

Alta High School

Winter Guard

Information Packet

We are excited to start the first season of the Alta High School Winter Guard. This packet should give you the information you need about this amazing program. It includes the Directors' contact information and information about the season. Please read through this packet carefully and contact us with any questions.

Information digitally will come through a number of sources. We will post updates, calendar, and important public information on our facebook page *Alta High School Color Guard*. In addition, important information pertaining only to our current members and parents will be posted to the facebook group *Alta Color Guard – Active Members and Parents*. Please make sure you and your student are members of this group. Information will also come via Charms to your email.

We look forward to working with your students and having a great year!

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Program Description:

Alta Winter Guard dances and performs with Flags, Rifles, Sabers', and other props to music. Any high school student in Canyons District, 9th through 12th grade, is eligible to perform.

Program Expectations:

- **Students from other schools are responsible to ensure they have transportation from Alta High School to their school after morning rehearsals.**
- **Students are responsible for transportation to and from Alta for all other rehearsals and performances.**
- **It is encouraged for each performer to take a dance class each year.**
- **Students will be required to wear all black clothing to rehearsals. Athletic outerwear and underwear is encouraged.**
- **Students will be required to maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA for the 2016-2017 school year. Students may have no more than one (1) failing grade, as per the UHSAA (Utah High School Activities Association) eligibility requirements.**

Mandatory Performance Dates

Jan 14, Evaluation @ Northwest Middle School

Jan 20, Men's Basketball Game Half Time @ Alta High School

Jan 28, Competition @ West High School

Feb 14, Women's Basketball Half Time @ Alta High School

Feb 18, Competition @ American Fork High School

March 4, Competition @ Lone Peak High School

March 18, Competition @ Westlake High School

April 1, State Championships @ TBA

We will also be having a mandatory cleaning camp on Feb 4 in lieu of attending the UCGC competition that day.

Alta High School Winter Guard – 2017 Season Fee Information

Fee total: \$300

Included with fees:

- **Participation in UCGC (Utah Color Guard Circuit) competitions**
- **Staff fees**
- **Transportation**

- **Costumes**
- **Equipment (Flags, Rifles, etc.)**
- **Props (Umbrellas, back drops, floor design)**
- **Drill fees**
- **Show shirt**

NOT Included with fees:

- **Warm ups**
- **Make up**
- **Other items necessary for performances**

Suggested Payment Schedule:

- **December 21 – \$50 (Winter Guard payment #1)**
- **January 30 – \$60 (Winter Guard payment #2)**
- **February 28 – \$60 (Winter Guard payment #3)**
- **March 31 – \$60 (Winter Guard payment #4)**
- **April 30 – \$70 (Winter Guard payment #5)**

All fees are non-refundable and should be paid during their scheduled payment time. All checks must be made out to ALTA HIGH SCHOOL. All fees can be paid in the main office. Do not turn in money to Eva or Mr. Shabestari.

Alta High School Color Guard Commitment Agreement

- 1. I will attend all practices with proper equipment and attire unless, under extenuating circumstances, I am excused by a director. I understand that being absent from practices will result in being ineligible to participate at performances.**
- 2. I will be on time to all practices unless, on a rare occasion, I am excused by a director.**
- 3. I will attend and arrive on time for all performances and be ready to perform.**
- 4. I am prepared to pay the aforementioned fees. I will make all payments by the deadlines given. I understand that if I am unable to complete the season for any reason, my fees are not refundable or transferable.**
- 5. I will spend personal time away from scheduled rehearsals, to learn routines by the due dates that are given.**
- 6. I will leave all outside distractions at the door when I attend all guard activities such as; friend problems, school problems, significant others, etc.**
- 7. I will uphold all federal, state, local, and color guard laws and rules.**
- 8. I commit myself to diligently working to create unity in the color guard and to avoid any action or statement that may hurt others. I will not gossip about any of my teammates or my directors. I will support and trust my captains. I will support and trust my directors.**
- 9. I understand that by being a member of the Alta High School Color Guard, I am committing myself to excellence. I commit myself to do my best to make the guard successful during this entire year. I will conduct myself at all times in an appropriate manner, as I am an ambassador for my team, for Alta High School, and for the sport as a whole. I will not engage in any activity that would be in conflict with the above statements.**
- 10. I will approach rehearsals, activities, tasks given, and all color guard members, staff members, and the director with a positive attitude.**
- 11. I will be patient with myself and others as we learn skills. I will not belittle anyone or myself. I will not say that I cannot do something; I will maintain a positive attitude until I am able to succeed.**
- 12. I will not complain to anyone who cannot fix the problem. If the problem cannot be fixed, I will not complain. I will not listen to anyone else complain.**
- 13. I will keep myself eligible to compete according to the UHSAA guidelines. I will maintain a 2.0 GPA and attend all my classes.**

