

# The Cavaliers

## DCI & THE CAVALIERS:

Drum Corps International is a non-profit organization that offers a competitive circuit for independent non-profit youth performing arts organizations from around the world. These ensembles are known as Drum and Bugle Corps. The most skilled ensembles within this circuit attract members from across the country and around the world. The average age of membership in these ensembles is approximately 20. The nature of their performances is similar to a college marching band format but they do not perform at sporting events. Programs are more sophisticated and much more time and expertise is given to perfecting shows that are as athletic as they are artistic. DCI competitions attract tens of thousands of people in live audience settings and live feed cinema viewings. Marching Band programs throughout the world consider DCI marching music's major league.



The members of corps such as The Cavaliers spend the entire summer touring the United States, Canada and in some cases overseas. Each member pays dues for this experience. Dues are used to hire staff and cover food and travel expenses. Staff members range from professional educators to Broadway designers. Corps raise additional funds through private industry and municipalities to meet the immense cost of travel. Corps members routinely sleep on busses and in school gymnasiums. On rare occasions they enjoy the luxury of dorm room accommodations. The Drum Corps activity is a national treasure that can only exist because of partnerships with sponsoring schools who furnish rehearsal and housing facilities.

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The Cavaliers have a long and rich history, being founded in the fall of 1948, and have traditionally competed at the top levels of the drum corps activity for over 60 years. They have won many national titles beginning in 1957, and as recently as 2006. They are from Rosemont, Illinois.

## HOW YOU BENEFIT:

The opportunity to witness the behavior of world class Drum Corps members, who are only a few years older than high school students, can be a great example of focus, teamwork and commitment that will help to enhance the culture of your band program. It is very likely that by witnessing the intense work ethic, personal responsibility and obvious benefits that members create for themselves, your students can learn to raise the quality of their own marching and musical experience. The obvious respect and care that each and every Drum Corps member will demonstrate in the handling of his/her equipment alone will be enough to create an impression on your band members.

## WHAT DOES A CORPS VISIT MEAN FOR YOUR CAMPUS?

- The duration of our stay may be from 1 to 3 days.
- During the corps visit a school representative should be on hand or in the immediate area.
- Insurance policies will be in place and documented before our arrival.
- You can count on our corps staff to be highly professional and treat all school personnel and facilities with respect.
- Our members will be extremely courteous and exercise the utmost care for your facility. They operate under the understanding that they are to leave a facility in better order than they found it.
- We go out of our way to be as self-sufficient as possible so as to not disrupt operations at your school.
- All of our rehearsals will be open to anyone on your campus.

If you think you might be willing to assist us by housing the corps, we can provide further information about our operations and what our facilities needs entail.

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