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2017-2018 Southmoore Varsity Winter Guard

Thanks for your interest in the Southmoore Winter Guard program! We hope that you have a rewarding and memorable experience. The purpose of this team is to provide you with opportunities, experiences and achievement through competitive performances.

Guard activities provide physical fitness, as well as the basic life-skills of teamwork, dedication, sacrifice and commitment. We instill in our members that hard work pays off, and we offer a structured environment for students to become great in every aspect of life.

SPECIFICS

The Varsity Winter Guard will meet from 6:00-9:00PM on Mondays & Thursdays until April 7th. A rehearsal calendar will be available on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/southmooreguard and band website www.southmooreband.com.

COST

The approximate fee for Varsity Winter Guard will be \$400 for all members. This fee will be broken down into 3 monthly payments. Specifics as to payment schedule and costs are included in the packet. The Southmoore Band offers a variety of fundraisers year round to help families earn credit towards fees. Some families never have to write a check due to their participation in fundraisers. More information will be available at the band booster meeting.

SCHEDULE

A schedule for all winter rehearsals and performances will be distributed at the upcoming parent meeting. Please go through these and list any conflicts on the "Signature Page" prior to returning to staff. Please know that attendance is crucial and can be a factor in membership into the guard program.

We hope you and your family have a great and memorable experience with the Southmoore Guard program!

If you have any questions, please let us know.

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-2018 SOUTHMOORE WINTER GUARD MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Please read the following:

1. As a member, I understand that my academic achievement is most important. If my name appears on the ineligibility list, I realize that my performance position may be in jeopardy. Students must plan ahead to keep up with the busy spring schedule. Proper study habits are very important. **Members will not be excused for missing rehearsal due to poor time management**, as this will jeopardize the success of the entire ensemble.

2. As a member, I understand it will take sacrifices in other areas of my life to be a part of this performing group. I will **always** be on time for rehearsal. **The following absences from rehearsals will not be excused: non-emergency doctor/dentist appointments, employment responsibilities, social activities, study sessions, and family functions.** Unexcused absences and/or excessive tardiness will result in dismissal from the group. **All absences for rehearsals must be cleared in advance.** A previous history of un-excused absences could result in lack of membership.

3. As a member, I realize that there are numerous hours of rehearsal needed before the finished product is complete and that it is mandatory I attend every rehearsal. The only excused absences that would be considered are severe sickness or a death in the immediate family. If an emergency such as this does occur, I will get in contact with a staff member immediately. Please leave a message if there is no answer. Missed rehearsals prior to performances will result in the student being sidelined for that performance.

4. As a member, I realize that it is mandatory to attend all performances. Any potential conflicts for rehearsals or performances should be noted in the “conflicts” area on the Contact Page.

5. As a member, I understand that there may be 1 to 2 extra rehearsals and/or sectionals (other than regularly scheduled). It is my responsibility to the group to attend these sectionals.

6. As a member, I understand that I am to have all necessary items for practices and performances. I understand that failure to be prepared for rehearsal or a performance can result in loss of points in my grade, and/or not performing at event or upcoming event.

7. As a member, I understand that I am responsible for the Membership Fee, as well as other items that may be necessary, as listed in this packet.

8. The image of the Southmoore Guard is very important. As a member, I understand that I am representing the group at all times, even when not with the group, and that I must maintain the highest level of professionalism. Unacceptable behavior, inappropriate attire, extreme hair color and non-conventional body piercing are not allowed. Any changes to a student's appearance must be pre-approved by staff, since appearance directly affects the look of the group. This includes hair color, haircuts, piercings, etc.

9. There may be alternate membership positions. At any time, an alternate may be placed into a performing position. Likewise, a performing member may lose their spot due to grades, eligibility, finances, discipline, excessive absences, poor work ethic, or level of performance. In addition, **I understand that all performers may not perform every segment of the show.**

10. We urge parents to encourage their students to practice at home. The instructional staff chooses performers for spots based on their skills and progression.

11. Students will obey and show respect toward directors, instructional staff and chaperones at all times. Respect toward other members is mandatory at all times.

12. If the student has a medical or physical condition that could interfere with participation or performing, the performer must notify the staff immediately.

Need to Know Info! Put me on the Fridge!

Winter Guard Contest Schedule 2018

***Please note that all dates are tentative and subject to change.*

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Groups Attending</u> |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| January 27th | Westmoore Contest | Varsity & JV |
| February 24th | Southmoore Contest | Varsity & JV |
| March 10th | WGI Regional-Union HS, Tulsa, OK | Varsity |
| March 29th | Southmoore Family & Friends Home Show | Varsity & JV |
| March 31st | Mustang Contest | Varsity & JV |
| April 7th | WGPO Championships – Yukon HS | Varsity & JV |

All contests and rehearsals are mandatory.

