

# LOWNDES HIGH GEORGIA BRIDGEMEN

## WINTER GUARD AUDITIONS 2018

All participants will be required to REGISTER for auditions *before or on the first day of clinic*. Please visit the registration table and pay your \$20 audition fee before participating in clinic. All participants will perform a group routine taught during the tryout clinic. Please review the score sheet provided, and know the requirements to audition.

We will have three teams. **Open, A, and Spin Club** Winter Guard members will be selected from high school students and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are currently in band and/or chorus at LHS, PGM, LMS, and HMS.

***Students who owe money to the LHS Band Boosters will not be permitted to audition. All debts must be cleared and verified by the boosters BEFORE the student will be permitted to audition. If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact the LHS Band Boosters. (www.georgiabridgemen.com)***

Auditions are not open to public viewing. Parents, other family members, and friends are to remain out of the cafetorium hallway, nowhere near the windows of the cafetorium.

Judges reserve the right to request any candidate to perform a second time. All scores will be tabulated by an outside party and are final. Results of the audition will be announced before midnight. Names of the students selected for Varsity, JV, and Spin Club will be posted via [www.facebook.com/BridgemenAuxiliary](http://www.facebook.com/BridgemenAuxiliary).

The attire for auditions will be a plain white t-shirt, black yoga/jazz pants and dance/tennis shoes. Performance style hair and makeup should be worn. Stud earrings are permitted. Please do not wear any other jewelry during auditions.

All captain auditions will consist of a choreography score, past performance score, solo routine, and an interview with judges, coaches and band directors. Results for captains will be posted along with new members.

### WINTER GUARD CLINIC SCHEDULE

October 30-November 1st, 4-7pm

### WINTER GUARD AUDITIONS

Thursday, November 2nd, 3:30pm (beginning with Captain Interviews)

### **MANDATORY 2018 Member and Parent Meeting (for those selected)**

**Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> in the LHS Band Room**

*5pm for A & Open Guard Members & Parents*

*6:30pm for Spin Club Members & Parents*

You will be measured and sized for all clothing/uniforms at this meeting. *There will be no make-up times.* Your first winter guard payment is due to the LHS BAND BOOSTERS at this meeting.

## 2018 OPEN AND A WINTER GUARD EXPENSES

***We offer members several fundraisers to help offset the cost of participating.***  
*EACH MEMBER will be required to raise \$100 profit through fundraising to benefit the Winter Guard program. Failure to do so will result in the balance being added to your last payment.*

Winter Guard Dues	\$600
WGI Fees (Lodging/Tickets for WGI Events)	\$600 (Open Guard Only)
Costume	\$150 A Guard/ \$200 Open Guard
Tights (each pair)	\$20 (if yours are not in excellent condition)
Earrings (two pairs)	\$10 (if yours are not in excellent condition)
Embroidered Nike Wind Suit	\$100 (New Member Item)
Embroidered Team Backpack OR Duffle	\$50 (New Member Item)
Flag Bag	\$25 (New Member Item)

*Winter Guard WGI expenses are broken into 5 payments for the A Guard and 6 payments for the Open Guard. "New Member Items" are used year-round, and current auxiliary members are **not** required to order- if item is in excellent condition.*

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## 2017 WINTER GUARD "SPIN CLUB" EXPENSES

***We offer members several fundraisers to help offset the cost of participating.***

Spin Club Dues	\$175
Costume	\$60
Personal Flag (1)	\$50 (New Member Item)
Tights (each pair)	\$20 (New Member Item)
Team Shirt (1)	\$15
Earrings (one pair)	\$5 (New Member Item)
Flag Bag	\$25 (New Member Item)

*SPIN CLUB expenses are broken into 5 payments. "New Member Items" are used year-round, and current auxiliary members are **not** required to order- if item is in excellent condition.*

# Winter Guard Rehearsal Schedule\*

**Regular Open Guard** rehearsals are on Tuesday & Thursday from 3:30-7.

**Regular A Guard** rehearsals are Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30-7.

**Regular Spin Club** rehearsals are Mondays from 4:30-7pm

*A & Open Guard Camps are usually all day.*

*\*Schedule may be adjusted for sectionals, guest clinicians, gym availability and competition weeks.*

## Tentative Performance Schedule

- January 20th- FFCC Premiere (A and Open)
  - February 10th- FFCC Competition @Lyman HS (A and Open)
  - February 24th- FFCC Competition @Riverview HS (A and Open)
    - March 3rd & 4th- WGI Atlanta Regional (Open ONLY)
  - March 17th & 18th- FFCC Competition @Freedom HS (A and Open)
  - March 24th & 25th- WGI Southeastern Championships (Open ONLY)
  - March 26th- Friends & Family Show @LHS (A, Open, and Spin Club)
    - April 8th- FFCC Championships (A and Open)
  - April 12th-14th- WGI World Championships in Dayton, Ohio (Open ONLY)
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### A/Open Winter Guard Captain Candidates, your audition will consist of the following parts:

- Your "regular" audition within groups
- Past performance score from coaches and directors
- Your solo routine (see details below)
- Your interview with judges and coaches (judges will look over your questionnaire for interview questions- please turn this into Kelly by Tuesday, November 1st. No exceptions.
- Your leadership during the clinic

#### **Solo routine\* must:**

- be between 1-1.5 minutes (PLEASE don't go over 1.5 minutes).
- have a dance portion **and** at least one piece of equipment
- have music in an MP3 format like iPhone, iPod, etc. (Please have phones out of the cases and "unlocked" before you come in for your solo)

\*You are judged on originality and creativity, so you can include any props you want and can wear anything for this portion. Just please make sure it is age appropriate.

