

# 2019 Wakeland High School Color Guard Information Packet

*Audition Information, Season Schedules, Program Costs*



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Dear Prospective Member,

We would like to invite you to audition and become a part of the award-winning and nationally-recognized Wakeland High School Color Guard!

We believe that color guard is a great activity for incoming freshman to become acquainted with the high school environment and its students, as well as for continuing high school students to become involved with an activity to motivate them to stay academically, mentally and physically engaged. We train our students to be both athletes and artists, pushing them to be scholars and role models.

Students who participate in our program learn the importance of team work, time management, excel in academics and their extracurricular activities, build esteem and confidence, and much, much more – all while performing on the grandest stages the marching and winter guard activities have to offer!

As a member of the Wakeland Color Guard, evening training rehearsals take place bi-weekly during the month of May, and once per week during the summer months in anticipation for our 2019 Marching Show. Summer band camp takes place during the month of August. The marching season continues from August through early-November.

During that time, you will perform your production at football games, marching contests, exhibition performances, University Interscholastic League Marching Competition and Bands of America competitions.

There will be an audition/interest meeting on Thursday, April 25th at 6pm. Each auditioning member and one parent/guardian representative must be in attendance for member consideration. Our clinics will take place on April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1st, and May 2nd. The auditions will take place on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Whereas there may be a lot of new material thrown at you, the end goal is to expose you to a thriving activity that interprets music both visually and artistically. Keep an open mind and an open heart, be willing to try something new, make mistakes and, most importantly, ask questions!

We have an exciting and special production planned for the 2019 marching season. The Wakeland High School Marching Band and Color Guard is among the top tier programs. We are eager to have you continue our legacy!

Let's have a great season!



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# Wakeland Color Guard Auditions 2019

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

**Auditions will take place at Wakeland High School**

*All candidates are required to attend **at least** one clinic prior to auditioning. Audition clinics are closed to the public to ensure the performers are in a comfortable and supportive environment.*

## **Thursday, April 25th**

6pm – 7pm: Season Overview Meeting – We will discuss in great detail a students' commitment to the Wakeland Color Guard program, including schedules, May rehearsals, summer rehearsals, summer band, season rehearsal schedules and performances, academic and financial responsibilities, and much more!

## **Tuesday, April 30th**

6pm – 9pm: Audition Clinic #1 – New members will be involved in a basics center dance class with our leadership candidates. Veteran members will begin weapon technique on rifle. All will come together for across-the-floor combinations, followed by the flag audition routine.

## **Wednesday, May 1st**

6pm – 9pm: Audition Clinic #2 – All will begin working through standing exercises (center) and continue building on our across-the-floor routines. All members will begin learning the dance audition piece. Afterwards, veteran members will review flag audition routine with new members.

## **Thursday, May 2nd**

6pm – 9pm: Audition Clinic #3 – New members will review dance audition choreography with our leadership candidates; Veteran members will continue weapon technique, training, and auditions. All will return together to work through the flag audition routine. Finally, the night will end with a run-through of audition day.

## **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

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### **Audition Day (May 4<sup>th</sup>)**

Prospective members will be grouped accordingly the day of auditions. Every new member will audition with returning members to ensure they have a safety net during auditions. There will be 2-3 judges. These judges are brought in solely to score participants and will not in any way be involved with the audition clinics.

Color Guard auditions determine cast and anticipated performers per section of the show (Movement One: X people on Rifle, X people on Flag, etc). Auditions for weapon lines and flag lines will take place late-July.

### **Audition Evaluation**

You will be evaluated on Dance, Flag, Performance Qualities, Accuracy and Precision on Choreography. Candidates will also be judged on Audition Day “uniform” (following instructions), and current and past academics will be taken into consideration.

- Across the Floors Evaluation
- Dance phrase
- Flag Phrase
- Weapon Phrase (*Returning Members Only*)

### **What to wear for Audition Clinics**

- Dance wear or workout clothes
- Sneakers
- Hair out of face
- Please remove all jewelry

### **What to wear for Audition Day**

- Solid black tank top or t-shirt
- Black yoga pants, sweat pants, leggings
  - If you choose to wear shorts, you **MUST** wear either leggings or tights underneath.
- Hair pulled back and off the face
- Natural make-up
- Audition number
- No jewelry or nail polish

*Those auditioning will be given an audition number the day of auditions to maintain anonymity.*

## 2019 Color Guard Rehearsal Schedule

If you are selected to be in the 2019 Wakeland High School Color Guard, please be aware of the following rehearsal and performance schedules. There is a conflict sheet section in the packet you will turn in. **All members are required to enroll in the Color Guard class, currently being offered during 3A (Color Guard Year 1-4).** All rehearsal and performance dates are listed on the Wakeland High School Band website calendar.

