



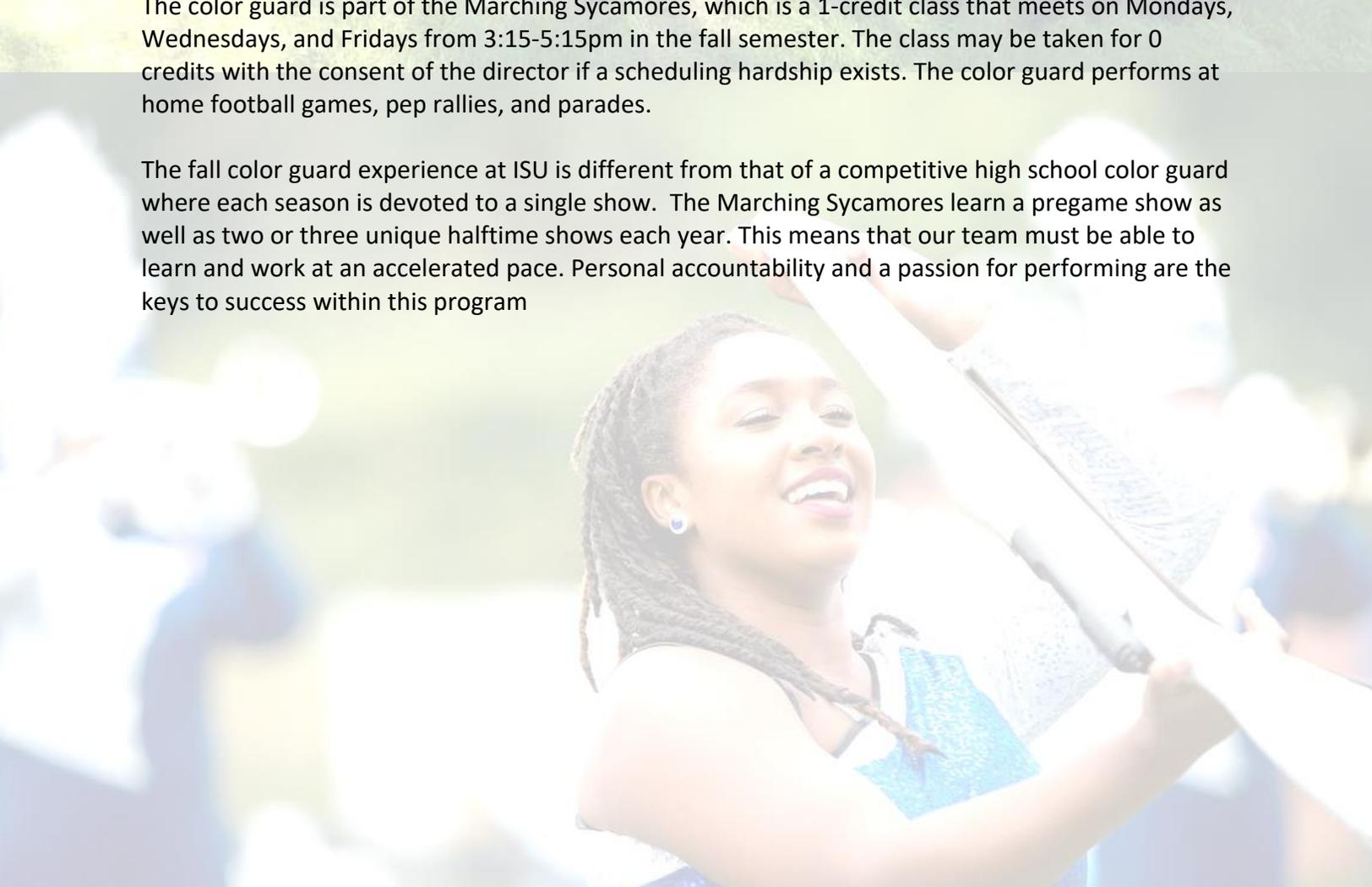
**INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY COLOR GUARD AND TWIRLER AUDITIONS  
SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017**

**ISU COLOR GUARD PROGRAM**

The ISU Sycamore Color Guard Program welcomes individuals from various backgrounds and experience levels as we strive each season to achieve excellence in practice and performance. Each season the team works to improve both equipment and movement abilities, which are showcased during pregame and halftime performances at ISU football games. ISU's color guard offers an opportunity for experienced individuals to continue performing at the collegiate level while improving their skills and providing entertainment for large audiences.

The color guard is part of the Marching Sycamores, which is a 1-credit class that meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3:15-5:15pm in the fall semester. The class may be taken for 0 credits with the consent of the director if a scheduling hardship exists. The color guard performs at home football games, pep rallies, and parades.

