

# Capital Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps

## 2009 Information Guide

### Capital Regiment 2009 – Your Drum Corps Destination!

2009 will be the ninth active season of competition for the Capital Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. The goal of Capital Regiment is not only to be a very successful corps but also to be a “World Class” drum and bugle corps!

Capital Regiment is an all-star/honors ensemble. People come from all over the country and even abroad to be part of the corps. It is an exceptional group of people.

We hope Capital Regiment will be your drum corps destination. We know there are many drum corps options, but we believe after your Capital Regiment audition experience you will know there are no other options! Many of you already believe “I must be part of Capital Regiment!” For those who are not quite sure about your drum corps future, we believe after the November camp, you will be certain: Capital Regiment!

We have prepared this guide to provide you with comprehensive information about Capital Regiment. The guide should answer most questions you have about the corps and the membership process.

### A Short History

The Capital Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps was founded in 1992 by Rick Bays, current Corps Director. Capital Regiment was established to provide a program for youth that combines music and performance training, leadership, social and character development, and the challenge, excitement and self-discipline of drum and bugle corps competition.

The first priority for the organization was to establish a solid financial base to support program operations. In 1994, Capital Regiment was licensed to run bingo and to this day, it is the primary means of support for the corps.

In 1997, Capital Regiment established its first program: the Capital Regiment Indoor Percussion Ensemble. The drum line was very successful and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Independent World Class at the 1998 WGI Championships.

The fall of 1998 marked the beginning of the drum and bugle corps program. The summer of 1999 was the premier season for the Capital Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. The corps finished in 9<sup>th</sup> place in Division III at the Drum Corps International World Championships.

The Premier Season, Capital Regiment performed a show called “*Pure Imagination*” that placed them in 9<sup>th</sup> place in Division III Championships in Sun Prairie, WI. The music was Pure Imagination, Inchworm, My Favorite Things, Toys in the Closet and Remembering Childhood.

The second year for Capital Regiment, the corps performed a show called “*Inspirations*” that placed them in 6<sup>th</sup> place in Division III Championships in College Park, MD. The music was Delivers Us, River Lullaby, Through Heaven’s Eyes, The Burning Bush, Red Sea, When you Believe and Make His Praise Glorious.

In 2001, Capital Regiment performed a show called “*Chasing the Dragon*” that placed them in 4<sup>th</sup> place in Division II Championships in Buffalo, NY. The music was Dralion, The Chase, The World of the Heart and Dragonheart.

In 2002, Capital Regiment performed a show called “*Climbing Everest*” that placed them in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Division II Championships in Madison, WI. The music was New Century Dawn, The Spirit Returns and Avalanche.

In 2003, Capital Regiment performed a show called “*A Brave New World*” that placed them in 18<sup>th</sup> place in Division I Championships at Semifinals in Orlando, FL. The music was New World Symphony, Escapade, Journey of the Brave and Mysterious Mountain.

In 2004, Capital Regiment performed a show called “*Celebration of Life: Mind, Body and Spirit*” that earned them a 14<sup>th</sup> place finish in Division I Championships at Semifinals in Denver, CO. The music was Ballet Exaltare, Hommage: Tapestry 2 and Scootin’ on Hardrock.

In 2005, Capital Regiment performed a show called “*Chiaroscuro*” that placed them in 15<sup>th</sup> place at Division I Championship Semifinals in Foxboro, MA. The music was Symphonic Dances in Shades of Darkness and Light.

In 2006, Capital Regiment performed a show called “*Life Rhythms: Work, Rest, Play*” that placed them in 16<sup>th</sup> place at Division I Championships at Semifinals in Madison, WI. The music was Equus, Sleep and Serra Pelada.

Capital Regiment took a break from active competition in 2007 and 2008.

## **It’s All About Commitment And Excellence!**

Being a member of Capital Regiment is all about commitment and excellence. It will be the hardest, yet most rewarding and fun experience of your life. The things you learn and experience will be part of your person forever!