I have read the above statements, and I commit myself to uphold all of them. I understand that if I do not uphold this agreement, I must endure the consequences, and I may no longer be a member of the Alta High School Color Guard.

Performer: _____ **Date:** _____

I have read the above statements and understand what is expected of my son/daughter.

Parent: _____ **Date:** _____

Performer's name (printed):

Alta High School Winter Guard - 2017 Contact Information

STUDENT INFORMATION

Graduation Year _____ **Gender (circle one) Male / Female**

First Name _____ **Last Name**

Home _____ **Address**

Street city zip

Student Cell Phone _____ **Home Phone**

Student _____ **email**

Do you play an instrument? If so, which one? _____

Birthday _____ **Shoe Size** _____ **Shirt Size** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION – FIRST PARENT CONTACT

First Name _____ **Name** _____ **Last Name** _____

Home _____ **Address**

Street city zip

Cell Phone # _____ **Relation to student** _____

Email _____ **address**

Occupation/Special Skills _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION – SECOND PARENT CONTACT

First Name _____ **Last Name** _____

Home _____ **Address**

Street city zip

Preferred Phone # _____ **Relation to student** _____

Email _____ **address**

Occupation/Special Skills _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION – ADDITIONAL CONTACT

First Name _____ **Last Name** _____

Preferred Phone # _____ **Relation to student** _____

Email _____ **address**

Alta Winter Guard – 2017 Parent Volunteer Information Sheet

Student _____

Parent _____ Cell Phone _____

Parent _____ Cell Phone _____

Preferred Email _____

All Parents are band boosters – WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!!

Our band and color guard are SO appreciative of all the help our Boosters give! Please mark the following committees that you are willing to help with

How to help/volunteer:

- **Sign up on this form**
- **Look on the Charms Calendar. Click on the “helping hand” icon with the event.**
- **Show up and volunteer!**

MOM	DAD	COMMITTEE	DESCRIPTION
GENERAL NEEDS			
_____	_____	Chaperone	Willing to ride the bus and chaperone students. Also help with any needs at the event you are chaperoning.
_____	_____	Fundraiser	Organization of a fundraiser.
_____	_____	Food Coordination	Throughout the year we have a need for food service at clinics, competition, and/or just providing a snack for students.
_____	_____	Media	Taking pictures and video of the winter guard throughout the season and assisting the band historian.
_____	_____	Publicity	Help publicize all events with posters, radio, television, etc...
_____	_____	General	“Call me for whatever!”
_____	_____	Props	Assist in building of field props
_____	_____	Sewing	Assist in cutting and sewing costumes, uniform, and flags.

MEDICAL PAGE!

What Is Winter Guard?

Winter guard is the sport of indoor color guard. Modern color guard is a combination of the use of flags, sabers, mock rifles, and other equipment, as well as dance and other interpretive movement. Color guards can be found in, high schools, middle schools, some universities, and also some independent organizations some of which are related to drum corps.

In Utah, we belong to the Utah Color Guard Circuit which is under the umbrella of WGI (Winter Guard International) sport of the arts.

It is called the Sport of the Arts because it brings music to life through performance in a competitive format. Now entering its 40th year in 2017, the sport continues to evolve and grow. There were more than 36,000 participants at the regional level, and more than 12,000 participants at the Sport of the Arts World Championships this past April.

WGI's Purpose is to provide a venue for young people to achieve the extraordinary through performance and competition.

