



CHEROKEE BLUFF BEAR BAND

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Onward & Upward...A Commitment to Excellence

On behalf of the Cherokee Bluff High School Band, I would like to thank you for your interest in the 2019-2020 Bear Colorguard. Hopefully this letter will provide you with some basic information for your consideration, and if you should have questions that are not addressed through this information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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What is the Colorguard?

The people that spin flags, rifles, and sabers during a marching band show. Between August and November, Guard members combine dance, equipment and other visuals to create a show that they perform at football games and competitions.

When are tryouts?

Tryouts will be held at CHEROKEE BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL

1. **April 18** in one (1) class sessions: **4:00PM to 6:00PM**
2. **April 20** in two (2) class sessions **9:00AM-11:00AM, and 12:00PM-3:00PM** (Final Audition starting at 3PM)
The students will learn an audition routine and perform it for the instructors and staff on Saturday, April 20th for acceptance into the Bear Colorguard.

***There will be a meeting of the students selected for the entire marching band and at least one of their parents on **Tuesday, April 25th at 6:00PM in the CBHS Band Room** for marching band registration. Please plan to attend. We will continue rehearsals throughout the spring at CBHS on select dates in May and even some in June.

Do I need previous Colorguard or dance experience?

No. Although past dance or Colorguard experience would be beneficial, it is not necessary. Good attitude, a willingness to work hard, and a positive demeanor are qualities that we look for in future Colorguard members.

If I am selected what is the time commitment?

1. Guard Camp & Band Camp (Mandatory for all team members) June 24-28; July 11-12; Pre-Camp (July 15-19) and Band Camp (July 22-26).
2. All rehearsals once school starts: The Colorguard will rehearse on Mondays from 4:00PM – 6:00PM and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00PM-8:00PM. This schedule will continue until the end of October.
3. All Football Games: The band performs at all varsity football games both home and away.
4. Marching Competitions and Parades: Competitions are Sept 28; Oct. 5; and Oct. 12. Parades will be announced later.

A detailed calendar is available at our website: www.cherokeebluffband.com (Please note that the calendar is tentative and is subject to minor changes).

If I am selected what is the financial commitment?

The marching band is funded completely by its membership. The band receives no funding from the county for its operation.

1. April 25: \$200.00 (Deposit) due at the Thursday, April 25th registration meeting.
2. June 24: \$175.00 (this covers the cost of the uniform; uniforms are purchased by each student)
3. July 15th - \$200.00 (this covers the cost of Band Camp)
4. September 15th - \$200.00 (Membership Dues)

*It should be noted that there are also incidental costs that are associated with the Colorguard, such as warm-up suits (\$90.00) and Guard Bag (\$50.00).

**If you are a returning member to the Colorguard, you must have all debts paid prior to auditions in order to be selected to the 2019-20 Colorguard team. Please email treasurer@cherokeebluffband.com if you need information on your band student account.

How many will be selected for the guard?

There is no set number for the guard. We intend to select as many qualified students as possible. The bigger the guard the better!! Every student must audition including returning members. It is our expectation that ALL students earn the privilege to become a member of the Cherokee Bluff Marching Bears.

What to bring to tryouts?

Wear comfortable and appropriate clothes you can move in, tennis shoes/socks, bring a water bottle, and bring a great attitude!