**Georgia Bridgemen Auxiliary Auditions**

**(Color Guard, Dance Line & Winter Guard)**

**Audition Score:**

Knowledge of Routine \_\_\_\_\_/10 points

Timing/Phasing \_\_\_\_\_/10 points

Execution of Proper Technique \_\_\_\_\_/10 points

Performance/Confidence \_\_\_\_\_/10 points

Appearance (uniformity) \_\_\_\_\_/5 points

Attitude during Clinic \_\_\_\_\_/5 points

**CHOREOGRAPHY SUBTOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_/50 points**

**Band Director/Coach/Chorus Teacher Score:**

Past Performance \_\_\_\_\_/50 points

**TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_/100 points**

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**Optional- Captain Audition:**

Solo Routine-

Execution of Solo (*Proper technique & Drop Free*) \_\_\_\_\_/10 points

Difficulty of Solo (*Above average choreography*) \_\_\_\_\_/10 points

Expression/Performance (*Appropriate & Entertaining*) \_\_\_\_\_/10 points

Creativity of Solo (*Unique, Stands out*) \_\_\_\_\_/10 points

Interview \_\_\_\_\_/50 points

Leadership during Clinic \_\_\_\_\_/10 points

**TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_/100 points**

# ***Lowndes Winter Guard Expectations***

## **REHEARSAL ATTIRE**

**(Failure to comply will result in 1 demerit for each item & instance)**

All winter guard members must wear all black athletic wear to each rehearsal.

No "street shoes" are to be worn on the floor tarp.

HAIR must be pulled up and out of the face for ALL rehearsals.

Jewelry: rings and dangling earrings are not allowed, as these can cause injury.

## **PERFORMANCE ATTIRE**

**(Failure to comply will result in 1 demerit for each item & instance)**

HAIR/MAKE-UP To Be Decided

- Guidelines will be provided and EVERYONE must abide by them. If your appearance is not performance ready by designated time, you will **not** be permitted to perform.

- ALL hair color needs to be a "natural" shade.

- Hair stays up and makeup stays on until you are dismissed after the show. Do not take you hair down.

NO JEWELRY with the exception of performance earrings at all times while in uniform.

Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times while in uniform.

NO VISIBLE TATTOOS while in uniform- must be covered with heavy duty make up or a bandage

No nail polish other than the assigned team color. Toenails must be painted before each competition.

## **B E H A V I O R EXPECTATIONS**

**(Failure to comply will result in 1 demerit\* for each item & instance)**

### **SCHOOL**

- You are expected to be an exemplary member of the student body- Be on time to your classes, dress code rules, PASS. YOUR. CLASSES.

- Please schedule make-up tests on non-rehearsal days.

- Tutoring will be allowed and encouraged for any student who is having trouble academically.

- **Having detention, ISS, or OSS will have heavier consequences. \*Each day/instance will result in 2 demerits.**

### **REHEARSAL**

**(Failure to comply will result in 1 demerit for each item & instance)**

- On time means that the floor is pulled out and you are in stretch block ready to start.

- Keep in mind: You will also need to have your equipment set on the floor- ready to go.

- Schedule all doctor, dentist & other appointments for NON-Rehearsal days. NO EXCEPTIONS.

- No talking on the floor during rehearsal.

- Always show respect to directors, coaches, instructors, parents, boosters, captains and other members.

- Take care of all equipment maintenance BEFORE rehearsal starts OR during break.

- Please do not waste tape.

- Clean up after yourselves. THROW YOUR TAPE AND TRASH AWAY! Gym will be cleaned after each rehearsal.

- NO Cell Phones at practice. No checking your phone for texts, tweets or whatever. Do not have it out during breaks. Wait until rehearsal is over to use your phone. Keep your phone in your bag until after rehearsal.

- NO GUM.

- If you have an issue, please see a captain first. If it does not get resolved by talking to a captain, then speak to a coach.

### **PERFORMANCES**

**(Failure to comply will result in 1 demerit for each item & instance)**

- The Coaches may determine you are unable to perform part/all of the show if you have not mastered the choreography, or for academic, attendance, or behavioral reasons. However, *you are still required to attend competition and support/help your teammates.*

- Keep in mind: when you are at a performance, when you are in uniform, or are wearing LHS clothing... You are representing your teammates and instructors, your school, your town, and your own reputation.