The rewards for your ‘**Commitment to Excellence**’ are priceless:

- The thrill of performing with your corps family in front of thousands and thousands of appreciative fans in stadiums across the country.
- The exhilaration felt at the end of a long day of productive rehearsal.
- The lasting relationships you make.
- The improvement in your skills.
- The confidence you gain.
- The satisfaction of knowing you have gone beyond your comfort level and achieved an excellence you didn’t know was possible.

At all levels of the organization, you will find this ‘**Commitment to Excellence**’:

- Dedicated volunteers contributing thousands of hours doing fundraising and performing support functions.
- A “World Class” staff supporting and guiding you on your quest for excellence.
- Hard working, experienced management personnel organizing and providing the infrastructure required for success.

It is all about commitment and excellence and we believe if everyone works for this, the season will be unbelievable!

## **Who Is Eligible To Become A Member?**

Are you ready to ‘**Commit to Excellence**’? Are you ready to have the time of your life? Capital Regiment is open to anyone ages 14 to 21 who possesses a positive attitude and is ready to make the commitments required of a participant in a “World Class” drum corps. Capital Regiment does not discriminate based on race, gender, sexuality or social economic standing.

Obviously you must have the skills coming into the program, but we don’t expect everyone to be an expert. Don’t sell yourself short. Drive and desire are huge!

Because of the physical nature of the activity, you must be in good health and willing and able to participate in physical conditioning throughout the winter. For the safety of any potential member, Capital Regiment reserves the right to ask any member, or all members, to have a Physical prior to issuing a Contract or even prior to leaving on Tour.

## **How Do I Become A Member?**

The first thing you need to do is read this information guide cover to cover. You should also pass this guide on to your parents, or legal guardian, to read.

Next, you should submit an Online Membership Application if you have not already done so this fall. This can be done in the Membership Section of our website. Veteran members should also submit an Online Application so we can make sure current information is on file and that we know you are returning.

You should make arrangements to attend the first camp of the season. The camp will take place the weekend of November 21 – 23, 2008 and will be held at Walnut Ridge High School in Columbus.

Before every camp, you should submit an Online RSVP form from our website. You can RSVP for the November camp beginning on November 1, 2008. We ask that all active prospective members and members RSVP whether attending the camp or not attending due to an unavoidable conflict.

Make sure you visit the website regularly for updated information and pay close attention to the “Staff Announcement” section in the forums.

## **When Do I Find Out If I Made The Corps?**

During the first camp, we begin the process of getting to know you as a person and a performer. Generally, we do not offer positions after the November camp. What we do tell you is your current status with the corps. Here are some possibilities:

- You definitely have the skills and attitude needed to be part of Capital Regiment. You are in great shape to be offered a position at the December Camp.
- You look like you could be Capital Regiment material. Keep working and continue to show us what you’ve got at the December camp and you are likely to be offered a position.
- We don’t think you are quite ready to be part of Capital Regiment this year. We encourage you to keep working hard and we hope to see you next November.

At the end of the December camp, it is our goal to set as much of the corps’ membership as possible. We hope to offer positions to 130 people who are ready to be part of a “World Class” drum and bugle corps.

Those offered a position will be asked to sign and send back their membership agreements by Wednesday, December 24, 2008. After that date, the staff may offer open position to other quality prospective members or the position may be held open until a future camp.

We hope everyone who attends the November camp also attends the December camp. If you can't attend the December camp due to an unavoidable conflict, that won't reduce your chances of being offered a position. Likewise, if you are unable to attend the November camp, the same also applies. You have the opportunity to show us your best in December. However, it only makes sense that the more the staff sees you, the better read they get on your ability, work ethic and attitude.

