

Hampton Color Guard Captain Audition

Dear Candidate,

I am excited that you have made the decision to try out for color guard captain. This position is not only an honor but also a great achievement. As a captain, you will not only lead your team but will be required to set a good example in all areas, at all times. Please remember the responsibility and extra time that will be required to be a captain, and please remember the phrase we always use – being captain is a job, not a tiara.

Captains will be required to stay an extra 15 minutes, one day per week, in order to discuss the current needs of the guards with the instructors. In addition, they may be asked to take on responsibility for various aspects of equipment and uniform maintenance throughout the year. Attached are the forms and information needed. Read through the materials and return parent permission and your questionnaire/essay by the date specified in the e-mail that this was sent with. The copy of your grades may be turned in at auditions, if you prefer.

Sincerely,
Miss Nowak
nowakch3@gmail.com

Hampton Colorguard Captain Paperwork Checklist

These items should be turned in on the FIRST day of auditions.

- _____ Parent Permission (see form at the end of the packet)
- _____ Questionnaire/Essay
- _____ Copy of grades from the last 9 weeks
- _____ *Confirmation of prior season's completion of attendance policy (done by staff)*

Captain Audition - Additional Elements

These items will be discussed on the actual day of auditions and do not need to be ready until that date.

- Perform a 32-count solo routine with music
- Perform the Pregame routine
 - Staff is checking for musicality/counts and knowledge of choreography
- Interview
- Squad feedback
- Assessment of potential “teaching” ability

REQUIREMENTS FOR CAPTAIN CANDIDATES

- Must be an upperclassman (junior or senior) and have completed at least one season in the guard
- Has good or perfect attendance records at school in addition to having met the attendance requirements of the color guard from the previous year/season

- Has good organizational skills and is a "team player"
- Shows mastery in technique and proficiency in choreography and performance skills
- Demonstrates ability to lead exercises for other team members (running basics, reviewing counts, teaching new choreography)
- Has a good attitude and respects the director, other team members, and herself
- Must be emotionally prepared to take on the responsibilities of captain and able to balance the emotional needs of individuals on the team
- Must be willing to accept criticism and offer constructive criticism when needed
- Must attend all practices and performances
- Must arrive early to every practice
- Must attend section leader meetings prior to all band camp practices
- Must set a good example in all areas and at all times

****Please remember the following: What specifically makes YOU qualified to be a captain? What does the *Hampton Color Guard* specifically need from their captain, aside from the general responsibilities?***

Captain Audition Questionnaire

Submit your written response to the following questions (your response may be typed or hand written but must be in complete sentences):

1. What other leadership positions have you held outside of color guard (school, church, scouts, community)? What did you accomplish?

2. What do you think were the team's biggest problems in the past? Did you contribute to them? How did you help solve them? What are your suggestions for handling these problems/situations in the future?

3. Do you think that your actions outside of color guard affect your ability or effectiveness to serve as a captain? Why or why not?

Hampton Colorguard Captain Audition Parent Permission Form

I _____ (student's name) am interested in auditioning to be captain of the Hampton Color Guard. I understand that if I am selected as a captain that there will be higher expectations of my behavior, additional duties that I will be assigned, and extra practice times that come with the position. This document confirms that I acknowledge the consequences for failure to abide by Colorguard and Band rules, which may include grounds for dismissal from the captain position.

I _____ (parent's name) understand that my child _____ (student's name) is interested in auditioning to be captain of the Hampton Color Guard. **If she/he is selected, I understand that she/he will have extra responsibilities and duties. As a result, she/he will be expected to attend more practices and will have longer hours than the rest of the guard.** I also understand that there may be extra financial responsibilities associated with being a captain (i.e. Kiski captain workshop, extra white guard tape, etc.)

Student signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____