



2022-2023 ALLEGIANCE CADET WINTER GUARD TEAM

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ALLEGIANCE COLOR GUARD

Established in 2010, Allegiance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit youth color guard program based in Dundee, Illinois. Allegiance offers (3) winter guard teams: Allegiance Open, Allegiance A and Allegiance Cadets. Our Open team is our most competitive group intended for students with significant color guard experience. Our A team is intended for high school age students who may or may not have color guard experience, and our Cadet team is intended for students grades 3 - 8; beginners welcome. Over the years, the Allegiance programs have received numerous awards in the Midwest Color Guard Circuit (MWCGC) and Winter Guard International (WGI).

WHAT IS WINTER GUARD?

Winter Guard is a fun indoor activity of traditional color guard flag spinning and tossing combined with the theatrical elements of a stage play and the competitive qualities of a sports team. Each year, we put together a 4 to 5 minute production and perform it at local competitions where we receive scores and placements from professional judges.

WHO CAN JOIN THE ALLEGIANCE CADET TEAM?

The Allegiance Cadet Winter Guard team is open to co-ed youth grades 3 - 8 from the Chicagoland areas and beyond. Previous color guard experience is not required or expected, beginners are welcome!

COVID-19 POLICY

The health and safety of our members, staff, and families are very important to us. Allegiance as an organization will follow all applicable CDC and IDPH guidance concerning COVID-19 protocols. We highly recommend that all members, staff and volunteers be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

WHEN & WHERE ARE REHEARSALS?

Rehearsals are generally held on Wednesday nights and Saturdays, October through March. Our two main rehearsal locations are Dundee Middle School and Marengo Middle School. There may be times when we need to hold rehearsal at an alternative school. See attached schedule for rehearsal dates and locations.

WHEN & WHERE ARE COMPETITIONS?

Competitions are held on weekends between the end of January and the beginning of April in the Chicagoland area. See attached schedule for competition dates and locations.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Membership dues are \$480 and this amount can be paid in (6) monthly installments of \$80/month. Dues cover all color guard instruction, costumes, use of flags, rehearsal fees, competition entry fees, and much more. Fundraising is also required to help keep dues affordable.

I'M INTERESTED! WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

If you haven't already, please fill out our Registration Form: <https://allegiancecgc.org/register>. Once received, you will be added to our mailing list and invited to our next rehearsal. Attending a free rehearsal is a great way to try it out before signing up to join! If you would like to join after your first rehearsal, we will provide you with the necessary paperwork for parents to fill out.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

Mandi Donati (Petges) is our talented Coach and Director for the Allegiance Cadet Winter Guard team! She has a wonderful background color guard, and has been on staff with Allegiance for 2 years. She is also a full-time staff member and social worker at Dundee Middle School! If you have any questions, Mandi can be reached at (630) 450-5080 or e-mail: mandipetges@gmail.com

2022-2023 ALLEGIANCE CADET REHEARSAL & COMPETITION SCHEDULE

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<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Wed, Oct. 26	Flag Twirling Workshop	6pm-7:30pm	Dundee MS
Sat, Oct. 29	Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser	8am-12:00pm	American Legion, Elgin
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Wed, Nov. 2	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	Dundee MS
Sun, Nov. 6	Rehearsal	9am-1pm	Marengo MS
"	Parent Meeting (virtual zoom option)	9am - 10:15am	Marengo MS
Wed, Nov. 9	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	TBD
Sat, Nov. 12	Rehearsal	1pm-5pm	Marengo MS
Wed, Nov. 16	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	Dundee MS
Sat, Nov. 19	Rehearsal	1pm-5pm	Marengo MS
Wed, Nov. 30	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	Dundee MS
<u>DECEMBER</u>			
Sat, Dec. 3	Rehearsal	12pm-5pm	Marengo MS
Wed, Dec. 7	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	Dundee MS
Sat, Dec. 10	Rehearsal	12pm-5pm	Marengo MS
Wed, Dec. 14	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	TBD
Sat, Dec. 17	Rehearsal	12pm-5pm	Marengo MS
Wed, Dec. 21	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	Dundee MS
<u>JANUARY</u>			
Sat, Jan. 7	Rehearsal	12pm-5pm	Marengo MS
Wed, Jan. 11	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	Dundee MS
Sat, Jan. 14	Rehearsal	12pm-5pm	Marengo MS
Wed, Jan. 18	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	Dundee MS
Sat, Jan. 21	Rehearsal	12pm-4pm	Marengo MS
"	Preview Show/Food Drive (doors open at 3:30)	4pm - 5pm	Marengo MS
Wed, Jan. 25	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	Dundee MS
Sat, Jan. 28	Competition at Jacobs HS (Allegiance Host)	All Day	Algonquin, IL
<u>FEBRUARY</u>			
Wed, Feb. 1	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	Dundee MS
Sat, Feb. 4	Rehearsal	12pm-3pm	Marengo MS
"	Spaghetti Dinner	3:30pm - 8pm	American Legion, Elgin
Sun, Feb 5	Competition at Naperville Central HS	All Day	Naperville, IL
Wed, Feb. 8	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	Dundee MS
Sat, Feb. 11	No Rehearsal!!		
Sun, Feb. 12	Rehearsal	9am-2pm	Marengo MS
Wed, Feb. 15	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	Dundee MS
Sat, Feb. 18	Rehearsal	12pm-5pm	Marengo MS
Sun, Feb 19	Competition at Schaumburg HS	All Day	Schaumburg, IL
Wed, Feb. 22	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	Dundee MS
Sat, Feb. 25	WGI Chicago Regional (Lincoln-Way East HS)	All Day	Frankfort, IL
<u>MARCH</u>			
Wed, Mar. 1	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	TBD
Sat, Mar. 4	Competition at Lake Park HS	All Day	Roselle, IL
Wed, Mar. 8	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	Dundee MS
Sat, Mar. 11	Competition at Hersey HS	All Day	Arlington Heights, IL
Wed, Mar. 15	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	Dundee MS
Sat, Mar. 18	Competition at Minooka HS	All Day	Minooka, IL
Wed, Mar. 22	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	Dundee MS
Sat, Mar. 25	Rehearsal	12pm-5pm	Marengo MS
Wed, Mar. 29	Rehearsal	6pm-8:30pm	TBD
<u>April</u>			
Sat, Apr. 1	MWCGC Championships (Victor Andrew HS)	All Day	Tinley Park, IL
Sun, Apr. 2	MWCGC Championships (Victor Andrew HS)	All Day	Tinley Park, IL
Sun, Apr 23	2023 Allegiance Banquet – Golf Club of Illinois	Noon-4pm	Algonquin, IL

**Updated Oct 25, 2022, schedule subject to change members will be notified ASAP. Consult google calendar for the most up to date information.*