

# Clovis High School COLOR GUARD Auditions!

Be a part of a winning tradition! Join our team  
Color Guard Auditions will be Monday May 19 from 6:00-9:00p.m.

**Yes 1 day only!!!!**  
**No Experience Needed!**  
**We can teach anyone, as long as you want to learn**  
**Bring a Friend**

Where: The Clark Gym

For more information,  
Please go to your schools main office or Band Office to pick up an  
Audition informational packet  
Packets will be available After May 5, 2008

You can contact Ms. Esmeralda Lozano at [EsmeraldaRocha@cusd.com](mailto:EsmeraldaRocha@cusd.com)  
You can also go to [www.clovishighband.com](http://www.clovishighband.com) for more information

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**Monday, May 19: 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

Please let me know ASAP if there will be any conflicts.  
Please wear clothes/shoes that you will be comfortable in moving and dancing.

# *Clovis High School Band and Color Guard*

## *2008-2009*

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS INTENDED TO GIVE PROSPECTIVE COLOR GUARD MEMBERS AND THEIR PARENTS INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHS BAND AND COLOR GUARD PROGRAM. IF THERE ARE FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAM, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT MS. ESMERALDA LOZANO AT THE CLOVIS HIGH BAND OFFICE (327-1465).**

### **I GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Clovis High Band and Color Guard is the centerpiece of the instrumental music program at Clovis High School. The Program consists of concert, marching, orchestral, and jazz ensembles as well as Winter Guard and Percussion ensemble. The band is currently directed by Mrs. Esmeralda Lozano and Mr. Randall Cornelison. In addition, there are specialists who provide instruction on a regular basis. These specialists augment the instructional program in a variety of areas. In the area of Color Guard, a specialist works with the guard members on equipment and movement skills.

### **II. PROGRAM GOALS**

The Clovis High School bands are dedicated to the total education of our students. The program is based on a strong foundation of musicality and technical/skill development for all students. In addition, the band program serves as a valuable role in the development of our students as productive members of society. We teach and encourage the values of dedication, perseverance, cooperation and hard work. All of these goals are taught while maintaining a positive environment for learning and social growth.

### **III. PERFORMANCE SCHEDULES**

Color Guard begins its season in the middle of August, when our annual band camp is held. Summer Camps are held but students are not mandated to attend, but they are highly recommended. The band camp is used to prepare for the up-coming Marching Band season. Class scheduling requires that each student must be enrolled in two classes – P.E. band (8<sup>th</sup> period) and Dance Color Guard (8<sup>th</sup> period). Students receive physical education credit for P.E. band. The band and guard perform at all football games and local civic events such as the Rodeo Parade, Veterans Day Parade, and other events (depending on community and school needs.) In addition, the marching band prepares a competition field show and attends approximately five to six fall competitions in our area. The fall Color Guard becomes a competitive Winter Guard at the end of the marching band season. Participation in the fall program is required if a student is to be considered for the winter program

### **COLOR GUARD SPECIFICS**

The Color Guard program at Clovis High is an important part of the total instrumental music department. The guard has shown tremendous growth and improvement over the past years. The Guard is made up of students from all grade levels and is selected by audition in the late spring. A competitive winter guard is formed at the end of our fall marching season. This group attends contests throughout the state, and the guard has competed successfully at the international level, with appearances at the Winter Guard International World Championships in Dayton, Ohio.

### **AUDITIONS**

Students are selected to be a part of the Color Guard through an audition process. The auditions are held in the spring, and members are selected to the fall color guard at this time. The audition process takes one evening. Candidates are expected to learn a short routine demonstrating movement/dance skill, and short routine involving equipment (tall flag). The routines are designed to allow each individual for membership in the group. All prospective members will be expected to audition, including returning guard personnel. **The decisions of the judges will be final.** The color guard will be made up of all qualified, interested students who meet the performance standards of the group. There is no maximum or minimum number.

### **EXPECTATIONS**

All students selected for membership in the CHS Color Guard program are expected to maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average. This is required for participation in performances, and is mandated by the Clovis Unified School District Board of Education. **During auditions a 2.5 G.P.A. is required to join the CHS Guard program.** In addition, all members are expected to exhibit the highest standards of behavior and decorum, as they are representing the school and community. **Participation in all performances and rehearsals is MANDATORY.** Work and other obligations are not valid excuses for absence from guard activities. **Students selected to be a guard member are not guaranteed performance spots in fall/winter programs. Students may be assigned**

**“ALTERNATE” positions** as the staff of CHS band reserves the right to assign parts to individuals based on the performer’s abilities, attitudes, and attendance.

If you participate in an outside program during the school year, the CHS Band and Guard program have the right to take away all privileges from the program. These privileges include membership back into the program, access to the band room and any other privileges given to members in the CHS Band and Guard program. **Students should not join the program if you plan to drop out at the semester or join an outside group.**

All financial obligations must be paid off at the school that you are currently enrolled in. If you are not in good financial standing at the school you are currently attending, you will not be allowed to be apart of the CHS Guard program. All obligations must be paid off by the fist day of Auditions.