## **What Is The First Camp Like?**

We call our first camp an Audition camp, but it is so much more. First, it is your opportunity to learn more about drum corps and Capital Regiment by experiencing it first hand. Secondly, it is an excellent clinic experience for everyone attending. Even if you don't end up marching with Capital Regiment this season, you will grow as a musician/guard performer simply by participating in the camp experience. Third, it provides us with an opportunity to get to know you as a person and as a musician/guard performer. Fourth, it is the beginning of our season. It marks the start of a training program that lasts the entire season.

Staff members will be placing camp/audition information in the "Staff Announcement" section of the forums. Please regularly check for new information.

Here is some general information about the audition process for each section of the corps:

**Brass Players** are asked to prepare a short audition piece of their own choosing that showcases their playing ability. Brass players should be familiar with any exercises/music available in the members section of the website.

Brass players should bring their own instruments and mouthpiece on which to audition. During the course of the weekend, we will be using the corps' brass instruments but due to the numbers expected, personal instruments will also need to be used at times. Once someone is accepted for membership and has made their first fee payment in January, they will receive a horn to take home and use for the entire season.

**Percussionists** should prepare by learning the exercises available in the members section of the website. Percussionists will be auditioning in a group format. After the staff's initial evaluation, some percussionists may be asked to move to a different percussion instrument if their ability level is not at the level needed on the instrument on which they are auditioning. Prospective members may also request a switch in instruments if it becomes obvious they might be better off switching.

**Color Guard Performers** should be prepared to do spins and tosses on flag and if you are interested in a weapon, you should be prepared to do spins and tosses on your weapon. Details are available in the "Staff Announcements" section of the forums. You will also be doing some movement.

There will also be auditions for Drum Majors.

## **What If I Can't Make It To The November Camp?**

We urge everyone to try to make arrangements to attend our first camp. By that time of the fall, most people have fewer schedule conflicts.

We do realize that some of you may have an unavoidable conflict, especially those of you who are in a college marching band and have a football game that weekend. In the case of an unavoidable conflict, we welcome you to come to the December camp and audition.

We hope those of you who are involved in winter guard and indoor percussion who happen to have a rehearsal the first camp weekend can make arrangements to attend the Capital Regiment November camp, if at all possible.

While you are welcome to audition in December, it is very helpful if the staff can have a look at as many prospective members as possible that first camp weekend.

After December, we cannot guarantee there will be any openings in the corps. Interest in the corps is high and we are expecting good turnouts. We hope to offer and fill most positions after the December camp. Yes, there may be an opening after the December camp, but we just can't guarantee there will be one in the area of the corps in which you are interested.

## **What Should I Bring?**

Everyone will need a sleeping bag and pillow, toiletries, comfortable clothes including athletic shoes, towel, washcloth, etc. Brass players will need to bring their instrument, mouthpiece and a folding music stand, if you own one. Percussionists should bring sticks or mallets. Practice flags will be provided, but color guard performers may wish to bring their own weapons. Please see the "Staff Announcements" section of the forums for more information.

## **How Do I Get To Walnut Ridge?**

Directions to Walnut Ridge High School are located on our website. If you drive to the camp, please don't arrive before the start of registration, because it's likely there will be no one to greet you.

Registration will take place in the band room, which is a small detached building on the west side of the school. At the traffic light in front of the school, turn right. Pass the main building and turn left into the small parking lot. The band room is the small building you see. If the parking lot is full, you may park in front of the building in the front drive.

If you need a ride to camp, place a post in the forums under the "Ride Sharing" section. We also ask that you make a post if you can bring someone to camp. Make the "Ride Sharing" section a place you regularly check whether you need a ride or can offer a ride.

Some of you may be flying to Port Columbus Airport (CMH) or taking a Greyhound Bus to camp. If flying, we recommend you find the most economical flight but try not to arrive too early or too late. A good rule of thumb is try to schedule your arrival at least a couple of hours before the rehearsal begins or in the case of the November camp by 10:00 p.m. on Friday evening.

