

WHO IS RIPTIDE INDEPENDENT PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE?

Riptide is entering their 2nd year in indoor competition. And are part of the Performance Arts Concepts, a division of Teal Sound Inc. . Riptide is open to anyone 14-21 years of age and will be based in the Middleburg, Florida area. We will rehearse at the Middleburg High School facilities. .We welcome and encourage members from all across Florida to become a part of Riptide In 2009 we had members from Middleburg, Kissimmee, Orlando, Mandarin, and South Georgia.

All spots are open and all levels of talent & experience are encouraged to attend!!!

DO I HAVE TO BELONG OR JOIN TEAL SOUND DRUM & BUGLE CORPS TO BE A PART OF RIPTIDE?

Membership in the Teal Sound Drum & Bugle corps is **not a requirement** to participate with Riptide, but it is our hope that those that become members of Riptide will consider also participating with Teal Sound, should they decide to march corps.

WHAT IS THE COST?

There is a **ONE TIME** non refundable Registration Fee of 30.00. The **TOTAL FEE** for the year is approx \$1000.00, It breaks down as follows: \$800.00 is your actual tuition fee, included in this fee are: all camp fees, FFCC and WGI registration fees, food at rehearsals, transportation to contests. Certain camps and events when necessary, instructional fees, insurance fee, instruments, instrument upkeep and maintenance, facility costs, truck rental, patches, props and sound system purchases. The balance of the fee is your show uniform/costume and member shirt.

You may incur Additional "out of pocket" expenses for marching shoe purchase, if needed, and member jacket. if wanted. But these are not necessary items.

IS THERE A WAY TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST?

Yes we will offer several fundraising activities starting in December as well as Business Support letters for you to get funds from local business owners and we will also offer "Work" scholarships for those wanting to participate, but may be under a financial hardship. There are only a limited number of these scholarships available and certain criteria must be met to be awarded one of these.

WHAT IS THE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE AND WILL IT CONFLICT WITH SCHOOL, WORK OR FAMILY OBLIGATIONS?

At one time or another members staff, and admin team members will run into one of the above situations. We set the schedule in advance so that you can be sure you are able to attend all events. We understand that there will be times that family and school obligations will conflict, we just need to know these in advance so we may also prepare properly. Please Remember, School activities take priority over Riptide. So don't skip out on those once in a lifetime opportunities or band commitments. To also help our traveling members and staff, our rehearsal schedule will consist of being full Saturdays, with Sundays either off or used for fundraising activities. There are a couple of FULL WEEKENDS prior to our first and last competitions, to help our members prepare. Also we scheduled a least one weekend off per month for all to relax and do outside activities or spend time with family and friends.

PLEASE NOTE: RIPTIDE PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE AND THE PAC., RESPECTS ALL FLORIDA BAND MASTER AND FEMA MUSIC EDUCATION/STANDARDS EVENTS AND WILL ALWAYS DEFER TO SAME WHENEVER POTENTIAL SCHEDULING CONFLICTS MAY ARISE.

WHAT SPOTS IN THE ENSEMBLE ARE OPEN?

All percussion and front ensemble spots are currently available. Our goal is to have 18-24 performers. We seek to fill the battery spots in Snare, Multi-Tenor, Bass drum and Cymbals, Front Ensemble include: Marimba, Vibraphone, Xylophone, Auxiliary Percussion, Latin Percussion, Drum Set, Electric Keyboard, Bass Guitar and Electric Guitar..

ARE PARENTS ALLOWED TO BE AT REHEARSALS AND TRAVEL?

YES! We want support from our member's families, especially cheering us on at local events. We can also use the help from parents and friends to assist with meals and such at rehearsals, as well as costuming, selling souvenirs, driving the equipment truck, building props, and chaperoning.

HOW DO WE GET MORE INFORMATION ON RIPTIDE?

For audition materials, fees and to preregister, go to www.tealsound.org. and click on **ensembles**, For further information or questions about RIPTIDE Indoor Percussion Ensemble send an email to inforriptide@tealsound.org

Come out, take partAnd get swept away by the Riptide this winter!!!!