGINS WITH OPEN HOUSE

NOVEMBER 26TH 2023

9-5PM

**WILLIAM T ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL
97 OLD DOCK RD – KINGS PARK NY**

**FOR NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS IN THE FORM OF
BEGINNER TO ADVANCED – FLAG, WEAPON & DANCE BASICS ALONG WITH CORE BUILDING
WARMUPS TO PREPARE**

**FOR THE SEASON ONSET OF LEARNING THE COMPETITIVE SHOW
COLOR GUARD – PROPER WILL TECHNICALLY BEGIN IN APRIL IN COORDINATION WITH THE
END OF WINTERGUARD SEASON .**

**WITH SPRING PARADE SEASON PENDING – MARCHING TECHNIQUE & PARADE MUSIC
CHOREOGRAPHY WILL BE TAUGHT, FOR THE PARADES THE CORPS WILL PARTICIPATE IN.**

**THIS WILL , NOT ONLY HELP CORPS FINANCES IT WILL BEGIN TO BUILD COMMUNITY &
CAMARADERIE TOWARDS THE PENDING COMPETITIVE SEASON.**

A CALENDAR OF PRACTICES IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

ONCE SHOWS ARE SELECTED- A FULL CALENDAR WILL BE PROVIDED

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR
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