Capital Regiment does provide shuttle service from and to the airport and from and to the bus station. If you need a ride from the airport or the bus station, you need to provide detailed information about your flight or bus in your RSVP. More information about shuttle service will be posted on the website.

You can arrive anytime during the day, but our shuttle service is not scheduled to begin until one hour before the start of registration. If you must take an early flight, Port Columbus Airport isn't a bad place to hang out. Bring some tunes, a good book, or your school work and enjoy your time here!

If you will be arriving by bus, we ask that you try to take the bus that arrives at least a couple of hours before rehearsal begins or in the case of the November camp, by 10:00 p.m. on Friday evening. We don't like to see people have to wait around the bus station for a long time. It's not quite as nice as the airport.

For both cases, if you have a cell phone, please provide that in your RSVP in the event we need to contact you.

Please try to schedule your departure for after 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, if at all possible. This allows you to finish rehearsal and make it to the airport/bus station in plenty of time to check in. We understand this is not always possible, so please try to schedule your departure for as close to 5:30 p.m. as possible so you can stay for most of the Sunday rehearsal.

## **Commitment of Time**

Being a part of Capital Regiment does require a commitment of time: November through May and in the summer.

### **November through May: The Winter Program**

One of the key elements in becoming a "World Class" drum and bugle corps is off-season preparations. In addition to personal preparation outside of camps, it is essential that members attend all camps unless excused for an approved reason. There are only seven camps before the start of the summer and in order to meet our goals, good attendance is essential. Members must make the commitment of time and should make every effort to attend all camps. However, we recognize that members have activities and obligations outside of Capital Regiment that make for educated, well-rounded individuals.

During the winter program, members should meet their school obligations first. These may include contests, concerts, competitions, parades, prom, commencement, etc... Missing only a part of a camp is much better than missing the whole camp. Sometimes people leave for an obligation and then return if the obligation is not too far away. Use your best judgment. Each situation is different depending on how far away you live and when your conflict is during the weekend.

We are also aware that some members also participate in winter drum lines or winter guard. If there is a rehearsal or performance for a winter program, Capital Regiment highly encourages members to work it out so they can attend as much, if not all, of our scheduled camps as possible.

Camp conflicts due to poor scheduling on the part of a member are unacceptable. If at all possible, schedule things like ACT and SAT tests for the weekends that are not camp weekends. Study and prepare for classes ahead of time. You know your camp schedule. If you have an unavoidable conflict, try to make as much of the camp as possible, if travel permits.

We also realize that members who have to regularly fly from far away to attend camps are also a special situation. We want you at all of the camps but in some cases this is not possible and we realize this. Each person's situation is unique for a variety of reasons including what position you have with the corps. We will discuss this with those of you who fly to Columbus for camps.

## **What We Live For: The Summer!**

During the summer, you must commit to being with the corps on a fulltime basis. We recognize that some members may not be able to move in on the scheduled move-in date due to school extending beyond that date. We can work with this. Sometimes members with the conflict have found they can work with their schools to be released early and move-in on time. Other times, members come for the weekends and then move-in when available. Obviously, we want everyone to move-in on the same date, but we know that will not happen. We do know that everyone wants to start the summer season and will do their best to see that they arrive at the start of the pre-tour camp or as close to it as possible.

During the summer, the expectation is that all members will remain on tour for the entire summer. Having members not practicing and performing dilutes the product and hurts the corps. Members cannot be released for things like band camp and summer classes. In the case of special events like a family wedding we can work with you.

If you are part of music or sports programs that have scheduled practices, rehearsals and camps during the summer, you will need to check with your director(s)/coach(es) to see if your drum corps schedule will be compatible. We have had many members who have successfully worked out arrangements with director(s)/coach(es). Most band directors believe the many benefits for their students being a part of a program such as Capital Regiment outweighs missing part of their summer programs.

