



OHHS Winter Guard 2024 Info Packet

We are so excited that you are interested in learning more about Winter Guard! Here are some questions & answers on who we are and what this program is all about.

What is Winter Guard?

Winter Guard is a performance art that uses dance, theater while spinning/tossing equipment such as flags, rifles, and sabres to give a visual interpretation to music.

We are members of the Pacific Performing Arts (PPA) competitive circuit and attend competitions. Although we have competitive goal, we are still open to introducing the activity to new students wanting learn and perform with us.

How hard is Winter Guard?

Like any other sport, you will need to build endurance, muscle strength as well as increase your mental sharpness and focus. But we don't demand that on the first day. We will teach you these skills starting with basics and progress as we go.

If you have a mental or physical issue that could impede your ability to learn or limits your abilities, make sure it is on file with your school and then include it on your Audition Agreement (attached). If medications are needed, please understand that the staff cannot be responsible for holding or applying this medication. We will provide assistance when needed, but the student must carry it with them in case of emergency need.

Any Experience needed?

No experience needed. We have instructors and current members to help you learn what you need to know.

It is important that you show up willing, eager, and open to every aspect of the audition process. It is highly likely that we will ask you to do some things that we do that you have never done before. We recognize that you will likely be stronger in some areas than others. And that's ok. Just come ready to learn, give it a try and have fun.

Are there any fees to join?

No. Winter Guard is free to join. All equipment is provided. Some personal items, such as gloves, shoes, team t-shirt, etc., will need to be purchased by the student for their own use. Estimated cost: \$80+/- . Fundraisers may take place to help with overall activity/club needs and/or students who may need assistance with purchases.

What if I am involved in another after school activity that practices at the same time?

You will have to ask your other sponsor/coach if it's possible to do both. Schedules may conflict resulting in your choosing one or the other. If you do another activity alongside guard, you'll have to balance the time between the two activities. For Winter Guard, you are responsible for catching up, learning and memorizing anything you have missed; which will be done on your own time.

I'm interested, what do I do next?

Fill out the required forms and come to Winter Guard Camp. The Audition Agreement must be signed by you and your parent/legal guardian. You will NOT be allowed to participate if forms are not received.

Camp is 4 days long. You will learn different skills each day along with a short audition routine. Although not required, we highly suggest you come for all 4 days so that you learn as much as possible giving you the full experience so you can best make your decision on wanting to continue.



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When is Camp?

Nov 13 - 16: Times/Locations vary, see below:

- Monday 11/13: 1:30pm - 4:00pm in Band Room (D220)
- Tuesday 11/14: 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Elks Lodge
- Wednesday 11/15: 5:30pm - 7:30pm in Band Room (D220)
- Thursday 11/16 (Audition Day): 5:00pm - 6:30pm in Band Room (D220)

What to Bring to Audition Camp

- Audition Agreement
- OHHS Progress Report Form
- Work out clothing & gym shoes (no hoodies and no jeans)
- water bottle
- knee pads
- hair ties, if needed (no hair allowed on your face and no hats)

We provide all equipment needed. You just come in with a positive attitude, ready to learn and have fun. Audition Results will be sent home with you on the 16th after auditions are finished.

Leadership Auditions

Co-Captain and Lieutenant positions available for returning members. See separate leadership packet for application info and requirements.

- Nov 15: Audition Agreement, Teacher Form, Leadership Application and essay are due. You may opt to turn these items in BEFORE the due date.
- Nov 25: Song choice & count sheet due. Include the name of the song, artist and include the time position in the song as to when your choreography will begin.
- Nov 27: Audition day! 1:30-3pm in the band room
- Results given on Nov 28th (first team meeting)

If I make the team, when will the rehearsals be?

Rehearsals will start on Nov 28, 2024. After that, we will have rehearsals every Monday through Friday in the Band Room or off campus (excluding holidays and other district no-school days). A schedule will be given to you at the first meeting.

Here is the current tentative schedule (Nov 28 - Apr 30):

- Mondays: 1:30pm - 4:00pm OR 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Tuesdays: 6pm - 8:00pm at the Elks Lodge
- Wednesdays/Thursdays: 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Fridays: 3:00pm - 5:30pm or 6:00pm - 8:00pm (Space TBD)

Tentative Performance Schedule

- March 23, 2024: Competition in Olympia
- March 30, 2024: Competition in Wenatchee - Championships
- April TBD: Winter Guard Showcase at OHHS
- April 27, 2024: Holland Happening Parade

Parent/Guardian Involvement

Although we do not require a specific amount of parent/guardian involvement, please know that this program has only succeeded and been able to grow with parent/guardian support.



