

ATTENTION COLOR GUARD MEMBERS!!

See below for information that is specific to the members of the color guard for the upcoming fall 2011 marching band season! The staff is extremely excited to start working with you to create the best color guard season that Desert Vista High School has seen yet!

UNIFORMS:

Each season the color guard staff designs a uniform specific to the show music that has been selected. All color guard members will be measured so that their uniform can be custom made to fit them. The cost of the uniform is already included in your marching band fee for the fall season. The date that we will measure you for your costumes will be determined and we will let you know as soon as possible. The measuring will most likely take place at one of our first summer rehearsals.

SHOES:

Information about the shoes that will be worn with our uniforms will be given to you as soon as the shoe style has been selected. Shoes will cost approximately \$20.00 and would be an added expense above and beyond the fall marching band fee. If you already own the style of shoe that we select, it may be possible for you to wear the shoes you already own.

BODYTIGHTS:

Depending on the style of the uniform, it is very likely that we will need to have all members wear bodytights underneath their uniforms. The bodytights provide a sleek and slimming look to the uniform. The cost of bodytights is **approximately \$20.00** and would be an added expense above and beyond the fall marching band fee. If you already own bodytights and it will work with the style of uniform we select, it may be possible for you to wear the bodytights that you already own.

EQUIPMENT:

Each member of the color guard will be provided with the equipment necessary to perform with our guard with the exception of a rifle. Each member will need to purchase a rifle for the fall season, if they don't already own one or they would like to replace the one that they already have. The cost of a rifle is approximately **\$40.00-\$45.00**. We will make a bulk order of rifles during the summer so that we can save on the cost of shipping and the overall cost of the rifles. More information will be given to all members prior to the order being placed. The remainder of the equipment will be provided by the school. This includes all flag poles and silks as well as sabres.

WARM UP SUITS:

The purpose of the warm-up suits is to give the members a way to keep warm when the weather gets colder and they allow us to be in a "uniform" after we perform and change out of our costumes. It is also our intent to keep the same warm-up suit as we have used in previous seasons. This would be a one time cost for members who don't have our warm-up suits. The **approximate cost is \$65.00**.

SUMMER REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Get ready for a summer of color guard fun! We will be rehearsing throughout the summer to prepare us with the basics needed to be successful. In addition, we will start learning choreography for the fall season during our summer rehearsals. The schedule for the summer will coincide with the band summer schedule when possible. Because we have different needs than the band we will be rehearsing more often. The same rules apply to the color guard as the band....if you are in town; we are on the honor system to attend rehearsals. If you are on vacation and not able to attend rehearsals, that is fine, we just want to be sure that you get together with a section leader to go over what you missed.

As soon as we have solidified the schedule, we will communicate it to all members so that you can make your summer plans.

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