

Roswell Indoor Drumline Info Packet

I. What is Indoor Drumline, WGI, GIPA?

- An **indoor percussion ensemble** or **indoor drumline** consists of the marching percussion (also called battery) and front ensemble (also called pit) sections of a marching band or drum corps. Indoor percussion marries elements of music performance, marching, and theater; thus, the activity is often referred to as percussion theater. Although most indoor percussion ensembles are affiliated with high schools, there are also many independent groups that draw participants from a large area.
- **WGI Sport of the Arts** is the world's premier organization producing indoor color guard, percussion, and winds competitions. As a non-profit youth organization, WGI also serves as the governing body for the indoor color guard, percussion, and winds activities. It is called the Sport of the Arts because it brings music to life through performance in a competitive format. Now entering its 41st year in 2018, the sport continues to evolve and grow. There were more than 36,000 participants at the regional level, and more than 13,000 participants at the Sport of the Arts World Championships this past April.
- **GIPA (Georgia Indoor Percussion Association)** is the governing body for local contests within the state of Georgia (except the WGI Atlanta Regional).

www.wgi.org

www.gipacircuit.com

II. Attendance Policy and Expectations

- The Roswell Indoor Drumline is an extra-curricular activity.
- All students are required to be at all rehearsals and performances.
- This ensemble is for students who are ready and willing to go above and beyond in challenging their ability level, commitment level, loyalty, dedication and work ethic.
- Please compare your family calendar with the indoor drumline calendar before you commitment. All conflicts should be discussed with Mr. Kapral before you audition.
- Examples of unexcused absences:
 - Rock Concert
 - Skipping for any reason - including homework
 - Family vacation/trip

- Driver's test
- Any other absence
- Examples of excused absences
 - Family emergency
 - Personal Illness with a doctor's note

III. Auditions

- Auditions will take place in November
- Each student will be placed on an instrument that will give them the opportunity to contribute to the success of the ensemble.

IV. Fees

- The fee for participation will be around \$750 (Includes Orlando Trip)
- The exact fee is hard to calculate until the following items have been confirmed:
 - The number of students in the ensemble
 - Housing and transportation costs to Orlando
 - Uniform cost
- Once we know how many students we have, we will be able to give a more accurate number. The more students we have the cheaper it is.
- Fees cover the cost for the following items:
 - Uniforms
 - Shoes
 - Staff
 - Music
 - Drill
 - Props
 - Show floor tarp
 - Truck Rental
 - Sticks/Mallets
 - Drumheads
 - Electrical cords/equipment
 - Transportation to Orlando
 - Housing in Orlando
 - Registration for WGI and GIPA Contests

V. Parent Volunteering

- There are various activities we can use parent help. This is a great way to get the behind the scenes look at what your children are doing and to meet other parents.
- What do we need help with?
 - Carpooling to local contests
 - Pulling the trailers
 - Sewing
 - Prop building
 - Feeding the students
 - Equipment loading and moving on and off the floor at contests

VI. How to signup for membership?

- As soon as you know that you want to audition for the indoor drumline, please complete the online registration form that will be emailed to you after this meeting. This will help me prepare for how many students we need to audition.

VII. WGI Orlando Regional

- We will be traveling to Orlando, FL for the WGI Orlando Regional
- The tentative schedule will be:
 - Friday, February 21, 2020
 - Depart early morning
 - Rehearsal that evening
 - Saturday, February 22, 2020
 - Contest Day - Prelims/Finals
 - Sunday, February 23, 2020
 - We will spend the day at a park
 - Monday, February 24, 2020
 - Return to Roswell

IX - Communication

- Almost all conflicts are resolved easily if the student and parent communicate with me. If anything of concern comes up throughout the season, please contact me sooner rather than later. As mentioned in the attendance policy, we do not excuse for homework. Students need to learn how to be responsible and manage their time properly and fulfill all of their commitments for school and extra-curricular activities. If a student does

manage their time well then they should be able to handle the time commitment and school work. I do checkup on students grades throughout the season and students do get rewarded for keeping up their grades. We have many students who have learned how to manage their time well and are willing to help other students who may not be doing very well. If any assistance is needed, please contact me and I can pair you up with another student.

VIII. Resources

- Band website calendar - www.roswellband.com
- GIPA (Georgia Indoor Percussion Assoc) - www.gipacircuit.com
- WGI - www.wgi.org
- "Like" Georgia Indoor Percussion Association on Facebook
- "Like" WGI Sport of the Arts on Facebook

IX. Calendar

- All rehearsal and performance dates will be on the band website calendar.
- Our general rehearsal schedule is:
 - Monday: 4:00-6:30
 - Thursday: 6:00-9:00
 - Friday: 4:00-7:00
- There may be a few rehearsals that are changed to a different day due to the availability of the school facilities. You will be informed about this well ahead of time.
- Camps
 - December 6-7
 - January 17-18, 20
- **Competitions**
 - Saturday, February 15, 2020 - GIPA Contest
 - Saturday, February 22, 2020 - WGI Orlando Regional
 - Saturday-Sunday, March 14-15 - WGI Atlanta Regional
 - Saturday, March 28, 2020 - GIPA Championships

Questions?

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