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Guard Audition Packet

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Dear Applicant,

Congratulations on taking your first step towards being a part of the **Golden Empire Drum & Bugle Corps** from Bakersfield College! I'm **very excited** that you want to join the corps, and I hope your audition experience is one that is informative, challenging, and ultimately positive!

What this packet IS:

The following packet will provide you with some **preliminary info** and/or **exercises** that will help you prepare for the workshop/auditions that will take place soon. Some of these exercises will be used all season, and others may only be used as supplemental material. You should **become familiar with the material** but be ready for additional info.

What this packet is NOT:

This packet is **not a comprehensive collection** of the technique program you will be learning this season. We will supplement this with more **advanced exercises** and of course a wealth of **additional training** throughout the season. We don't expect you to be able to perform this material perfectly when you audition. Drum corps is all about **working hard** to be the best we can be…and that is an ongoing process.

Next steps:

- Fill out the interest form at geperformingarts.org/join if you haven't already.
- Review this packet and start to prepare for auditions.
- Check geperformingarts.org and our social media channels for updates.
- Be ready to learn, work hard, and have fun!

Thanks again for taking the first step towards a **challenging** and **rewarding** experience! I look forward to meeting you soon. If you have any questions at all please contact me personally at theasley@geperformingarts.org for more info.

Sincerely,

Tim Heasley
Director of Marching Arts Ensembles
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To Prospective Guard Members,

Thank you for your interest in the Golden Empire Drum & Bugle Corps! This sheet will give you the information that you will need in order to be successful at guard auditions.

What to wear/bring for auditions:

- Form-fitting black athletic/work-out clothing
- Shoes you can dance in (No sandals or flip flops) – We may be outside for a portion of the day, so please be prepared with the proper footwear.
- If you plan on auditioning for a weapon spot, you must bring your own rifle. Flags will be provided for all who attend.
- Water Jug
- OPEN MIND

What we are looking for in a prospective member:

- Good sense of timing and understanding of tempo
- Good dance and equipment technique – You must display an understanding of the basics and the ability to learn skills you don't currently possess.
- Good performance quality –This means that you must have the ability to convey the character and emotion required to physically represent the musical themes.
- Positive attitude towards the work required as well as other members
- Ability to adapt and learn quickly
- Responsibility
- Strong work ethic

Your position in this group will be evaluated based on your abilities, but more importantly we are looking for individuals who have a strong ability to learn new skills and material in a timely fashion. We are looking for members who are motivated, ready to learn, work hard, and have an open mind to everything the activity may entail.

Due to our limited audition time, if you would like to have the Audition Choreography and other Technical Materials to better prepare yourself, please feel free to contact us. Finally, if you have questions about any of the information on this sheet, or if there is anything that you need to make the staff aware of before auditions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Once again, thanks for your interest and BEST OF LUCK!

- GE Guard Staff

Jami Cummings - GE Guard Caption Head