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If the student is accepted on the team, the only required meeting that a parent must attend (with their student) is the first meeting of the season, which is Nov. 28 at 6:00pm at the Elks Lodge. At this meeting, staff will be introduced, schedules given along with what is expected along with communication and other important information by staff. Students will also have their measurements taken for costumes/uniforms.

OHHS Band Boosters

The OHHS Band Boosters are our main support system for funding and more. All parents/guardians are invited to join as members and/or attend meetings. If you have any skills or ideas that you believe may help our programs grow and be even more successful, please join. Their meetings are usually held every first Thursday of the month. If you can't make it in person, they have a live stream link you can join in on.

Learn more about the Band Boosters on their website: www.ohhsbandboosters.com

Have Questions?

Send the Director/Instructor, Renee Giugliano an email at guard@ohhsbandboosters.com.



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Pages 1 & 2 must be completed and returned on the first day of Audition Camp.

Student's Legal Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Preferred Pronouns: _____

Student's OHSD email: _____

Current Grade: _____ Current School: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian's Email: _____

Contact Preference (check): Phone Email Either

This activity involves continuous movement throughout the whole body. If you have any health concerns or allergies, please list that info here so we can assist correctly and as needed.

Signing up and/or attending Camp is NOT making a commitment to stay as a member. Although we would love to take all students who decide to audition, the following must be taken into account by our staff while officially accepting members to be in the OHHS Winter Guard. Students must:

- Be in good standing with grades and attendance during current school year.
- Be respectful to those in authority while at camp.
- Have a positive attitude while at camp.
- Don't give up, keep trying until you get it.
- Actively participate at all times (no sitting unless on break or given permission by instructors)
- Keep cell phones placed in backpack/bag until the end of camp.
- Let the instructor(s) know before camp day begins, (in private) about possible emergencies that may cause you to check your phone more often than at breaks.

These rules apply not only during camp, but throughout the Winter Guard season.

Student: I agree to abide by the conditions as stated in this agreement. I understand that if I choose to audition for the Winter Guard, but staff chooses not to accept me, an explanation may not be given, nor will one be expected. I also understand that if I cannot abide by the above agreement, I will not make the team.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: I give the student listed above permission to participate in Winter Guard Camp and ultimately join if my student is accepted as a member for the OHHS Winter Guard. I have read and understand all the requirements. If my student is accepted onto the team, we agree to abide by them.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____



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Extra Curricular

OAK HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL PROGRESS REPORT

NAME: _____

Date: _____

Please complete the rating sheet by circling the appropriate number and grade and making comments on the academic performance, effort, attitude and attendance for the student named above.

Period 1		Poor				Excellent	Comments:
Subject:	Academic Performance	1	2	3	4	5	
	Effort	1	2	3	4	5	
	Attitude	1	2	3	4	5	
	Attendance	1	2	3	4	5	
	Estimated Grade	F	D	C	B	A	Teacher:
Period 2		Poor				Excellent	Comments:
Subject:	Academic Performance	1	2	3	4	5	
	Effort	1	2	3	4	5	
	Attitude	1	2	3	4	5	
	Attendance	1	2	3	4	5	
	Estimated Grade	F	D	C	B	A	Teacher:
Period 3		Poor				Excellent	Comments:
Subject:	Academic Performance	1	2	3	4	5	
	Effort	1	2	3	4	5	
	Attitude	1	2	3	4	5	
	Attendance	1	2	3	4	5	
	Estimated Grade	F	D	C	B	A	Teacher:
Period 4		Poor				Excellent	Comments:
Subject:	Academic Performance	1	2	3	4	5	
	Effort	1	2	3	4	5	
	Attitude	1	2	3	4	5	
	Attendance	1	2	3	4	5	
	Estimated Grade	F	D	C	B	A	Teacher:
Period 5		Poor				Excellent	Comments:
Subject:	Academic Performance	1	2	3	4	5	
	Effort	1	2	3	4	5	
	Attitude	1	2	3	4	5	
	Attendance	1	2	3	4	5	
	Estimated Grade	F	D	C	B	A	Teacher:
Period 6		Poor				Excellent	Comments:
Subject:	Academic Performance	1	2	3	4	5	
	Effort	1	2	3	4	5	
	Attitude	1	2	3	4	5	
	Attendance	1	2	3	4	5	
	Estimated Grade	F	D	C	B	A	Teacher:
Period 0/7		Poor				Excellent	Comments:
Subject:	Academic Performance	1	2	3	4	5	
	Effort	1	2	3	4	5	
	Attitude	1	2	3	4	5	
	Attendance	1	2	3	4	5	
	Estimated Grade	F	D	C	B	A	Teacher:

Thank you for your assistance

Approved By: _____

Date: _____