## Stevenson Color Guard 2023-24



**Information Packet - June, 2023** 







# Stevenson Color Guard Communication Methods

Our main source of communication throughout the season is an App called BAND. We use this app to communicate with members, get out information and share ideas. We require all members to be a part of these app. It is the easiest and fastest way for us coaches to remembers. We highly encourage parents to join our page as well to stay informed. We also use texting/calls.

Email: shstitanguard@gmail.com

### **Band App**





Follow can also follow us on:





### **Tiktok**







## Stevenson Color Guard Contract 2023

As an active participant, your responsibilities are divided into four parts. The first part is attendance. This includes all practices, performances, and fundraisers. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each session. If you are going to be late, you must contact a coach with a legitimate reason before the start of practice. Make sure you leave for practice with enough time to get there. Bad traffic isn't an excuse if you leave with enough time! All practices are mandatory unless previously discussed with a coach. All unexcused absences and tardies could result in either being benched for a performance or dismissal from the team. All absences and tardies that are excused are up to the discretion of the coaches. It is imperative that all members attend every practice for safety reasons. We are constantly adding and altering our show throughout the season. If you miss a practice, you might miss vital changes.

The second part will be **testing**. The coaches will be administering tests on your knowledge of the routine and drill. These tests will be given throughout the season. If a member is proving to need more focus on the routine and drill, you may be asked to sit out a performance. All decisions are up to the discretion of the coaches. This is for the safety of yourself and other team members around you.

The third part will be based on **behavior**. This includes your actions during practices, fundraisers, and performances. All events will be conducted with professionalism and with positive attitudes. You will act respectful towards your teammates, coaches, other teams, and yourselves. Remember, you are representing the team as a whole, not just yourself.

Another part of the behavior category is making sure to follow the dress code while at practices. What you wear to rehearsals needs to both be something you can move in as well as follow the school dress code. This is an active sport and certain clothing items restrict movement. Yet some active wear might not follow the dress code. Such items of clothing to avoid at rehearsals are jeans, crop tops, extra shorts or restricting tops. If you have to ask yourself if it is appropriate for school, it probably is not. We ask that you wear moveable clothes such as leggings/sweatpants, t-shirts, fingertip length shorts, etc. The shoes you should be wearing at practices are with gym shoes or guard shoes. No crocs or flipflops. This is for your own safety.

The final part will be based on **equipment.** You will be assigned equipment during the season. It is your responsibility to take care of your own equipment. You must bring it to every practice/competition and it must remain in good condition. If your equipment is lost, stolen or broken, it is your financial responsibility. You will each be given numbered equipment that will be checked out at the beginning of the season and returned at the end of the season.

In the event of an indiscretion, actions will be taken in stages. The first stage (i.e. unexcused absences, speaking negatively towards other members, etc.) will result in a conference with the coaches. You will be asked to sign a contract that states the indiscretion and steps to improve. A





second violation will result in being benched from a performance. Third and final violation will result in dismissal from the team. All courses of action are up to the discretion of the coaches.

Any and all questions should be directed towards the coaches. By signing this contract you understand your responsibilities and will abide by the rules that are set forth for you as a team member. You also understand the courses of action that will be taken in the event of an indiscretion. IT IS UP TO YOU AS A TEAM MEMBER TO EXHIBIT PROFESSIONALISM AND A FUN SPIRIT!

\*This contract is due by May 2<sup>nd</sup> ,2023. If this contract is not returned by May 2<sup>nd</sup>, you will not be allowed to practice with the team until it is turned in and it will result in an unexcused absence. This is for your own safety.

We look forward to working with you during the 2023 Color Guard Season!

Sincerely,

Coach Deanna Dutts and Coach Jenna Podgorski

Please sign below acknowledging that you understand and agree to the terms of this contract. Cut on the dotted line, turn in the signed portion and keep the actual contract for your records.	
Color Guard Member Signature	_
Parent Signature	_
Color Guard Coach Signature	_
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# Stevenson Color Guard Potential Season Expenses

Each member will need certain items throughout the season. These items vary from costume pieces to equipment. Throughout the season, the team does a series of fundraisers to raise the money for these items. If fundraising does not cover an individual members required items, those members will have to pay the difference.

Items that each member will be required to have:

-Costume (TBA)

-Color Guard embroidered warm up jacket



- Color guard gloves



Color Guard shoes



- -Makeup items to be determined later
- -Equipment used for each song
- -Guard tape and tips

### Items that are optional for each member:

- -Embroidered flag bag
- -Travel duffle bag
- -Embroidered soft shell jacket
- -Personal Rifle



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Sponsoring July 5<sup>th</sup> equals a \$5 donation.