

Membership Agreement – Thunder Drum & Bugle Corps

Personal Conduct

The following rules and standards of personal conduct are expected from and apply to all members involved in programs of the Thunder Drum Corps program. The rules are designed to help ensure the safety, welfare, and enjoyment of all members. When participating in any activity of the Thunder, your behavior reflects on this organization as a whole. You are a representative of this organization. Behavior that could negatively reflect on this corps and guard program is prohibited.

- Thunder is a substance-free youth activity. **The possession or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, and tobacco is strictly prohibited by all members** at all times while involved in a corps/guard related activity or tour. This rule applies to all members even if he or she is of legal age to possess or consume these items. A corps/guard related activity means all practices and meetings. This also includes all trips to competitions from the time a member leaves the Spokane area to the time he or she returns to the same area. Members suspected of possession of any of the above shall be subject to search.
- The only drugs a member may possess or consume are those specifically prescribed by a physician or those purchased over the counter for a legitimate reason. Such drugs must be used according to their written directions.
- Hazing, initiation, or harassment of members is prohibited.
- Theft and vandalism of corps/ guard member property or the property of others is prohibited. Any person caught stealing or vandalizing another's property will be immediately dismissed from the guard or corps.
- Assaulting other members, staff, and other corps/guard personnel is prohibited.

*****NOTE*** Violation of the above rules will result in immediate dismissal from the corps/guard, suspension from future competition, or other disciplinary action as directed by either the instructors, management, or Board of Directors. There is zero tolerance for violation of the above rules.**

- Obtaining a tattoo or body piercing is not allowed while on a corps/guard function.
- Corps members should control their temper and refrain from use of offensive language. Do your best to control your moods and temper. Respect each other. How you are treated depends on how you as an individual behave toward others.
- Corps members shall obey a lawful order of the staff. Disrespect of any staff member, chaperone or other volunteer support staff shall not be tolerated.
- While there is no dress code while out of uniform, members are expected to dress appropriately. Clothing which is in bad taste or which is disruptive is not allowed. Members must comply with instructor requests to change clothing or improve personal hygiene.
- No minor or corps/guard member of any age is allowed to have a dating relationship with a staff member of the guard or corps.
- Corps and guard members shall not engage in public displays of affection with each other which may be considered offensive to others.
- Verbal or physical abuse aimed at other corps and guards will not be tolerated. While competition may bring out strong feelings, members are to conduct themselves with pride and good sportsmanship.

Financial Responsibility

- Members are expected to fulfill their financial obligations to the Corps on a timely basis. All membership and tuition fees must be paid in full by May 31, 2010.
- Membership fees are nonrefundable after March 31, 2010.
- Members are responsible for the full membership fee regardless of when they join the THUNDER organization.
- No member of THUNDER will be allowed to march in another corps in this or any following season if they owe money or have withheld equipment owned by the THUNDER Drum and Bugle Corps.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE ABOVE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT.

If member under 18:

Member Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Member Name (Printed) _____

Parent Name (printed) _____

Date _____

Date _____