| Date   | Event                               | Notes  |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| May 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Rehearsal #1:                       | 6pm to 9pm @ WHS - Outdoors  |
| May 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Rehearsal #2:                       | 6pm to 9pm @ WHS - Outdoors  |
| May 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Rehearsal #3:                       | 6pm to 9pm @ WHS - Outdoors  |
| May 11 <sup>th</sup>   | Hype Day and Registration           | All students are required to register on this date. This will also be our first performance as the 2019 Color Guard. |
| May 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Rehearsal #4:                       | 6pm to 9pm @ WHS - Outdoors  |
| May 16 <sup>th</sup>   | Rehearsal #5:                       | 6pm to 9pm @ WHS - Outdoors  |
| May 21 <sup>st</sup>   | Rehearsal #6:                       | 6pm to 9pm @ WHS - Outdoors  |
| May 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | Rehearsal #7                        | 6pm to 9pm @ WHS - Outdoors  |
| May 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Rehearsal #8                        | 6pm to 9pm @ WHS - Outdoors  |
| May 30 <sup>th</sup>   | Rehearsal #9                        | 6pm to 9pm @ WHS - Outdoors  |
| June 3 <sup>rd</sup> – June 5 <sup>th</sup>                                      | Guard Camp: 9am to 5pm              | Lunch from 12pm to 1pm   |
| TBA June Dates   | Spin Club: 10am to 2pm              | OPTIONAL / Not Mandatory   |
| July 15 <sup>th</sup> – July 18 <sup>th</sup>                                    | Late-Summer Guard Camp              | Mandatory Attendance   |
| July 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup>                                       | Guard Camp                          | 8am – 5pm  |
| July 29 <sup>th</sup> – August 13 <sup>th</sup>                                  | Summer Marching Band                | Mandatory Attendance   |
| August 15 <sup>th</sup>  | First Day of School                 | Students must be enrolled in Color Guard Class or they forfeit their spot in the Marching Band show.                 |
|  |                                     |  |
| August 24 <sup>th</sup> , September 7 <sup>th</sup> , September 14 <sup>th</sup> | <i>Potential Saturday Rehearsal</i> |  |
| September 28 <sup>th</sup>   | HEB Marching Contest                | Missing any of the contests without written permission will result in a <b>zero</b> (Major Grade)                    |
| October 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Frisco ISD Band Night               |  |
| October 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Bands of America – Dallas           |  |
| October 12 <sup>th</sup>   | <i>Potential Saturday Rehearsal</i> |  |
| October 19 <sup>th</sup>   | UIL Region Marching Contest         |  |
| October 26 <sup>th</sup>   | UIL Area Marching Contest           |  |
| November 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                       | Bands of America – San Antonio      |  |
| November 4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>                                       | UIL State Marching Contest          |  |
| November 9 <sup>th</sup>   | Frisco Community Parade             |  |

Weekly Rehearsals, Parades, and Football Games are not included on the above rehearsal schedule. Those can be found on the [WakelandBand.Com](http://WakelandBand.Com) calendar, as well as the Wakeland High School Calendar.

### **May Rehearsals and Summer Sessions**

Rehearsals for the 2019 Color Guard cast will begin in May. We will focus on teaching the foundations of flag and dance technique to new members of the guard, whereas continuing members of the program will start to heavily focus on weapon equipment and intermediate to advanced dance needs. Members will be expected to participate in conditioning exercises in preparation for the marching band show.

### **Summer Band Camp**

Members return mid-July to partake in an intensive dance workshop with special guests. They will then dive into intermediate equipment technique and tosses. Members will begin to learn various phrases to input in their marching band show. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, we begin learning our 2019 competitive marching band production. Based on their training from May through July, members will be assessed and considered for weapon line and flag line.

### **Marching Band (School Year)**

It is imperative that members attend every rehearsal. Student missing multiple rehearsals will be given a reduced role in the marching band program.

- During the academic school year, we hold marching band rehearsals during the mornings (7am to 8:30am), evenings (6pm to 9pm), and occasionally some Saturday's.
- Students single-block color guard class, meeting MWF one week, and TR the following.
- Weekly schedule breakdowns can be found on the WHS Band Calendar, and will be sent out in my weekly emails.
- The Wakeland Band program strictly adheres to the UIL Time Regulation, which is 8 hours. Class time and student-led sectionals are not counted toward this total.

### **Color Guard Class**

**All students admitted into the WHS Color Guard are required to enroll for Color Guard Class (Year One – Four) – No Exceptions**

Students enroll in this course to continue training and achieving choreographed responsibilities. They will receive Physical Education (P.E.) credit upon passing the class! Students are required to enroll: **No exceptions.**

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 12:30pm – 2:15pm
- Tuesday, Thursday: 12:30pm – 2:15pm

### **Performances**

- All performers are required to attend every football game. We will perform sections of our marching show production during halftime. Members are required to stay the entire duration of the game.
- Unless excused ahead of time by Mr. Alonso, students are expected to be present for a competition or risk a failing grade.