- Rehearsals will begin Monday, November 27th at Plaza Elementary.
- Rehearsals are on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** from **6:00-9:00PM** until April 7th.
- There will be a few drill design rehearsals on Saturdays. These rehearsal dates and times will be on the calendar handout.
- *****Members who are unable to attend rehearsals for extended periods of time (ex. wedding, leaving the state, cruise, etc.) are required to give Ms. Wessel the dates, times, and reason for leave.**
 - At least **one-week notification** is required for absences. Please **do not** contact Ms. Wessel via Facebook Messenger or any other social media. These are often missed. Email swessel@cnpsschools.org for any absences or emergencies.
 - **Members are responsible** for catching up on missed skills and/or choreography outside of rehearsal time with an assigned member.
 - If a member is unable to make-up the missed material by the designated time frame, he or she **may not receive a guaranteed spot** in the upcoming season (i.e. alternate).
 - **Only emergency situations are excused absences from rehearsal (i.e. death in the family, hospitalization, etc.)**

-All members will need to join our “**Southmoore Guard Members**” Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/southmooreguard/ for the latest news and announcements. This group is used to communicate with our current members each season. Parents/Guardians are highly encouraged to join.

- Students and parents/guardians will also need to sign up for our “**Remind**” notifications via text or email. Text [@okwg](https://www.textnow.com/okwg) to **81010**. See Handout for more information.

-Susan Wessel

Southmoore Guard Director

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2017-2018 VARSITY WINTER GUARD PAYMENT AMOUNTS

Southmoore Varsity Guard Membership Fee: **\$400.00**

Payment Schedule

DEPOSIT DUE: Monday, November 27th, 2017 - **\$125.00**

2nd Payment: Monday, December 18th, 2017 - **\$125.00**

3rd Payment: Thursday, January 11th, 2018 - **\$150.00**

TOTAL FEES PAID: \$400

-The attached contract and deposit is due by Monday, November 27th.

-The Southmoore Winter Guard's fees for Varsity members are \$400. Dues must be paid in full by Thursday, January 11th.

-These fees and due dates will be discussed at the Parent meeting. Fees are used to purchase new equipment, silks, costumes, paint, etc. Please turn your money in on time so we can have everything we need for every performance!

-You must pay by cash/check, (Checks written out to Southmoore Band) please enclose your payment in an envelope and label with student's name, amount, and what the money is for (fees, jacket, bag, etc.).

▪ **Additional fees NOT included in the dues.**

- Appropriate undergarments needed for the 2018 costumes (TBA)
- 2018 Show Make-up (TBA)
- Each member is required to have the appropriate athletic/comfortable clothing for all rehearsals. Varsity Winter Guard is a movement-driven activity and proper rehearsal attire is necessary. No jeans/denim is allowed.
- For each show flag silk significantly damaged during the season, they must be fixed professionally (i.e. alterations store) or a fee of \$10 dollars will be charged per damaged silk (significant tears, holes, stains, or rips). This does not include previous silk damage.

-Opportunities for students to fundraise in order to pay for all or part of their expenses are currently being distributed. Take advantage of this if needed!

2017-2018 SOUTHMOORE VARSITY WINTER GUARD SIGNATURE PAGE

CONFLICTS WITH REHEARSALS OR PERFORMANCES:

| DATE | REASON |
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STUDENT NAME _____ SCHOOL & GRADE _____

STUDENT CELL PHONE _____ HOME PHONE _____

STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESS _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

Student T-Shirt Size: **S M L XL XXL** Student Shoe Size (*whole sizes only*): _____

(Circle one; Adult sizes only, no Youth sizes are available)

Student Dietary Allergies or Restrictions: _____

PRIMARY PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

PRIMARY PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL _____

CELL PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

HOME PHONE _____

SECONDARY PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

SECONDARY PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL _____

CELL PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

HOME PHONE _____

By signing this document, I am certifying that I have read the "Southmoore Guard Membership Guidelines" and agree to all items listed. I will also abide by all policies set forth in the "Southmoore Marching Band Handbook," available at www.Southmooreband.com. In addition, I am committing to attend every winter guard event, whether rehearsal, performance, or other unless a conflict is noted above.

PARENT/GUARDIAN(S) SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Welcome to the Southmoore Varsity Winter Guard!

(It's all about the KIDS)

Please take a few moments to tell us about yourself and what you like to do.

If everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Primary Cell: _____ Secondary Cell: _____

Parent/Guardian Email(s): _____

I would like to help with the following:

Mom Dad

Guard Costumes (helping kids @ contest) _____

Guard Costumes/Flags (cleaning/upkeep) _____

Sewing (costumes/flags/props) _____

Providing snacks for the guard _____

Helping to feed the guard at contests _____

Pushing equipment onto/off of floor _____

Helping to unload/load the truck _____

Helping to build/construct needed props _____

Willing to weld/repair equipment _____

Bus chaperone: Local Contests _____

Van Driver: Out of town Games/Contests _____

Assist 'Hospitality' at 1 or more event _____

Assist with Public Relations _____

Do you have Public Announcing experience? _____

Do you have a CDL and would drive a truck? _____

Do you know a possible corporate sponsor? _____

Please return this form to Ms. Wessel.