

Akins Colorguard 2008-2009

It's finally here, the 2008 marching band season is here and its going to be better than ever. This show will be the most "colorguard intensive" show ever so its very important that we come out strong! This is a list of things every member is required to bring to summer band followed by a rough schedule of the summer.

Supplies

- Water Bottle
- Stretchy dance attire for rehearsals (no jeans or baggy clothing, think workout clothes)
- 2 rolls of 3m white electrical tape (available at Home Depot or Lowe's)
- 1 roll of 3m black electrical tape (available at Home Depot or Lowe's)
- yoga mat (optional) I've seen these at tj max and ross in the accessories for about \$7 black or navy please
- snacky food, things like granola give you great energy during practices
- smiles and good attitude
- sun screen
- sharpie permanent marker – black
- \$20 check or money order for practice silk (belongs to student)

New colorguard members will be required to attend **colorguard orientation camp** from *1pm to 5pm July 21st – July 25th*, if transportation is an issue feel free to call me at the number listed below. The students will be learning a variety of dance fundamentals as well as all the akins colorguard flag basics. This camp is necessary so the students do not feel overwhelmed when the entire colorguard is together. Please report to the Akins High School Band hall for rehearsal.

We will also be having a **Mandatory Colorguard Parent Meeting** on Monday July 21st at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We need to have all parents attend - this is very important for the vitality of the guard program.

Please review the summer calendar. All times scheduled for **Full Band** rehearsal include Colorguard.

Please note that the first Fair Share payment* of \$60.00 is now due.

Full Guard Dance Camp and Pep Routine day *Saturday July 26th 9am to 5pm* (lunch will be from 12:30 to 1:00) We will have a clinician come in and teach the students a variety of stretching techniques, strengthening exercises, dance fundamentals and combinations This is vital for todays modern colorguard, this clinic will be fun as well as informative. This is required for all members no exceptions. We will also learn a short routine to a hip hop mix that will be performed at various events and middle school recruiting trips. This routine

incorporates flag, rifle and dance. We will meet in the Akins Band Then move to the cafeteria for rehearsal.

For the summer uniform the Colorguard will need to purchase navy Capri type dance pants, please no words or decorations. The shirt will be provided for the students.

The Colorguard will also be meeting on *July 28th and July 29th from 9am to 5pm* (lunch will be from 12:30 to 1:00) We will be starting choreography sessions for the 2008 marching band production. This is required for all members, students that do not attend will be placed as alternates for the beginning of the year and will not have spots on the field.

I am very excited that our 2008 colorguard is will be the largest guard yet. I can't wait to meet all of you, and I can't wait to see all those familiar faces as well. Parents please call me if you have any questions at 512-785-6868.

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* Additional fees may be assessed at the beginning of Winterguard session, to be determined later.