

TIMBER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

Colorguard

AUDITIONS

- * No Experience Needed to Audition!
- * Make New Friends!
- * Earn P.E. and Fine Art Credit!
- * Perform at Football Games!
- * Learn How to Spin Flag, Rifle and Sabre!
- * Learn Ballet, Jazz and Modern Dance Techniques!
- * Be a part of one of the best Colorguards in Texas!



Audition Clinics and Times:

Parent Interest Meeting----April 21st 7pm

Audition Clinics----April 25th, 26th 27th from 4:30-6:30pm

Auditions---April 28th, 4:30pm to complete

Auditions and Clinics will take place in the TCHS Band Hall or Cafeteria

Please make plans to attend all clinics!

Additional Information:

Colorguard is 5th period, and it meets the entire school year.

Contact Instructor, Ashley Maldonado, at melissa.ashley0530@yahoo.com

www.timbercreekband.org

Dear Parents and Students,

We are thrilled that you are auditioning for the award winning Timber Creek High School Colorguard. It is a wonderful activity that builds character, school spirit, self-esteem, leadership, strength, stamina, and lasting friendships.

The TCHS Colorguard is a rising star in Texas, showing consistent improvement and turning heads over the past 6 years. Through our Winter Guard program, (competitive season that begins in December and continues through March), the team was named Silver Medalist in their round at the North Texas Colorguard Association Championships. Their score placed them in the top 15 scholastic guards out of 100+ in the circuit! In addition, as a part of the Marching band, the team earned 2nd at the UIL Area Contest in Fall 2014.

Like any other sport or extracurricular activity, colorguard does require extra time, energy, and parent support to participate at the highest level. Please take the time to read over this packet together, paying special attention to the time and financial obligations. Colorguard requires a high level of physical fitness. It is a total body work-out. During our season we may run a couple of miles per week and tone up by doing a series of boot camp style work-outs. The purpose is to promote health, stamina and work ethic. Members must be able to complete these tasks in order to fully participate in our show. So buy a great pair of running shoes and start moving now!

Thank you for your interest in our program. It is truly a wonderful organization. If you have any questions feel free to email Ms. McBryde at darla.mcbryde@kellerisd.net. Check us out on Facebook, "Official Timber Creek Falcon Band Group," or at www.timbercreekband.org. We look forward to seeing you at auditions!

Sincerely,

Darla McBryde
Director Of Bands
Timber Creek High School

Ashley Maldonado
Colorguard Instructor
Timber Creek High School

Audition Steps:

Student/Parent Interest Meeting:

When: April 21st

Where: TCHS Band Hall

What Time: 7-8pm .

Audition Clinics

When: April 25th, 26th, 27th

Where: TCHS Cafeteria

What Time: 4:30pm to 6:30pm

**Admission to clinics is free.

Learn the audition routine and meet current members. Ask any questions that you have.

Audition

When: April 28th

Where: TCHS Band Hall

What Time: Auditions begin at 4:30pm and conclude when they are complete. Applicants will audition in small groups of three to four. Please arrange to stay for the entire audition period so that call-backs can be administered.

**Applicants will receive their audition results by written letter approximately 30 minutes after auditions are complete.

FAQs

Do I need any dance experience to be a member of the TCHS Colorguard?

While prior dance experience is helpful, it is not a requirement for the audition. Learning ballet, jazz, and modern dance technique is part of your ongoing training. About half of our students have had no prior dance training, and half of them have through studio classes or cheerleading.

I have never spun a flag before. Can I still make the team?

Yes, you will learn all of the basic techniques at the audition clinics. Most of our current members had never spun a flag prior to colorguard mini camps or auditions.

I did not register for Colorguard on my registration card. Can I still audition?

Yes, absolutely! Come to the audition clinics. If you earn a spot on the team you will automatically be placed into the colorguard class.

What graduation requirements does colorguard fulfill?

Colorguard counts toward your PE and Fine Art Credits. If you are a member of the colorguard for your freshman, sophomore, and junior years you will fulfill all of these credits.

Can I take other electives in addition to colorguard?

Yes, we have students that participate in choir, band and other sports. Some care in planning is required to avoid performance conflicts and to ensure that all graduation requirements are met.

Are colorguard members eligible for any college scholarships?

Yes! Some colleges and universities will offer scholarships to students that participate in college marching band. In addition, the North Texas Colorguard Association, Winterguard International, and the TCHS Band Program offer scholarships each year to graduating seniors. An added benefit is that your colorguard teacher will know you better than most of your other teachers because of the amount of time that they spend with you. Your best recommendation letters can come from such a teacher that knows you so well!

What is Winterguard?

Winterguard is competitive colorguard. The winterguard shows are performed to recorded music in a gym. Each group has its own tarp or back drop and unique flags and costumes.

Winterguard season is even more dance intensive than the fall. Because we are in doors we can showcase more impressive skills. Winterguard is a class. Practice occurs 2 nights during the week and on most Saturdays. Fall winterguard members audition for placement in the team in November. Check out NTCA-online.org and WGI.org for more information!

Timber Creek High School Colorguard Fees

******Approximate Prices based on Last Year******

Spiritwear

- *Duffle Bag - \$33.55
- *Spirit Top - \$35.75
- Black Shorts - \$10.00
- *Body Tight - \$20.50
- *Tan Jazz Shoe - \$34.65
- *Tan Gloves - \$16.50
- *Personal Flag Bag - \$24.65
- *Warm-up Jacket - \$57.65
- *Warm-up Pants - \$27.05

Show Uniform - \$150

Additional Fees

- Band Program Fee - \$150
- Game/Contest Meals and Drinks - \$100
- Show T-Shirt - \$15

Optional Expenses:

- Rifle - \$53.80

Additional Personal Expenses:

- Black and White Electrical Tape
- Show Make-Up
- Water Jug for Marching Band

NEW for 2016:

- Possible out of town trip/overnight trip for Marching Band Competition
- Fundraisers will be offered to defray the cost of the trip!

*Denotes items that are the same from year to year when available from the manufacturer.

Remember! The most expensive year is the first year. Many items are reusable from year to year.

Time Commitment

Timber Creek Colorguard Members will be responsible to attend all practices, games, performances, and contests.

May/June 2016 Rehearsals: Once you audition and make the team, you will be informed of a few night rehearsals prior to the end of the school year.

Summer Guard Camp: TBA July

Summer Band Camp: Begins July 28th and continues until the 1st day of school. Various hours.

Practice During School Year: The marching band practices 8 hours per week outside the school day either before or after school.

Visit www.timbercreekband.org and view the calendar to view football games, contests and practice times (when they become available – by May 1st).