



***TEAL SOUND***

***2009  
VOLUNTEAL  
HANDBOOK***

## **Welcome all Parents and Interested VolunTeals...**

And thank you for your interest and support of Teal Sound Drum and Bugle Corps. This amazing journey from the start of audition camps to the Saturday Finals in the brand new Lucas Oil Stadium will be awesome, rewarding, incredible...the list goes on!

The friendships that develop between fellow volunteers, staff and marching members will be bonded by the hard work and then the excitement of their performances, knowing that you played a part of their success. Please join us and have the "Ride of your life".

The following is a brief overview of the things that Teal Sound VolunTeals do to help the dedicated members fulfill their dream. Remember, any amount of time that you can give is invaluable.

**CHUCK TRUCK** – Preparation, serving & cleaning up of 3 meals and snack every day for approximately 160 people. No prior experience necessary!!

**UNIFORMS** – Measuring, fitting and alterations during the camps and cleaning and minor alterations during summer tour.

**SOUVENIRS** – Setting up and selling Teal Sound items at camps and shows.

**FIRST AID** – Assist members and staff with minor ailments and injuries.

**FUNDRAISING** – Help chair and assist with various fundraisers the corps will have throughout the season, such as:

- **Teal Uniform Sponsor**
- **March – a – Thon**
- **Night Golf**
- **50/50 Raffle**
- **Tag Day/Car Wash**
- **BBQ Dinner**
- **DCI "Sounds of the South" Home Show**

These are all areas where help is needed.

## **What to bring if you are volunteering at the camps:**

Air mattress or sleeping bag and blanket, it can get cold in the school. The volunteers sleep in separate quarters (classrooms) from staff and members.

Clothes that you don't mind getting a little dirty and your toiletries. There are gym showers that are available to you when rehearsals are going on.

Comfortable shoes and flip flops for the showers!

Tools for working on remodeling the interior of the Equipment Truck.

**A POSITIVE ATTITUDE:** we are here to support the members and the staff. The Teal Sound philosophy is all about the "family" that we become over the season.

## **TOURING WITH TEAL SOUND**

VolunTeals are essential during the summer tour, we keep everyone fed, sell souvenirs, mend and wash uniforms, apply band aids, shop for food, and more. It's a lot of hard work, sleep is minimal and you travel many miles to many towns. But if you have a week or two that you can commit, I guarantee you the reward is so worth the aches and exhaustion!

Here are few things to expect when going on tour...

- You will travel on the staff bus or mini-van. Your seat will be your home away from home and a place to get some sleep while we're traveling.
- At the housing sites, which are usually schools, we will have separate sleeping quarters from the members but sometimes may be with staff. You carry your own duffel bag, so getting one with wheels can make a big difference! When packing, definitely go as light as you can. The corps usually shows up at the housing sites in the wee hours of the morning and you really don't want to make two trips to the buses. Bungee cords are a lifesaver!
- Each day's schedule will be posted on the white board at the Chuck Truck. This schedule will tell you when meals are served and when we're leaving – please remember to look at it each day you are on tour.
- For any shows that occur while you're traveling with us, you'll be given a corps "staff pass" that will allow you to attend for free. This pass doesn't guarantee you a seat, but you'll always be able to watch the show without having to worry about paying. And, you'll *a/ways* have time to watch Teal Sound perform.

## **When should I come on tour?**

Volunteers join up whenever and wherever they can. This is done at your own expense. However, if you volunteer for a week during tour, your marching member will receive a \$100 discount on their fees. Discuss your availability with Debbie Swift or Cherie Starling. They are in charge of all volunteer scheduling and can assist you with logistics. We **ALWAYS** need help, so whenever is best for you would be great. If you have a bit of flexibility in your schedule, let us know this too. We have to make sure ALL positions are covered for the entire summer. We'd love to have you whenever you can make it.

## **How will I get on and off tour?**

There are several options for joining and leaving tour. Bringing your own car usually isn't possible – it is too difficult to drive at night and then work all day! Most of the time, you'll have to jump on and jump off in different cities, so arranging transportation can be a bit of a challenge. It is ultimately up to you to find a way to meet us and leave us, but we can certainly help. If you fly in or out of a city near us, we can arrange rides to and from the airport for you – just let us know in advance the particulars of your travel arrangements. And, please check with Debbie, Cherie or Brandon, the tour director before you book your flight to be sure that the times and airports you're using will work with our schedule. Of course, if we come near your hometown, you can just have someone drop you off or pick you up, and that will take care of one part of your journey.

## **What happens when I arrive?**

Please be well rested, hydrated and ready to work! Introductions will be made, you'll be shown where to put your stuff, and then work begins, although not necessarily in that order! Your help is greatly appreciated and wanted and needed, so jump right in!

## What to pack for tour?

Less is more when traveling by bus and carrying your own luggage! A duffel bag on wheels, air mattress sack and a backpack should take care of everything. Here's a list of some essentials:

- Toiletries (Zip lock bags for bottles avoids getting clothes wet!)
- Towel, shower shoes or flip flops
- Clothes – mostly for hot weather and ones that you don't mind getting dirty.  
    One set of nicer and/or warm in case of a free day or cold day.
- Jacket or sweatshirt
- Air mattress or sleeping bag, blanket and pillow
- Comfortable shoes
- Camera, cell phone, alarm clock, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, lip balm
- Bungee cords, large Ziploc bags, bug spray, refillable drink bottle
- Money for souvenirs, munchies and incidentals
- **A positive attitude!**

## Guidelines/Rules for Volunteers

These few guidelines apply to both camps and tour.

- ~ Be on time! When the posted schedule says the bus leaves at 6 pm, we mean it. Staying on schedule is vital to a successful drum corps.
- ~ Be respectful of each other's area. Space on the bus/van and in housing sites can be very limited.
- ~ No drinking or smoking is permitted on school grounds.
- ~ The members sleeping area is their bedroom, therefore off limits when they are in it. If you need to see your child during their off time, ask a staff or corps member near the door to get them for you
- ~ If a problem or concern arises regarding volunteering, please address it with the food truck manager, volunteer coordinator or tour director.
- ~ If you are a parent, please remember that your child's primary responsibilities are to learn the show and complete all assigned jobs and tasks. They may not have much time to talk. Just know that they will be VERY glad you're there, even if they don't get a chance to tell you that every day!
- ~ If you aren't sure, ask.

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