

Frequently Asked Questions

~Why does everyone have to have a 6-foot weighted pole?
The standard for colorguard is a 6-foot weighted pole with a polychina silk. This equipment offers maximum effect and optimal handling.

~When will we learn weapons?
Weapon sessions will be offered after dinner at no additional charge. Residential campers will be excused from evening activities may commuter campers should make plans to stay on campus for these sessions.

~Will we perform?
All guard students will perform a marching sequence on Saturday that consists of fundamentals. Additionally, each skill group (Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced) will perform a short routine.

Coordinator Bio



The coordinator for the 2009 McMurry Colorguard Camp is Ms. Heather Hyde. A McM Band Camp Staff Member from the Camp's initial reopening in 2005, Hyde's duties have included general administration, teaching the Middle School Guard Elective, and serving as the Assistant Director of the High School Camp.

Hyde has performed with multiple ensembles, including 2005 DCI Finalist Corps Memphis Sound. She also served as captain and choreographer of the McMurry Colorguard from 2005-2007 and as Director and choreographer in 2008. Additionally, Hyde has directed, consulted, designed, and choreographed for students and programs throughout West Texas.

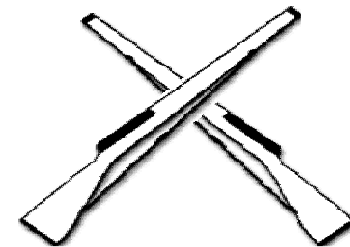
A skilled musician and certified music educator, Hyde is a graduate of McMurry University and has been accepted as a Masters of Music student in Trumpet Performance at George Mason University in Washington, DC.

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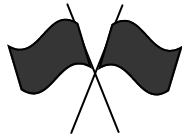
Info, FAQ's,
What to Bring,
and More!



We're glad you've decided to attend the McMurry University High School Colorguard Camp! This camp is an exciting, rapidly growing program lead by an outstanding staff and designed to serve students of all ability and experience levels.

This brochure should give your guard the information it needs to have a successful experience at camp. Should you have any unanswered questions, feel free to contact the Colorguard Camp Coordinator, Heather Hyde, at heather.e.hyde@gmail.com

What to Bring



Equipment:

- Flag (6 foot pole recommended)
- Black electrical tape - 1 roll
- Rifle, Saber, and/or Air Blade (optional)
- Equipment Bag (optional)
- Gloves (optional)

Clothes:

- Tank tops/halters/active wear
- Shorts
- Sports Bras (girls)
- Tennis Shoes or Jazz Shoes w/ socks
(sandals and flip flops are not permitted in rehearsal)
- Swimsuit

Miscellaneous:

- Thermos
- Sunglasses
- Bandanna
- Sunscreen

Residential campers will also need regular clothing for evening activities as well as other items that will be listed with the general camp information.

Schedule:

Each day is broken up into sessions for movement, equipment, marching, team building, and free time. Some sessions will be grouped by ability, some by school, and some all together.

Equipment:

A flag pole. While not required, it is recommended that all students bring a weighted 6-foot metal pole with rubber crutch-tip stoppers. If your school does not have weights or 6-foot poles, they can be purchased at camp for \$10.00 during registration. We will assist all campers to be sure their flags are properly weighted and have the correct stoppers.

All students will be given a maroon flag for free upon arrival to camp.

Schools with weapon lines should bring the rifles or sabers they are accustomed to. Air blades are also welcome.

Auditions

To ensure each student receives ability-appropriate instruction, all students will complete a brief audition after registration on Sunday afternoon. **Students are not auditioning for the ability to participate**, but for placement in one of three ability-based groupings.

Auditions will consist of the following fundamentals:

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| Toe Marching | Heel Marching |
| Drop Spins* | Carves/Stirs* |
| Silk Toss* | |

*All flag fundamentals will be assessed on the right AND left sides. Additionally, they will be executed while standing still AND while moving.

If you don't recognize these names, feel free to ask. You're not expected to know it all ahead of time. That's part of the point of coming to camp!