



WINTER GUARD

HANDBOOK 2017



WINTER GUARD 2017 TENTATIVE CALENDAR

November 29, 2016	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
December 1, 2016	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
December 6, 2016	4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Rehearsal
December 8, 2016	4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Rehearsal
December 13, 2016	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
December 15, 2016	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
January 5, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
January 10, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
January 12, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
January 14, 2017	10:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Rehearsal
January 17, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
January 19, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
January 24, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
January 26, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
January 28, 2017	ALL DAY	FFCC Premiere
January 31, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
February 2, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
February 7, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
February 9, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
February 11, 2017	ALL DAY	FFCC Orange City
February 14, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
February 16, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
February 18, 2017	ALL DAY	FFCC Plant City
February 21, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
February 23, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
February 25, 2017	ALL DAY	FFCC Apopka
February 28, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
March 2, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
March 7, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
March 9, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
March 11, 2017	ALL DAY	FFCC Lyman
March 14, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
March 28, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
March 30, 2017	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
April 1, 2017	10:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Rehearsal
April 2, 2017	ALL DAY	FFCC Championships



WINTER GUARD GENERAL INFORMATION

The University High School Winter Guard is one of the performing ensembles offered by the University Band during the spring semester. The ensemble performs throughout the State of Florida and is an active competitor in the Florida Federation of Color Guards Circuit (FFCC) in the Scholastic A Division. Congratulations on being a part of this group! More information can always be found by visiting www.UHSband.com and selecting “Ensembles → Color Guard.”

FEES AND ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

The University Winter Guard spends thousands of dollars each season to pay for experienced instructional staff, equipment, uniforms, props, and travel. Members of the guard must raise a small portion of this to help offset these costs. The total individual Winter Guard assessment for the 2017 season will be \$500, due on the fourth rehearsal of each month:

- \$125 due Thursday, December 15
- \$125 due Thursday, January 12
- \$125 due Thursday, February 9
- \$125 due Thursday, March 9

REQUIREMENTS

Members of the University Winter Guard should be enrolled in Eurhythmics during the school day (unless a prior arrangement is made with the directors) and fulfill all the class requirements.

- All guard members must maintain a 2.5 GPA to remain eligible.
- Attendance at ALL practices and performances is mandatory. Students who miss the rehearsal before a performance are not eligible to perform.
- All guard members must fulfill their financial obligations to perform.

Membership in the University Marching Band is required during the fall (unless a prior arrangement is made with the director.)

All members of the University Winter Guard are expected to represent their school with dignity and class at all performances and practices. Members must remember that they are considered exemplar students at University High School and should live up to this expectation in their behavior, grades, and attitudes.

- All members must maintain a positive attitude and work ethic at all times.
- All members must show respect for themselves, their teammates, instructors, directors, and other groups at all times.
- Members are expected to quietly practice on their own when a staff member is not working with them directly.

LEADERSHIP

Student leadership is an excellent opportunity for personal growth and a vital part of the operation of the University Winter Guard. Being chosen for leadership is a privilege demanding self-discipline, dedication, hard work, and being a good team player. Student leaders have the following responsibilities:

- Lead stretches/warm ups
- Run toss exercises and choreography during rehearsal down time
- Give positive encouragement to all teammates
- Delegate jobs needed to set up before/clean up after rehearsal
- Lead primarily by example

REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS

During rehearsals, all members of the Winter Guard are expected to:

- Participate fully at all times.
- Stay quiet and remain focused.
- Maintain a positive attitude.
- Be encouraging to all teammates.
- Wear black, form-fitting, comfortable clothing.
- Have sneakers at all times.
- Be prepared.
- Have water to stay hydrated.

STAFF INFORMATION

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**WINTER GUARD
MEMBER CONTRACT**

I, _____, have read, understand, and agree to all the information and policies laid out in the University High School Winter Guard handbook.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Contact E-Mail Address

Contact Phone Number

Date