WGI's Mission:

- organizes high-energy and enjoyable color guard, percussion and winds events.**
- provides leadership through education to constantly improve the quality of ensembles.**
- develops our judging systems and adjudicators to ensure fair competition.**
- partners with corporations, educators and others to increase awareness and recognition of our art forms.**

WGI's Values:

- exists for the participants, their leaders and supporters**
- inspires our participants to achieve the highest artistic and creative standards**
- views competition as a means to encourage the highest standard of excellence**
- treats every participant as a unique individual with inherent dignity regardless of race, gender, creed, sexual orientation, origin or cultural background.**
- believes that every program and style starts with an equal opportunity for success**

Did you know...

- Winter Guard, Percussion and Winds are the fastest growing of the marching arts.**
- Winter Guard now exists in the United States, Canada, Belgium, Holland, Germany, England, Ireland, Korea, Japan, and Africa.**
- WGI's educational materials serve as the curriculum in many schools that have classes in equipment and movement.**
- WGI's artistic direction is fully controlled by the units.**

- **The organization promotes higher education by annually awarding over \$20,000 in academic scholarships to students from our competing units.**
- **WGI has awarded over \$500,000 in academic scholarships to students from competing units.**
- **More than 600 volunteers staff the regionals and World Championship contests.**
- **More than 160,000 spectators enjoy the activities at WGI Regionals and World Championships annually.**
- **More than 600 local competitions are sponsored, yielding an additional 100,000 spectators.**
- **Many of the percussion companies are now developing instruments specifically for the indoor activity.**
- **Hundreds of high school marching bands benefit from the skills developed by winter programs**

December 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Rehearsal 7-9:30pm	6	7	8	9 Rehearsal 3-6pm	10 Rehearsal 6-8am
11	12 Rehearsal 7-9:30pm	13	14 Rehearsal 7-9:30pm	15	16	17 Probable Drill Camp
18	19 Rehearsal 7-9:30pm	20	21 Rehearsal 5-7pm	22 Happy	23 Holidays	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Late Start Rehearsal 6-9am	4 Rehearsal 7-9:30pm	5	6	7 Rehearsal 6-8am
8	9 Rehearsal 5:30-7am	10	11 Rehearsal 7-9:30pm	12	13	14 Rehearsal 6-8 Evaluation Show Time TBA
15	16	17	18 Rehearsal 7-9:30pm	19	20 Rehearsal 8-12 Bball Half time performance @ 7pm	21
22	23 Rehearsal 5-7:30am	24	25 Rehearsal 7-9:30pm	26	27	28 Rehearsal 6-8 West High Competition-time TBA
29	30 Rehearsal 5:30-7am	31 Late Start Rehearsal 6-9am				

February 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Rehearsal 7-9:30pm	2	3	4 (most of the day) Cleaning Camp Time TBA
5	6 Rehearsal 5:30-7am	7 Late Start Rehearsal 6-9am	8	9	10 No School Rehearsal 8am-12pm	11 Rehearsal 6-8am
12	13	14 Late Start Rehearsal 6-9am Bball Half time @ 7pm	15 Rehearsal 7-9:30pm	16	17 No school Rehearsal 10am-1pm	18 Rehearsal 6-8 American Fork Competition-time TBA
19	20 No School Rehearsal in Commons 8am-12pm	21 Late Start Rehearsal 6-9am	22 Rehearsal 7-9:30pm	23	24	25 Rehearsal 6-9am
26	27	28 Late Start Rehearsal 6-9am				

March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Rehearsal 6-8am Lone Peak Competition-time TBA
5	6 Rehearsal 5:30-7am	7 Late Start Rehearsal 6-9am	8	9	10	11 Rehearsal 6-9am
12	13 Rehearsal 5:30-7am	14 Late Start Rehearsal 6-9am	15 Rehearsal 7-9:30pm	16	17	18 Rehearsal 6-9 West Lake Competition-time TBA
19	20 Rehearsal 5:30-7am	21 Late Start Rehearsal 6-9am	22	23	24	25 Rehearsal 6-9am
26	27 Rehearsal 5:30-7am	28 Late Start Rehearsal 6-9am	29	30	31	1 April All Day - State Championships