



CHEROKEE BLUFF

COLOR GUARD HANDBOOK



Color Guard Membership Fees and Payments

- Marching Band Deposit is due Tuesday, May 12, 2020 (Registration Meeting)
\$200 deposit for all marching band members (Color Guard, Winds, and Percussion).
- A second payment is due Monday June 22, 2020 (Guard Camp)
\$270 (new members) or \$160 (returning members) for Color Guard uniforms.
- Band Camp fee is due Monday, July 20, 2020 (Pre-Camp Rehearsal)
\$200 for the cost of Band Camp for all marching band members (Color Guard, Winds, and Percussion).
- Final Payment is due Tuesday, August 11, 2020 (CBBA General Meeting)
\$135 for Marching Band Membership Dues for all marching band members (Color Guard, Winds, and Percussion).

When making payments, please make checks payable to Cherokee Bluff Band Association and place in the Dropbox in Mr. Cantrell's office.

There are several items that guard members will need to purchase on their own that are not covered by dues. (Show makeup, hair supplies, specialty undergarments, electrical tape ...). These costs will be communicated to the student prior to a due date.

All new and second-year parents are strongly encouraged to attend CBBA General Meetings (second Tuesday of every month). Fundraising opportunities will be available.

Important Dates / Summer Schedule

Marching Band Registration: May 12th (6:30pm)

Guard Camp: June 22-26 (8am-4pm daily)

Pre-Camp - July 20th, 21st, 23rd, 24th (8am-4pm)

Band Camp - July 22-26 (8am-9pm)

Regular Rehearsals Once School Begins

- Mondays: Color Guard Only (4:00PM – 6:00PM)
Tuesdays: FULL BAND (5:00PM – 8:00PM)
Thursdays: FULL BAND (5:00PM – 8:00PM)
Fridays: Football Games (See Band Calendar)
Saturdays: Sept. 19th, Sept. 26th, Oct. 3rd, and Oct. 17
*Schedule updates can be found on the band website

Attendance Policy

Color Guard is a visual activity that relies on all members to create the visual effect. Attendance is required for the success and safety of the entire organization. The Cherokee Bluff Marching Bears requires 100% attendance at all rehearsals, events, and performances.

- Tardiness is not tolerated
- Each student is allowed three absences*.
Reasons for absences include:
 - When personally ill and when attendance would endanger their health or the health of others;
 - When in their immediate family there is a serious illness or death;
 - On special and recognized holidays observed by their faith;
 - When mandated by order of governmental agencies.

*Missing a rehearsal the day before a performance may result in the student being sidelined during that performance. Students are still required to be at performances even if they are not performing.

*Accumulating three absences may result in dismissal from the program.

Rehearsal and Performance Etiquette

- Cell phones are to be kept on silent mode and off the field during rehearsals. During games phones should be kept in your bag. Parents should contact a band staff member if there is an emergency.
- Often we will run silent rehearsals; there is **no talking** on the field. If you have a question, please raise your hand and a staff member or section leader will be happy to answer your question.
- **No chewing gum** during rehearsals, games, competitions, and parades.
- When someone is addressing the guard or the band as a whole, **stand still and listen**; do not spin your flag or equipment. **Always make eye contact.**
- Whenever the group walks from one location to another, **we will walk together in a line.**
- If you ever need to leave the group (visit the rest room, concession stand...) let a staff member know and take another guard member with you. **NEVER go anywhere by yourself.**

Insubordination

Please know that every task, command, and delegation, asked of a student by a staff member is purposed for the greater good of the group. Insubordination is the act of willfully disobeying your superior (staff member or appointed student leader) and is not tolerated in our organization.

What to Wear (and not to wear)

During Rehearsal:

- Tennis shoes (sneakers) with good arch support. No open toe shoes
- Wear clothing that allow you to dance and move without restriction. (Absolutely NO JEANS are allowed at rehearsal)
- Shorts, pants, and tops should fit properly, nothing too baggy but always covering your stomach. Please wear proper undergarments for rehearsals.
- Hair should always be pulled back out of your face and up off of your shoulders for rehearsals. *Please avoid cutting your hair until after band season is over to allow options for uniform show hairstyles.

For Performances:

- Hair and highlights must always be a natural color. *This does not necessarily mean your natural color; avoid blue, green, orange, purple, etc...
- No visible nail polish for performances.
- No jewelry (necklaces, rings, bracelets, watches, dangling or hoop earrings, or other facial piercing) may be worn during performances. Exception: one small, stud in each earlobe is acceptable.
- Uniform clothing, hair, and make up will be decided the Tuesday before a performance. All guard members are expected to dress according to the uniform preference set for that performance.

Items for Rehearsal

(All of the following items should be kept in a personal bag and brought to all rehearsals. You are responsible for replacing these items as your supply starts to run low.)

- A small notebook for drill, writing down choreography, making notes, ext.
- Gloves
- Water
- 2 rolls of electrical tape (1 Black and 1White)
- Rubber bands - Two will be kept on each of your practice and performance flags at all times, but a few should be kept in your bag in case one breaks.
- Anything else you may need for rehearsal: sunscreen, chapstick, deodorant, bug spray, band-aids, hair ties...

Contact Information

Being able to communicate with students and parents quickly and efficiently is a goal of the Cherokee Bluff Band Staff. The Cherokee Bluff Band program utilizes an online database called CUT TIME. **We ask for ALL students and parents to have an account set up through CUT TIME as soon as possible.** Directors are able to send out information through email and/or text for those who are registered. We promise to respect your time and try to send only communication that applied to you and your student. CUT TIME allows us to form different groups to help limit the sending out of communication to unnecessary persons.

To access CUT TIME, please go to www.cutttime.net. After arriving on the CUT TIME website, choose "Student/Parent Sign Up" at the top of the page under the main menu section. For Subscribing Groups, type in "Cherokee Bluff Band" (which will probably appear as a choice) and fill out the rest of the form. We will get a notification and you will receive an email with additional information. Please see the band directors for more information.

CUT TIME is an online database that CBBA uses to manage and maintain the student accounts, inventory, sign up volunteers and contact information. Student account statements can be viewed at any time by all band families through CUT TIME (or you can easily email the CBBA Treasurer at treasurer@cherokeebluffband.com).

EVERY PARENT AND STUDENT INVOLVED IN THE CHEROKEE BLUFF BAND PROGRAM MUST SIGN UP.

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