## **What Is A Day Like On Tour?**

Most people familiar with drum corps know about the activity from attending a drum corps contest. When our buses pull into a contest site, equipment is unloaded and the corps warms-up for the evening's show. After a stellar performance, the corps will get out of uniform, load up the equipment, have a snack or meal and depart for the next location.

After a nighttime bus trip, the Capital Regiment caravan arrives at the next housing site. The buses are unloaded and the members groggily make their way into a GYM for the rest of their night's sleep.

In the morning, after a stretch and run, the corps eats breakfast and prepares for rehearsal. Following a morning rehearsal, lunch and afternoon rehearsal, the corps readies itself for a move out of the school and the evening performance. The time after rehearsal ends is very busy with dinner being served, equipment being cleaned, prepped and loaded. It is also a time to shower, pack, dress and load the buses. After a short trip to the next contest location, the above scenario is repeated.

Capital Regiment doesn't travel everyday. Sometimes the corps spends multiple days at a housing site. Free days, laundry days, Wal-Mart shopping stops are all part of the summer tour. It is a busy lifestyle, but one we believe you will love!

## **The Yearly Schedule**

From November through May, the corps gathers to prepare for the summer season. Weekend camps are typically held at Walnut Ridge H. S. in Columbus. Depending on housing arrangements, this is always subject to change.

The summer season begins on Friday, June 5, 2009. From that day on you live, work, grow, travel, sweat, celebrate and have tons of fun with your corps family until the end of the summer season. The season ends at the DCI World Championships. Following the championships, the corps will return home to Columbus.

Camps are held from Friday evenings through Sunday afternoons. The start times vary a bit due to other happenings at Walnut Ridge H. S. We ask that you try to arrive Friday evening, if at all possible, so we can begin rehearsal on schedule.

We realize that some folks may arrive after registration closes Friday evening due to a long drive or a Friday evening commitment. Late arrivals can register Saturday morning but are welcome to stay at the school no matter how late you arrive Friday evening. If you will be arriving after lights out, we ask that you inform us ahead of time of your estimated arrival time so we can look for you. You are asked to go directly to the GYM and quietly bed down for the night.

Members will attend each camp. Conflicts should be worked out with your Caption Head and the Corps Director. Here is the camp schedule:

**Friday, November 21 – Sunday, November 23**

Audition camp – Brass, Percussion, Guard  
Registration for Members begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening  
Camp begins at 9:00 p.m. Friday evening  
Camp ends at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon  
Parent Information Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Sunday

**Friday, December 12 – Sunday, December 14**

Camp – Brass, Percussion, Guard – Also an Audition Opportunity  
Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening  
Camp begins at 9:00 p.m. Friday morning  
Camp ends at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon  
Parent Information Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Sunday

**Friday, January 9 – Sunday, January 11**

Camp – Brass, Percussion, Guard  
Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening  
Camp begins at 9:00 p.m. Friday evening  
Camp ends at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon

**Friday, February 13 – Sunday, February 15**

Camp – Brass, Percussion, Guard  
Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening  
Camp begins at 9:00 p.m. Friday evening  
Camp ends at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon

**Friday, March 20 – Sunday, March 22**

Camp – Brass and Percussion  
Indoor Drill All Day Saturday at Denison University  
Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening  
Camp begins at 9:00 p.m. Friday evening  
Camp ends at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon

**Friday, April 24 – Sunday, April 26**

Camp – Brass, Percussion, Guard  
Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening  
Camp begins at 9:00 p.m. Friday evening  
Camp ends at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon  
Summer Tour Parent Information Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Sunday

**Friday, May 15 – Sunday, May 17**

Camp – Brass, Percussion, Guard  
Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening  
Camp begins at 9:00 p.m. Friday evening  
Camp ends at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon  
Summer Tour Parent Information Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Sunday

**Friday, June 5, 2009**

Move-In Pre-Tour Camp  
Info TBA

**More Commitment of Time**

In addition to the time committed to camps and the summer, members must commit to spending time practicing and physical conditioning in between camps.

