

Saratoga HS
2009-2010
**Guard Visual
Ensemble**
Information

The Sport of the Arts!

Welcome! This team is open to young MEN and WOMEN. During the fall semester, the GVE/Color Guard is part of the SHS Marching Band, and in the winter, the GVE ensemble becomes its' own performing and competing ensemble. There is no experience required to join the team.

We will be holding workshops starting Thursday and Friday May 14th and May 15th in the band room. Returning members and interested/new members must attend the workshops to be considered for the team. Please email Mr. Ramos with any questions if you have conflicts with the dates.

For new members, we will be teaching you basic and intermediate exercises to see what level you might be at. We know you won't understand everything we teach you right away, but what matters most to your effort and attitude towards trying your best. There is no experience required to join.

For returning members, we will be looking at your skill level in dance and flag. We may or may not start training on weapon during the workshops. We will be teaching you our flag technique/exercises, some of which may be familiar or completely brand new to you.

For all members, in addition to learning some of the fundamentals, the staff will be looking at your rehearsal etiquette and discipline. What matters to us the most is your ATTITUDE and your COMMITMENT

What you need for the clinics

- Tennis shoes with an arch (in case we are outside). No sandals or hard soled shoes.
- Plenty of Water
- Dance clothing (i.e. sweat pants, t-shirt). Clothes that you can move around in. No jeans, stretchy jeans, or khakis. Please avoid wearing very baggy clothing.
- Returning members – bring gloves just in case we jump into weapon blocks.

Staff

Michael Boitz – *SHS Fine Arts Department Chair, Director of Instrumental Music*

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Katherine Green- *Colorguard Instructor and Tech*

Alex Conway- *Colorguard Instructor and Tech*

Clinics

Thursday May 14 Clinic 6:00pm-8:30pm

Friday May 15 Clinic 6:00pm-8:30pm

Summer Rehearsals

June

Wed 24 6p-8p Weapon

Thurs 25 6p-8:30p Ensemble

July

1 Wed 6p-8p Weapon

2 Thurs 6p-8:30p Ensemble

8 Wed 6p-8p Weapon

9 Thurs 6p-8:30p Ensemble

15 Wed 6p-8p Weapon

16 Thurs 6p-8:30p Ensemble

22 Wed 6p-8p Weapon

23 Thurs 6p-8:30p Ensemble

29 Wed 6p-8p Weapon

30 Thurs 6p-8:30p Ensemble

Band Camp Dates

August

7th through the 21st