

Welcome to Evolution :: Summer 2006

Welcome to the 19th year of our summer program. We will once again fill your summer with lots of things to do! There will be practices, parades, picnics and a lot of fun!

In this folder, there is the general summer information, calendars, forms and a parade list for the entire summer. Please note that these will be general calendars and we will post times, meeting places, etc. on the website. We will also hand out updated monthly calendars the first rehearsal of every month. Not all of the parades on the schedule are confirmed yet. Check your monthly calendar or the Evolution website for the most up-to-date information.

WE NEED PARENT'S HELP!

Each parent must commit to attend at least three out-of-town parades this year to help out with the kids. We need parents to walk the parade route to help with giving the kids water so they don't get dehydrated. **Please select three out-of-town parades that you will be able to help at.** Included in your information folder is a registration form for parade chaperones. Please fill in your three parades and return to Teresa McGill BEFORE the first parade (Sun, June 4)

Transportation

Your child will be required to ride on the bus to parades. If you wish to take your child home after the parade, it is okay, however we will be using a sign-in sheet this year. Your child will be required to sign in when they go to the parade and must sign in to get back on the bus to go home from the parade. If you will be taking your child home after the parade, your child must SIGN OUT before leaving.

If you want someone other than yourself is to take your child home, (ex: Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, family friend, another color guard parent, etc.) you, the child's parent, must either talk to the parent in charge for the day, or write a note to let us know who your child is leaving with.

Parents are welcome to ride along on the bus as long as there is room for them. If the parent is along, their non-guard member child/children are also welcome on the bus. We cannot take along a non-marching minor child without a parent along to be responsible for them (this includes if your child has a friend overnight and they want to come along).

Medical Forms

For those of you who have marched this past winter season, you do not need to fill out new medical forms for the summer. However, if your information has changed (phone numbers, address, etc), you are responsible to make the appropriate changes on your forms. If you are new to Evolution, you must complete a set of medical and permission forms before you are able to travel with the group.

Practice Times

Practice is held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. In the past, we have had people arriving late. **Please** make sure you are there at 6:00 p.m.

If your child is unable to attend a practice or a parade, they must tell either Teresa or Tiffany. Please check the website for practice time changes.

If a practice or parade is cancelled due to inclement weather, we will call you. We will also post the cancellation on the website guestbook and message board.

Practice Locations

Our main practice site this summer will be Pigeon River Elementary School, however, please check the website for any practice location changes.

Practice and Parade Attire

We will once again be providing your child with an Evolution T-shirt for the parades. You will be required to provide their BLUE JEAN shorts, white socks, and white tennis shoes.

You will be responsible for cleaning your own T-shirt. Please do not wear them except at parades. After the parade season is over, you can keep the T-shirt and wear it whenever you want.

If you forget your T-shirt for the parade, you will be required to rent one for the day at a \$3.00 charge.

DO'S & DON'TS

DON'T wear sandals, clogs, etc.

DON'T wear jeans of any kind.

DON'T wear jewelry at practice or parades.

DO wear tennis shoes at ALL parades and practices (they protect your feet and are proper walking footwear)

DO have your hair tied back at all practices and parades (it must be kept out of your face).

DO wear black shorts to all parades. You should also wear either shorts or stretchy pants to practices (not stretch jeans though).

DO be on time for all rehearsals and parades!

Summer Dues

The dues for the 2006 summer season will be \$35.00. This needs to be paid by Tuesday June 20, 2006. You will not receive a T-shirt until your dues are paid. If for some reason you cannot pay the dues by June 20, please contact Jelane Rosenthal (Treasurer) or Jenny Beimel (President) to make payment arrangements.

This summer we are also running a promotion for all current marching members. Each member you bring in BEFORE JULY 4th (and completes the summer season) is worth money! (up to three new members)

1st new member: \$10

2nd new member: \$10

3rd new member: \$15

If you are marching next winter (2007 competitive season), the money will be applied to your winter dues. If you are ONLY marching summer, you will get cash back at the completion of the summer season.

Summer sponsorship forms, if needed, will be available the week after Memorial Day. Please see Jenny Beimel (President) if a sponsorship form is needed.

Food and Drink

At most parades, you will need to pack a lunch and bring something to drink. It is important that you do not drink carbonated or caffeine drinks before, during or after parades. The carbonation causes severe cramping and caffeine causes dehydration. Good choices for drinks are juices and water.

We also recommend that you stick to juices and water at practices for the same reasons.

Please keep in mind that your child may need more than one drink if they are going to be gone for a longer period of time.

Parent Organization

The parent organization is the major sponsor of Evolution. They consist of parents, sponsors (a person that sponsors a child in color guard) and the board members. This is where you as a parent can get involved. You are needed to help at fundraisers and to chaperone on parade trips. You are welcome to accompany the group during any color guard activity. We love having the parents around and involved.

There is a parent's meeting on the third Thursday (full week) of every month at 6:30 p.m. This is held at the practice site, so plan to attend whenever possible.

Information :: Contact People

If you have any questions, you can contact:

Teresa McGill, Director	414.915.1702
Jenny Beimel, President	920.946.4671

CHECK THE WEBSITE for the most updated information! The website address is www.evolutionyouth.org