Your instructors will set performance expectations for you and you are expected to meet those expectations in the timeline given.

Drum corps is a very athletic activity. It is also important that members commit to physically conditioning their bodies during the winter so they are ready to meet the physical challenges of being part of a drum corps. Imagine how strong the corps will be if everyone is aerobically ready for the summer as well as having the muscle strength to carry their instruments, spin their equipment and look like a well-conditioned team. We will have a reasonable conditioning program for you to follow during the winter to help you get in great shape.

**Parental Commitment**

When you become part of a drum and bugle corps, it becomes an activity with which your parents and family also become involved. Capital Regiment does not have a mandatory parental involvement policy, but we do encourage parents to take an active role.

Capital Regiment only charges members a portion of what it actually costs to support their membership in the corps. While a portion of the overall income comes from performance fees and membership fees, most of the income is generated through fundraising activities staffed by volunteers who give countless hours so our members can have the drum corps experience. Their drum corps experience is also made possible because of the volunteer help serving in support roles: food preparation, uniform maintenance, etc...

We recognize that not everyone can participate in the same way and at the same level, so here are ways parents can become involved:

- If parents are local, they may volunteer to work at Bingo. Bingo is held at the Capital Regiment Centre in southwest Columbus on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Parents may sign-up to work a regular shift if they wish. Local members 18 years and older may also sign up to work.
- If you are from out of town, your parents can come help on camp weekends. They can help with Bingo or food operations, etc at camp. We always need lots of help on weekends. Especially as warm weather approaches.
- We need many parent volunteers to help on tour. We always need a lot of help on tour especially with food preparation. Other tour help opportunities are also available.
- Parents may sign up to feed the corps a meal when we are on tour. This is particularly a good idea if you happen to live far away and we happen to be traveling to or near your hometown. It saves us some money on food plus gives a welcome rest to our tour volunteers plus the members love it.
- Parents may donate food and other items to the corps. We will make available a list of items that we regularly use that you may donate. Often, parents have sources to get items donated or they simply purchase items themselves and donate them to the corps.
- Parents may make a monetary contribution to the corps. Contributions above the amount you pay in membership fees are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law because Capital Regiment is a 501(c)(3) organization.

If the parent of every member in the corps would participate in some way, Capital Regiment will be one step closer to becoming a “World Class” drum corps. High achieving drum corps organizations have very active parent/volunteer participation and support.

## **Financial Commitment**

In November, everyone auditioning will pay a \$75.00 Audition fee. For your fee you will receive meals, lodging, instruction, equipment usage, materials and airport/bus station shuttle when needed.

The fee for the December camp is \$50.00 for anyone attending who was invited back from the November Audition camp. Anyone new auditioning that was not at November’s Audition camp will pay the \$75.00 audition fee.

After the December camp, we will notify everyone of their membership status. If you are offered a position in Capital Regiment and you accept the offer, then you are responsible for beginning to pay your fees in January. **Fees must be paid on time and according to the fee schedule.**

There will be a \$50.00 camp fee for each camp from December to May. Any person who has not auditioned will be expected to pay the \$75.00 Audition Fee regardless of when they audition. From that point, there will be a \$50.00 camp fee for each camp attended.

Membership fees for 2009 are \$1,800.00. The total a member will pay is \$2,175.00. That will include the \$75.00 Audition Fee and all camp fees from December through May.

\$1,800.00 is a very reasonable price for what you receive and one of the lowest membership fees of any corps. From January through August you will be spending 14 days at winter camps, 15 days at pre-tour and about 50 days on tour. If you break the full \$1,800.00 down on a per day basis it only amounts to approximately \$22.78 per day you are with the corps: an unbelievable bargain.

Here is a breakdown of what you get:

- About 85% of your meals and snacks – Members will occasionally be responsible for a meal during free days, laundry days and on the way to the next destination when preparing a meal for the entire corps is logistically impossible.