## Approved SAT/ACT Test Dates:

| Date                       | Test | Status                                    |
|----------------------------|------|---|
| May 4 <sup>th</sup>        | SAT  | Approved – Students may audition in class |
| June 1 <sup>st</sup>       | SAT  | Approved (WHS Graduation)                 |
| July 14 <sup>th</sup>      | ACT  | Approved                                  |
| August 24 <sup>th</sup>    | SAT  | Not Approved                              |
| September 14 <sup>th</sup> | ACT  | Not Approved                              |
| October 5 <sup>th</sup>    | SAT  | Not Approved – BOA DFW                    |
| October 26 <sup>th</sup>   | ACT  | Not Approved – UIL Area Contest           |
| November 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | SAT  | Not Approved – BOA San Antonio            |
| December 7 <sup>th</sup>   | SAT  | Approved                                  |
| December 14 <sup>th</sup>  | ACT  | Approved                                  |
| February 8 <sup>th</sup>   | ACT  | Approved                                  |
| April 14 <sup>th</sup>     | ACT  | Approved                                  |
| May 14 <sup>th</sup>       | SAT  | Approved                                  |
| June 6 <sup>th</sup>       | SAT  | Approved                                  |
| June 13 <sup>th</sup>      | ACT  | Approved                                  |
| July 18 <sup>th</sup>      | ACT  | Approved                                  |

## Academic Eligibility

“Academic Requirements – No Pass, No Play.” *University Interscholastic League*. University Interscholastic League,  
<https://www.uiltexas.org/policy/tea-uil-side-by-side/academic-requirements>

“A student who receives, at the end of any grading period (after the first six weeks of the school year), a grade below 70 in any class (other than an identified class eligible for exemption) or a student with disabilities who fails to meet the standards in the Individual Education Plan (IEP) may not participate in extracurricular activities for three school weeks. An ineligible student may practice or rehearse, however. The student regains eligibility after the seven calendar day waiting period has ended following a grading period or the three school week evaluation period when the principal and teachers determine that he or she has earned a passing grade (70 or above) in all classes, other than those that are exempted.

**A student who is ineligible is unable to travel to/from competitions, performances, and football games. Ineligible students are unable to perform. This is a Texas State law!**

## UIL Marching Band Physical Requirements

Effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019: Pre-Participation Physicals are required for any student involved with marching band.

[http://www.uiltexas.org/files/music/Marching\\_Band\\_Physical\\_Exam\\_FAQ.pdf](http://www.uiltexas.org/files/music/Marching_Band_Physical_Exam_FAQ.pdf)



(QR Code to Website – Use Phone Camera)

All students must complete and return a physical prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Students who do not have physicals documented by the Wakeland High School Band Boosters Association, the Wakeland High School Color Guard Program, and Frisco Independent School District will be unable to participate with the 2019 Marching Band.



# 2019 WHS Band and Guard Program Costs

## 2019 Program Costs

The **TENTATIVE** cost for the 2019 fall marching season (May through November) will be **\$1020**. This total does not include other items needed for the season (duffel bag, jacket, field shoes, etc.).

Marching Program Fee: **\$1020**

This amount covers your uniform, screen-printed flags, weapons, copyright and licensing, meals, show design and designer fee's, competition entry, uniform cleaning, administrative and social fee's. Please know that we offer a variety of payment plan options and financial aid assistance.

The fee also covers the trip to Bands of America San Antonio, taking place the first weekend of November. Should the Band advance to the UIL State Marching Band Competition, Frisco ISD will offset costs for extending the trip.

## New Member Items List

A new member within the WHS Color Guard program, whether an entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade, a continuing WHS High Schooler, or transfer/move-in are required to purchase basic items for the season. **These fees are on-top-of the program fee's.**

1. WHS Color Guard Jacket – Embroidered with Name: \$48
2. WHS Black Tank Top: \$15
3. Body Tights for Uniform: \$19
4. Navy Duffel Bag with name: \$30
5. Wakeland Guard Gallon Water Jug with Embroidered Wrap: \$15

Cost: **\$127**

For anyone struggling with costs of item purchases, please reach out to us so that we may find a means of helping you out.

## **Payment Plans**

The Wakeland High School Band Boosters provide payment plan options best suitable for your needs. For example, one payment plan option would be 7-month's (May – November); we can provide and adjust payment plan options as well. If you need any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me (alonsomi@friscoisd.org) and/or our booster treasurer at booster-treasurer@wakelandband.com.

## **Financial Aid Assistance**

All those seeking financial aid must qualify by going through the steps listed in order to be considered for financial aid. While there are limited funds available, the Wakeland high School Band Booster Association understands there are needs and wants to help to the extent that funding allows.

- Financial Need: This can be based on proof of participation in the free or reduced lunch program through FISC, or through a tax return with your stated income from the last 12 months filing.
- Academic Performance: Your student must be Academically Eligible to participate in order to qualify for funding. Parent to provide a copy of the student's last report card from the prior semester or a current progress report that depicts eligibility.

## **Winter Guard**

The tentative cost for the winter guard season will be approximately **\$670**. This amount covers the competition entry, equipment usage, meals, copyright and licensing, props, screen-printed flags, printed performance floor, make-up, show design, winter supplies, clinicians, uniforms, and administrative fee's.

## **Other Excluded Fees**

1. Band Banquet Ticket (\$50/Ticket) – Required full-year enrollment for invitation
2. Money for rest stops from/to San Antonio
3. Physical Cost