## **GRADES**

Grades will be based on participation and effort. Missing a performance will drop your grade two whole letter grades down. Performances are considered football games and Saturday competitions. Missing two rehearsals will drop your letter grade by one whole letter. Missed rehearsals can be made up by turning in a written three page paper about a topic determined by the instructor. Performances can not be made up.

## **FINACIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The Clovis High Band and Color Guard is supported by both the Clovis Unified School District and the Clovis High School Band Boosters, an organization made up of band parents and others who are interested in the continued success of the program. The booster organization is responsible for the majority of funding the band receives during the year. **Students are responsible for all personal items used in the program (uniforms, shoes, tights, practice leo’s, trip expenses, band camp, etc.)** Parents are able to defray some or all of the costs of their child’s participation in the program through fund raising activities and ovations. A band account is set up in each student’s name and is used to keep track of expenses and credits. In addition, no student will be denied membership due to financial considerations. If this is the case, you will need to speak with both Mrs. Lozano and Mr. Cornelison over your financial situation. However, some of the travel opportunities are mandatory, and students will be expected to bear the costs of their own travel expenses for such trips.

### **Estimated Expenses**

Marching Band & Guard Activity Fee - \$325, **must be paid by Aug. 11, 2008. The first day of band camp**

Fall Uniform - \$150

Shoes- \$40-\$55

Guard Jacket-\$40-\$50

Fall Marching Band Trips- \$65 min. -\$190

Winter Guard Activity Fee- \$300 min.-\$350 max, **must be paid by the first week in January, 2008**

Winter Uniform- \$150

Winter Guard Trips- \$65 min- \$190

All Fees for each season include show fees, marching band t-shirt, staffing, drill writer and silks. All fees must be paid by the above date or membership into a guard will be removed. If there are problems making payments, please contact Mrs. Esmeralda Lozano at 559-327-1465 to make special financial arrangements. You can pay the day on the above date or make pre-payments before the above date. You can send payments to the following address and please make all checks payable to **Clovis High School.**

**Clovis High School  
Attn: Esmeralda Lozano  
Clovis High School  
1055 Fowler Ave  
Clovis, CA 93611**

**A MANDATROY BAND CAMP is required to be a member of the Marching Band. Band Camp will take place two weeks prior to the beginning of school.**

**Aug. 11-15 from 8:00 AM till 12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM till 9:00 PM**

**Aug. 18 & 19 from 8:00 AM till 12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM till 9:00 PM**

**Aug. 20-22 from 5:00 PM till 9:00 PM (guard may have some morning rehearsals this week)**

When School begins Color Guard will meet every Mon/Wed from 3-5:30 p.m. and Thur. from 5-8 p.m., plus 1-2 additional Saturday’s during the Marching Band season. These Saturday practices do not include Football games and Competitions. A calendar will be sent home with each student at the beginning of the school year with an up-date schedule of events.

## **CONSENT FORM**

Attached to this packet is a consent form which needs to be signed by prospective guard members and their parents, and returned to the band director prior to or on audition day which will begin on Monday May 19, 2007. Thank you for your interest in and support of this worthwhile educational opportunity.

# *Clovis High School Color Guard Audition Consent*

## *2008-2009*

I GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO AUDITION FOR THE CLOVIS HIGH SCHOOL COLOR GUARD. I UNDERSTAND THAT MEMBERSHIP IN THE GROUP REQUIRES A COMMITMENT OF TWO CLASS PERIODS, AND OUTSIDE REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES ARE **MANDATORY**. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT STUDENTS ARE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF AN AUDITION WHICH IS EVALUATED BY A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS EXPERIENCED IN THE COLOR GUARD ACTIVITY, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE DECISIONS OF THIS PANEL. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE COSTS INVOLVED IN MEMBERSHIP, AND AGREE TO ASSIST MY CHILD IN MAKING FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING THE PERSONAL EXPENSES INCURRED.

BY SIGNING THIS FORM I ADMIT TO HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ATTACHED PACKET OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE CLOVIS HIGH COLOR GUARD.

**PLEASE PRINT NEATLY!!!!!!**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT

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DATE

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SIGNATURE OF STUDENT

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DATE

CIRCLE PRESENT YEAR IN SCHOOL      8<sup>TH</sup>    FRESH.    SOPH.    JUN.

Current School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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HM PHONE

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CELL PHONE

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WK PHONE

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PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS

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STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESS

**Please turn this form in with the Guard Progress Report on May 21, 2007!  
Also include a current statement from your program plus a copy of your Report Card**

**Color Guard Progress Report for Guard Auditions**

(Print in INK, turn into guard director at the beginning of the audition)

Counselor or Learning Director's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Per.	Teacher	Class/ Subject	Teacher's Initials	Grade %	Classwork %	Homework %	Test %

Please list your participating co-curricular activities w/dates

Additional Comments

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

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Date