- Eliminate all negative comments when in uniform.
- During competitions you will sit together as a team to watch the other performances. Be respectful of other teams and do not sit in the bleachers on your phone. You are also encouraged to help other teams if they need assistance! ☺

## **EQUIPMENT**

**(Failure to comply will result in 1 demerit for each item & instance)**

YOUR NAME MUST BE ON ALL PIECES OF YOUR EQUIPMENT

Take care of all equipment maintenance BEFORE rehearsal starts OR during break.

You are responsible for having your equipment at all rehearsals.

You are responsible for making sure your equipment, the floor, any props, the guard box, and the speakers get loaded for each competition. NOBODY leaves until everything is loaded. We will "meet" to go over information sheets AFTER the loading process is done.

You are responsible for turning in your equipment in good shape at the end of the season. Failure to do so will result in not receiving your report card and/or diploma. Do not step on, sit on, or misuse flags/equipment.

Members will be assigned to these duties on a rotating cycle or based on behavior.

- *Guard Box: Keep stocked; bring to all rehearsals and warm-ups; and make sure Guard Box is packed and brought to competitions/warm up*
- *Guard Speaker/Radio: Bring to all rehearsals; make sure it is plugged in and charging each evening; make sure it is packed and taken to competitions/warm up.*

## **ATTENDANCE**

**(Failure to comply will result in 1 demerit for each item & instance)**

It is imperative that you attend all camps, rehearsals and all performances. If you have a conflict, you and/or your parents need to speak to a coach as soon as you know about it.

Failure to communicate with the Coaches jeopardizes your spot in the show as you may be placed in alternate status and eventual dismissal from team.

All rehearsals during Championships week are MANDATORY. No exceptions except serious illness and death.

Please schedule all appointments (doctor, dentist, etc.) on non-rehearsal, non-performance days.

If an emergency arises and you have to leave rehearsal: talk to your coach.

Injuries that require you to sit out of rehearsal must be accompanied by a doctor's note. The note must state the injury, any limitations, and when the student is cleared to FULLY perform again. You will be expected to stay and observe all rehearsals, as well as attend competitions.

Illness that requires you to miss rehearsal must be accompanied by note from a doctor or a parent.

If a student misses all/part of a rehearsal immediately preceding a performance that student may be asked to sit out of all or part of the performance. The last rehearsal before each competition is very important!

If you have been absent and missed learning new choreography, **you** are responsible for learning that or any count changes from a fellow teammate **prior to** (NOT DURING) the next rehearsal.

Members will be dismissed from the team (with no refund) if two or more unexcused absences are obtained.

Alternates are expected to follow all rules and learn all choreography. Alternate status is under the discretion of the directors and coaches. Alternates must be prepared to take a spot if/when the opportunity comes.

## **PERSONAL BELONGINGS**

**(Failure to comply will result in 1 demerit for each item & instance)**

Staff will not hold your personal belongings. If it is valuable, it needs to be left at home.

*EXCEPTION: Emergency medical supplies (inhalers, etc.) which should be in a Ziploc bag that is clearly labeled with student name.*

**Demerits will be given for each instance of rule breaking. Accumulation of 5 demerits results in being placed in alternate status. 7 demerits will result in dismissal from the team (without refund)**

## ***Student Contract***

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I \_\_\_\_\_ understand that being a member of the LHS winter guard is completely optional. If I do not agree with the rules set forth, I am able to remove myself from the team (without refund) at any time. I understand that by being selected as a member of the LHS winter guard I must demonstrate dedication and commitment at all times.

By signing this contract, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the **LHS Winter Guard Expectations**. I agree to abide by the rules and policies of the LHS winter guard. I understand that if I choose not to follow the rules that are set forth, I may accrue demerits. I understand that the accumulation of 5 demerits will result in me being placed in alternate status. I understand that accumulation of 7 demerits will result in dismissal from the team (without refund). I also understand that I am responsible for turning in all equipment (in good shape) at the end of the season and that failure to do so will result in not receiving my report card and/or diploma.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (Print Clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Parent Contract***

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I \_\_\_\_\_ understand that it is completely optional for my child to be a member of the LHS winter guard. If I do not agree with the rules set forth, I am able to remove my child from the team (without refund) at any time. I understand that by my child being selected as a member of the LHS winter guard they must demonstrate dedication and commitment at all times.

By signing this contract, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the **LHS Winter Guard Expectations**. I understand that my child must abide by the rules and policies of the LHS winter guard. I understand that if my child chooses not to follow the rules that are set forth, they may accrue demerits. I understand that the accumulation of 5 demerits will result in my child being placed in alternate status. I understand that accumulation of 7 demerits will result in my child's dismissal from the team (without refund). I also understand that my child is responsible for turning in all equipment (in good shape) at the end of the season and that failure to do so will result in my student not receiving their report card and/or diploma.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (Print Clearly): \_\_\_\_\_