The fall color guard experience at ISU is different from that of a competitive high school color guard where each season is devoted to a single show. The Marching Sycamores learn a pregame show as well as two or three unique halftime shows each year. This means that our team must be able to learn and work at an accelerated pace. Personal accountability and a passion for performing are the keys to success within this program



## THE AUDITION PROCESS

Selections for the 2017-18 color guard will be made on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Registration will take place from 9:00-9:30am in the North Gym of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Building/Arena, which is located at 401 N 4<sup>th</sup> St. in Terre Haute, IN. A map of this area is shown below.



Auditions are structured like a color guard clinic that will teach movement basics, flag basics, and a flag routine that will be performed in groups for the formal audition at 3:30pm. Equipment will be provided for those auditioning for the color guard. Those auditioning for a twirler position must bring their own equipment. A schedule of the day's events is shown below. Color guard and twirler candidates will be together during blocks highlighted in blue.

	Color Guard	Twirlers
9:00am	Registration	
9:30am	Introductory meeting	
9:45am	Movement basics	
11:00am	Flag basics	Learn fight song routine
12:00pm	Learn audition routine	Learn fight song routine
1:00pm	Lunch	
2:00pm	Learn audition routine	Learn fight song routine
3:00pm	Open practice/preparation time	
3:30pm	Formal audition	
4:30pm	Wrap-up meeting	

Please arrive to auditions in fitted, black exercise apparel. Pants, capris, shorts, or tights are all acceptable. Either dance or athletic shoes may be worn. Twirlers may bring a twirling costume for the formal audition. There will be a lunch break from 1:00-2:00pm; students may bring a bag lunch or go to a nearby restaurant. There are some options (Grand Traverse Pie Company and Roly Poly Sandwiches) three blocks south of the HSS/Arena building.

Movement basics will include stationary technique and across-the-floors. Flag basics will include drop spins, double time, carving, cracker jacks, singles, doubles, parallels, and 45 tosses. It's OK if students are not familiar with all of these basics. In addition to achieving the desired vocabulary and technique we will also look at body carriage, performance quality, and willingness to apply feedback. The ability to learn and self-correct at a rapid pace is an important skill that we look for in members.

For color guard candidates the audition routine will be a short segment of flag choreography that will synthesize movement and equipment skills. Candidates will perform the routine multiple times in small groups for the formal audition. During open practice time, students will be able to work on the audition phrase independently and ask questions.

For twirler candidates the formal audition will include performance of the fight song routine in a group and an individual audition routine. Twirlers should come to auditions with music and a routine prepared. The individual routine should be 2:30 to 3:00 in duration and music will be played using a standard 3.5mm auxiliary cable. Candidates are encouraged but not required to use more than one baton. Twirlers may use the open practice/preparation time to warm-up and prepare for their individual routine.

Specific criteria are used to evaluate each performer during the audition process. Members of the color guard are expected to consistently achieve intermediate flag choreography and demonstrate training in movement technique. Other evaluative factors include presentation and performance quality, memory, communication skills, teamwork, and ability to blend with others while spinning. The 2017-18 team will be selected shortly after the conclusion of auditions and students will be contacted by E-mail with the results.

## **EXPECTATIONS**

If you are selected as a member of the ISU Color Guard, you must attend band camp the week prior to the start of classes in the fall (August 11-19) and register for Marching Band (MUS109). It is also expected that you will conduct yourself with maturity and professionalism while representing the team in practice and performance. There are no fees to participate in the ISU color guard, however there are some incidental expenses such as uniform shoes, makeup, warm-up jacket, and a team T-shirt. The estimated total of these expenses is \$120.00.

If you accept a position on the team, the expectation is that you will participate for the duration of the season. It is crucial to our planning and preparations that you follow through on this commitment. Should any circumstances arise over the summer or during the fall semester that may prevent you from participating fully in team activities, the guard director should be contacted immediately.

## **REGISTRATION**

If you plan to audition for the 2017-18 ISU Color Guard, please complete the online registration prior to Friday, May 12, 2017. The online registration form can be found here:

<http://www.sycamorebands.org/isums-info.html>

## **IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND AUDITIONS...**

If you are unable to attend auditions on the ISU campus on May 13<sup>th</sup> but would still like to audition for the color guard, video auditions may be submitted. These videos must be received by 5:00pm on Friday, May 12, 2017. Guidelines and expectations for video submissions will be discussed on an individual basis. Please contact the color guard director if you intend to submit a video audition.

**Any questions regarding the ISU Color Guard program or auditions may be directed to  
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