- Lodging – Luxury accommodations on GYM floors around the country!
- Equipment Usage – Quality equipment usage for all sections of the corps.
- Tour Transportation
- Uniform Usage – This includes shoes. Members are responsible for items that go underneath their uniforms (socks, shirts, underwear, leotards, etc...).
- Member shirt
- Free day admissions
- Hundreds and hundreds of hours of quality instruction
- Airport/Bus Station Shuttle
- **An experience that will be part of you forever!**

Members are responsible for their own transportation to and from Columbus.

Members may purchase an optional member jacket and other Capital Regiment clothing. Brass players will need to purchase their own gloves through Capital Regiment. Color Guard members will need to purchase leather gloves.

Part of your commitment to Capital Regiment is paying your fees on time according to the following schedule:

January Camp	\$300.00
February Camp	\$300.00
March Camp	\$300.00
April Camp	\$300.00
May Camp	\$300.00
At Move-In	\$300.00

Any payment made to Capital Regiment in the form of a check, and it bounces, there will be a \$30.00 Bounced Check Fee.

## **A Commitment to High Personal Standards And Excellent Behavior**

Capital Regiment has rules and high behavior and appearance standards. Everyone should note that all members of Capital Regiment will conduct themselves in a dignified manner at all times during their membership. Obviously, we have the same expectations for perspective members at camps prior to being accepted as a member. Members will:

- Alcohol use will not be tolerated.
- Drugs will not be tolerated.
- Use language that is appropriate and acceptable.
- Show respect for each other, the volunteers, the staff and anyone assisting the corps.
- Show respect for all equipment and uniforms.
- Respect the rules and regulations associated with housing sites, even if they run contrary to the normal everyday operations of the corps.
- Show support for the drum corps activity by respecting all other drum corps and their members at all times.
- Dress appropriately and tastefully at all times (including rehearsals)
- Exercise appropriate dating/relationship behavior
- Refrain from smoking if you are under the age of 18 \*
  - \* Capital Regiment discourages smoking by any of its members including those 18 years old and older. In Ohio, it is illegal for minors to smoke unless accompanied by a parent,

legal guardian or a spouse who is 18 years of age or older. Also, you must be 18 years of age to purchase tobacco products. Therefore, the policy of the corps is “if you can’t purchase tobacco products, you can’t smoke it.” It is difficult to be a smoker and be in top physical condition and meet the physical demands of participating in a “World Class” drum corps.

Capital Regiment members also must agree to abide by the corps “Uniform Appearance Standards”. Items included, but not limited to, in the Appearance Standards that members must follow in the summer include:

- Gentlemen must keep their hair cut so it falls above the collar of their uniform. Facial hair is not permitted.
- Ladies are expected to wear their hair up under their shako. Ladies with long hair who are members of the Pit are expected to wear their hair pulled back.
- Jewelry is not permitted to be worn while in uniform.
- Punked or brightly colored hair is not permitted.
- Rolling down of the uniformed bib pant is not permitted.
- Rolling up of the T-Shirt while in uniform is not permitted.
- When in public, member must be in full complete uniform.

Rules, behavior and appearance standards and consequences for violations will be discussed with members and will be contained in the membership agreement which anyone who is accepted into the corps will be required to sign and adhere to.

## **For More Information**

For more information, visit the Capital Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps website. The website contains much information about the corps.

We think you will learn a lot about the corps by visiting the forums section of the website. A good place to ask a question that a member might be able to help you with is in the “General Discussions” forums section. This section is looked at daily by an array of folks and will most likely answer your question(s). Also, check the “Staff Announcements” section often.

If you have questions that you need answered by corps management, please visit our WEB Site and complete a Contact\_Us form. You may also call the corps office but e-mail is likely to be best.

We look forward to seeing you at camp!

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## **Ask A Question**

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